



Fraser River Middle School Parent Advisory Council General Meeting

May 4 2026 7pm - Meeting Minutes
Location: Google Meet and Learning Commons

2025-2026 Executive
Chairperson: JC Valeros
Treasurer: Temitope Adewale
Secretary: Andrea Arnold
DPAC Rep: Laura Kwong
Member-at-Large: Carla Willems

Guest speakers
Principal: Chris Evans
School Board Trustee: Cheryl Sluis
NW Youth Rep: Jasmin

Call to Order

JC Valeros

Attendance

- All PAC executives in attendance (Treasurer online)
- 2 parent/caregivers

JC Valeros

Approve Agenda

- Agenda change: Adding Fresh Slice presentation.
Scheduled after Meeting Minutes approval.

Andrea Arnold

Motioned: JC Valeros. Seconded: Andrea Arnold. CARRIED

Approve Minutes

- Motion to approve March 3 meeting minutes

Andrea Arnold

Motioned: JC Valeros Seconded: Andrea Arnold. CARRIED

FreshSlice Presentation

Jatin Chhabra

- Provides sports program grants to academies, schools and churches.
Supports kids sports and sports equipment.
- Fundraising pricing available is specific to schools and churches
- Left coupons for in person attendees
- Delivery is included in pizza prices
- For fundraisers, they can provide Individual slice boxes and whole pizza boxes
- 1st catering order includes additional 10% off

Q: What is the deadline to order in advance?

A: 2 days in advance for orders larger than 15 pizzas. If under 15 pizzas, a 2 hour lead time is ok.

Board Meeting highlights

- Last meeting was in large part about the budget. Survey and community inputs discussed.
- Efficiencies found across district: support staff/ noon hour adjustment, services reductions at head office
- Overall there is a budget decrease anticipated of \$218,000
- New positions added to budget: groundskeeper and, with new Queen Elizabeth addition, learning neighbourhood office secretary position
- Other commitments:
 - 1.0 FT Literacy facilitator; testing started for elementary and grade 9; adding a District Privacy Officer position; and a one time technology purchase of devices for kids, replacing aged equipment and literacy resources
 - NWSS renovation: a personal care / lifeskills area being created
 - Prioritizing safety/wellbeing. Ensuring code of conduct is being followed; creating system of care partnerships
 - Commitment for over ratio counsellors, want to maintain these
 - Focused on performance management and attendance management program for staff
- Last board meeting, amended capital bylaw to include development of 2 new schools at Tweedsmuir site
- Another capital bylaw for cooling and HVAC upgrades at Skwo wech and Herbert Spencer
- 1,000 responses to survey. Themes include overcapacity at the high school and Queensborough transportation. Lots of comments about climate control/HVAC including portables.
- Received \$400,000 to use to ensure students can get to high school from Queensborough. Half will be used to maintain existing service, and will be working on a 1 stop solution with Translink

Next Steps

- Partner groups will talk about what consultant is proposing after analysis presentation
- Will be used for Capital plan submission, deadline in June.

March Board meeting

- Tabled approve of police partnership policy - want to engage further
- Feedback informs some of the changes, strengthening MOA and policy between NWPD and school district

Capital

- Approval to move to business case for 2 schools on existing Tweedsmuir site. New schools will support projected need to 2036
- Not an approval to build, just the business case
- Whole school will need to be relocated during construction, and is challenging to plan

Advocacy

- Continue to advocate to the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Infrastructure that they understand capacity needs; pressure is being kept up.

New Westminster Youth Services

Jasmin

FRMS After School Drop Ins

- Jasmin is the acting assistance program coordinator until the end of the school year.
- Ana Santos Campin is no longer with the NW Youth Services
- Mon, Wed after school drop-ins are more chill days - Wed making bubble tea
- Fridays are busiest, with the most kids, around 115. Services provide dinner, costs only \$1 and the first time is free. Dinner this week is quesadillas. Other dinners, hot dogs, pancakes

NW Youth Centre

- Youth Week is this week: Tomorrow is ice cream day, Wednesday is culture collab, Thursday is Youth Awards

Survey

- Anvil Centre survey form for parents: looking for public input on different classes they would like to see

New West Youth Centre membership is \$21.50 per year.

See: <https://www.newwestyouth.ca/> for upcoming activities.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/newwestyouth/>

Principal's Report

Chris Evans

- Changes coming: Mr. Patton will be Principal at Glenbrook, and will be leaving in a few weeks. To finish this year, Ms. Burdock will be Vice Principal
- Scott Stefanik will start as Vice Principal in the fall. Coming in from Alberta.

PAC Entrepreneurial Fair

- Confirms that the gym will be unavailable starting 4:30 on May 28th for the entrepreneur fair. Floor plan looks good.
- Undercover outdoor space outside of the gym may also work.
- Schedule: set up is at 4:00 start time
- Principal Evans may be in and out during the evening, as he has another event to attend temporarily.

Grade 8 Leaving

- Ceremony is on June 24th.

Q: Do they need PAC volunteers for decorating?

A: Will touch base with the teacher organizer.

Other events

- Grade 5 open house next Wednesday May 13, 6 to 7pm.
- Grade 5 students coming to visit over the next few days; smaller tours afterward.
- Sports day June 23
- Band concert June 9

Planning

- Planning changes to teacher roles
- Currently organizing next year, including classroom and grade assignments
- 26 divisions in the coming year

Q: Staff appreciation dates available?

A: Thursday, June 18th is clear.

Congratulations to our very own Laura Kwong who has joined BCCPAC's Board of Directors as Treasurer. It's so wonderful to have SD40 represented at the provincial level.

Babysitting Course. Workshops will resume next school year

March 4th Concession at Hockey Game - was well received.

Spring Entrepreneurial Fair Update

- Vendor Kit has been emailed to all of the participants
- A draft floor plan (get approval from Chris)
- We have over 30 participants registered.
- Members from our band and choir will entertain us with music

The event committee is looking at:

- Selling pizza from FreshSlice as a dinner option (pre-sale and onsite, similar to Subway)
- Selling hot chocolate; inventory from WinterFest
- Running a 50/50
- PAC Game ticket sale (this was popular at the WinterFest)
- Free water and fruit on skewers

Sports Day, June 23rd

- Aside from providing Freezies, there was an idea to offer a slice of XL pizza for each student.
- Carla spoke to Pizza Pizza and received an offer of 50% off.

Gr 8 Leaving Ceremony, June 24th - decor, etc - ask for a Gr 8 committee to help with decoration, planning, etc.

Gr 5 Open House - May 13th confirmed by Principal Evans

Staff Appreciation Day - June 18th is open, confirmed by Principal Evans

Fundraising Updates

- Spirit Wear is now on sale until May 22nd at 3pm.
- Neufeld Farms, we expect to receive our order link late this week. Pick Up is on Thursday, June 4th
- Krispy Kreme at \$20/dozen. Pick Up is on June 4th (looking for volunteer)

DPAC Representative Report

Laura Kwong

- April meeting included a parent seminar, MIscha Oak. Presented tips for being a good ally to queer students; well received. Shared free resources with the district. Heard from Superintendent Mark Davidson that some will be integrated into class materials.
- BCCPAC AGM - Laura Kwong is now Treasurer. There were 7 vacancies, so lots of new people. Roles have a 2 year term.
- Brought forward 2 resolutions: one around engaging with DPACS on emerging issues; and a 2nd on climate action curriculum for K to 12, which was passed unanimously. Currently a K to 3 curriculum, not explicit on causes.
- Tweedsmuir announcement. This was sudden and was a ministry announcement, not Board driven. Actually planning new schools for future population projections, a first for the province. Projected timeline will be 5 years. 2 schools will be designed on site; grade configuration not confirmed yet. Looking to make connections between Stride St school and Tweeds PACs

- New Simcoe elementary school. Name selection currently underway; suggestions open to May 28th. Form on the district website.
- DPAC AGM May 21 (Qayqayt and online)

Treasurer's Report

JC Valeros (for Temitope Adewale)

Budget 2025-2026_Final & Approved attached.

Gaming Budget: No changes or updates from March and April. Account balance is \$2,924.29

General Budget: Balance as of last PAC Meeting (March 2) - \$1,978.92

Income

- Read-A-Thon Profit: \$4,669
- Bank Fees: 2 x Pre-Auth Paypal Credit, \$0.43
- Returned Concession Float: \$100
- Hockey Game Concession: \$507.95

Expenditures

- Babysitting Course Refund: \$65
- Hockey Game Concession: \$209.52
- Div 25 Sushi Party: \$389.06
- Google One Subscription: \$15.67

Outstanding Expenditure:

- Youth Care Worker Reimbursement request
- Purchase of ELL's [T1 Handheld Translator Device](#), we need approx 27-28 devices, 1 per division. Currently on sale for \$345.83, original \$406.86.

Outstanding Treasurer Item:

- Completing the Gaming Summary Report

Fundraising targets:

Remaining funds required to meet this year's budget commitments:

- \$3100 without adding any more funding for the band program. This would leave us with less than \$100 going into the next school year.
- \$5,000 with band funding, would leave us with approximately \$150 going into the next school year.
- Adding \$6750, with band funding, and contingent funds for the next school year

Spirit Wear, Krispy Kreme, Neufeld Farms and funds from Entrepreneurial Fair will help us meet our budget.

Adjournment

JC Valeros

Motioned: JC Valeros **Seconded:** Andrea Arnold. CARRIED.

FRMS PAC 2025/2026 Budget		[APPROVED]							
Last Updated: 04-May-2026									
								2025-2026 Budget	
	Gaming		General			Notes			
	projected	actual	projected	actual	variance (actual less projected)				
Income									
Gaming Account									
Carry-forward	2,562.26	2,562.26	809.25	824.92	15.67	To be determined; est. based on LY proj & actual budget			
Gaming grant (based on 701 students Sept 2024)	14,020.00	14,020.00							
Community Grant			500.00	0.00	(500.00)	Spend for Spring Event			
General Account									
Fundraising - Fall/Winter	0.00	557.02	5,000.00	6,534.90	1,534.90	Neufeld Farms, Spirit Wear, Winterfest, Babysitting Course, Read-A-Thon			
Fundraising - Spring	0.00		6,000.00	298.43	(5,701.57)	Hockey Game Concession			
Other Fundraising	0.00		0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00				
Total income	16,582.26	17,139.28	12,309.25	8,658.25	(3,651.00)				
Expenses									
Administrative									
Bank / Paypal fees			50.00	3.33	(46.67)				
BCCPAC Membership Fees	100.00								
Google One Premium Plan			188.04	94.02	(94.02)	Virtual Attendance for families			
Subtotal	100.00	0.00	238.04	97.35	(140.69)				
Community Building									
PAC Family Engagement Events (School refreshments)	300.00	114.99							
Community Event	2,000.00					Re-named budget line item from Sports Day for spend flexibility			
Staff Appreciation			500.00	234.61	(265.39)				
Subtotal	2,300.00	114.99	500.00	234.61	(265.39)				
Extra-Curricular									
Field Trips (27 Divisions)	9,450.00	9,450.00				\$350 per division from previous \$200/div			
Schoolwide Presentations	2,000.00	2,000.00							
Student Clubs (12 clubs)	1,200.00	1,200.00							
Grade 8 Grad Support	950.00	950.00				re-allocate balance of \$1563.36 back to this line			
International Library	500.00	500.00							
Subtotal	14,100.00	14,100.00	0.00	0.00					
Teachers/Staff Stipend									
Exploratory Teachers (3)			750.00	0.00	(750.00)	\$250/teacher			
Fine Arts Support - Band Program			2,500.00	750.00	(1,750.00)	*Neufeld Fundraising			
LST Teachers (3)			600.00	101.66	(498.34)	\$200/teacher			
ELL Teachers (3.6)			540.00	0.00	(540.00)	\$150/teacher			
ELL Translation Device			5,400.00	0.00	(5,400.00)	*tie to Read-A-Thon fundraising, raised \$4600, (27 divisions, 1 per div, \$400ea)			
Resource Teachers (4)			400.00	0.00	(400.00)	*\$100/teacher			
Youth Care and Indigenous Worker (3)			300.00	41.41	(258.59)	*\$100/teacher			
School Counsellor			100.00	0.00	(100.00)				
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	10,590.00	893.07	(9,696.93)				
Total expenses	16,500.00	14,214.99	11,328.04	1,225.03	(10,103.01)				
Balance	82.26	2,924.29	981.21	7,433.22	6,452.01				