

Jessie Wowk Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2026
In person @ Wowk library

Meeting called to order: 4:45pm

In attendance: April, Arnold, Belle, Joy, Natalie, Charles, Candy, Victoria, Michelle

1. Land Acknowledgment

- Meeting opened with acknowledgement of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓' (hun-ki-meen-um) speaking peoples and gratitude for the community and learning spaces.

2. Proficiency Presentation/Overview - Powerpoint

- BC Proficiency Scale Indicators: Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending
 - shifting to proficiency scale to help students understand where they are at, staying growth focused
 - thinking of growth over time vs. judgement
 - request for clearer, simpler language on report cards, "next step" statements vs. vague terms like "encouraged to..."
- Question raised: Where to find grade-level benchmarks; how to interpret "Proficient" vs "Extending"; and how to reduce variability between teachers/classes
- Invite Lisa Geronimo (Teacher Consultant) who is available for PAC meeting in April for a focused literacy + numeracy detailed review

3. School Safety & Emergency Preparedness

- District requested sharing of school safety procedures; (Review "Parent/Guardian Guide to Emergency Preparedness" sent to families)
- Drill frequency reviewed: Evacuation (6X a year), Drop-Cover-Hold On (3X a year), Lockdown (1X a year), Hold & Secure (1X a year)
- Clarified terms- Lockdown (danger inside), Hold & Secure (danger outside; RCMP initiated), Shelter in Place (principal may initiate; e.g., coyote)
- Reminder: keep contact/medical info updated; opt in to SchoolMessenger text notifications (some attendees did not receive the Feb opt-in text and will check email)

4. Budget Update:

- General account balance \$30,198.48 with \$4,000 outstanding cheques for vendor payments
- Gaming account balance \$721.10 remaining (grant \$4,300 received Oct; Ultimate Frisbee \$3,100 committed)
- Ultimate Frisbee dates TBC May 4th - 8th
- Playground Investment account balance \$25,195.43 (opened Dec 2025 \$25,000 transferred)

5. Playground Fundraising/Ideas

- Last playground donation update \$1,520
- Crystal has applied for another grant; local branch/vendor
- Arnold reached out to Whitecaps for fundraising with 2 different options;

Option 1: Discounted ticket link/QR for any game with each ticket including a \$5 raising fee going directly to PAC, where we would receive a cheque at the end of December. Minimum 10 tickets.

Option 2: Block purchase, choosing what individual game we would want to purchase tickets for, \$5 back from each individual ticket, tickets at discounted rate. Cash payout at the end of the season. Seats together as they book a section for us, and no waiting for payout.

- Value Village, community comes together to donate, can receive a pay out for certain items donated
- Clothing donation drive (payout by weight), logistics/transport may be a challenge
- Weekend Market/ "Trunk Market" (community style garage sale) discussed as a community-building fundraiser
- needs a sub committee and lots of families to participate
- a Saturday/Sunday non-rainy day in June (potential date: June 6th)

6. Hot Lunch Updates:

- Combining Pizza and Chinese Menu on Tuesdays, vendors collaborating with delivery handled together
- Swapping out Subway with Triple O's & potential Jamba Juice
- Jamba juice may be kept for afterschool treat instead (concerns with spills/teacher hesitations with having to clean up in classrooms; after school pick up may be easier)
- All new menus and changes will begin after the break, opening earlier this time around for ordering
- Universal hot lunch day feedback: Organized delivery, food stayed hot; some students dislike menu items; Some parent confusion around ordering
- On Fridays, if there is a surplus food in fridge, principal visits classrooms with food tray

7. Upcoming Events:

- Sports Day considering Triple O's food for pre-orders
- Walk-a-thon planned for early May (Last year was the last Friday of May)
- Potential date: May 22nd TBD

Meeting adjourned: 6:27pm

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 13, 2026 | **Time:** 5:00 PM | **Note:** First Monday is Easter Monday, so meeting moved to second Monday.