

**Jessie Wowk Elementary School
PAC Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 2, 2026, 5:30pm
In person @ Wowk library

Meeting called to order: 5:35pm

In attendance: April, Michelle, Arnold, Candy, Charles, Victoria, Natalie, Mabel

1. Land Acknowledgment (April)
 - The school community reflected on the book *Sharing Our Light*, acknowledging that people come into our lives for different periods of time and expressing gratitude for the connections we share.
2. Administrator Report (April)
 - Gratitude to PAC for continued support
 - Updates from the school district
 - Fruit and Vegetable Program
 - i. Program has been taken over by the school district
 - ii. Weekly deliveries will occur on Mondays
 - iii. Distribution will take place during the noon hour
 - iv. Divisions 4, 5, 6, and 7 will receive weekly distributions
 - v. Other divisions may opt in
 - Universal Hot Lunch Program (Feeding Futures)
 - i. Federally funded, cost-free hot lunch program
 - ii. Offered once per month and an Opt-in program
 - iii. Vendors sourced within Richmond
 - iv. Offered through Munchalunch
 - v. First lunch scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2026
 - First Family Teams
 - i. Program launched on January 30, 2026
 - ii. Mixed-age groupings from Kindergarten to Grade 7
 - iii. Teams consist of 8–9 students
 - iv. Focus on school-wide activities and cross-grade connections
 - v. Teams will meet a few times per year
 - vi. Next session planned for March, with a focus on salmon
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - i. Scheduled for February 26
 - ii. 11:45am dismissal
 - iii. Student-led conferences and parents will also receive updates from teachers
 - iv. Proficiency overview preview to be shared at a future PAC meeting
3. PAC Budget (Michelle)
 - Crystal is still working on the PAC budget
 - Updated financial information will be shared at the next meeting
4. Playground Project

- Pledge form prepared by Arnold
- Pledge form to be distributed on February 3, 2026
- Families encouraged to share the pledge form with the wider community and corporations
- Businesses will receive tax receipts
- Playground construction tentatively planned to begin in Spring 2027
- City of Richmond plans to repair the current playground, with construction likely starting in 2027

5. Hot Lunch Program

- Possible vendor change under consideration
- Beginning in April, Tuesdays will be designated Pizza Day
 - i. Additional menu items to include chicken wings and nuggets
- Potential switch from Subway to A&W (No. 1 Road and Francis location)

6. Special events and fundraising

- Lunar new year celebration (February 17):
 - i. Sugar artist presentation
 - ii. Event to take place in the gym throughout the school day
 - iii. Includes a talk, demonstration, and two activity stations (arts and crafts, candy making)
 - iv. Fortune cookies to be provided for all students
- Movie night
 - i. Friday, February 6: Wall-E
 - ii. Additional volunteers needed
- Walkathon (Arnold)
- Apple Drive
- Sports Day (June 5)
 - i. Regular school day, no early dismissal
 - ii. No food trucks; pre-orders through Munchalunch
- Teacher appreciation day
 - i. Date to be determined by April

Meeting adjourned: 6:44pm

Next meeting: Monday, March 2, 2026, 5:30pm