



Fraser River Middle School Parent Advisory Council General Meeting

June 1 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

JC Valeros

- 3 PAC executives in attendance (Chair, Secretary and Member at Large)
- DPAC rep joined mid-meeting
- 4 parent/caregivers online

Approve Agenda

Andrea Arnold

- No change.

Motioned: Andrea Arnold Seconded: Carla Willems. CARRIED

Approve Minutes

Andrea Arnold

- Motion to approve May 4 meeting minutes

Motioned: Andrea Arnold Seconded: JC Valeros. CARRIED

School Trustee Report

Cheryl Sluis (absent)

- No report

New Westminster Youth Services

Jasmin

FRMS After School Drop Ins

- Drop ins run Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- This Monday, made muffins; Last week, ran a mindfulness session
- Last drop-ins – June 22 and 24

NW Youth Centre

- This summer, Youth Centre is open for dropins for kids between age 11 to 18

- Camps are running all summer. Waitlists starting to fill in. Register through Active Living Guide (New Westminster Parks and Recreation)

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

- Thank you for the phenomenal event (entrepreneurial fair). Discussions to repeat it next year.
- In terms of building. Field trips happening, sports day coming up, Gr 8 hanging at Queens Park for the day. Drama NWSS, FIFA watch party at Queens Park
- Need parent volunteers for this month -please help if you can.

Next year:

- Going from 27 to 26 divisions. Losing the Annex building, gaining a portable. It will be beside the other portable, near the basketball court.
- Two Gr 8 classes will be in the portables
- Climbing apparatus is going away
- Construction starting to happen a week or 2 after school ends
- Started an experiment with nutrition breaks, giving kids the choice to go inside or outside. Reduced issues, kids have more space.
- As of today, this is extended to the first half of lunch. Part of the reason to do it now, will be losing part of the playground. This expands space needed. Training gr 6 and 7s that it becomes a norm Will test running it, will continue to tweak supervision
- Staffing comparable, a few new people next year
- Not many teachers moving out next year, fairly stable
- Changed up Gr. 8 teams a bit. New people, teams will be different.
- Working on class placement for the fall

Q: Is there a mentoring program for teachers?

A: There is a program in the district, but it is for newer, younger teachers. Partnerships can be set up in a mentoring style. The principal also conducts observations, on a supportive, voluntary basis. Can be formal as needed. Set up Friday morning collaboration blocks for teachers.

- Alex (librarian) has put together list of international library books for purchase using the PAC funds

Chair Report

JC Valeros

Events and Fundraisers

- Entrepreneurial Fair May 27: Excellent turnout, thanks to the volunteers and families that came out
- Grade 5 open house: Able to speak to and welcome new families joining us from the Burnaby district. Served iced tea and Timbits.
- Krispy Kreme sales: Sold 56 boxes out of 100 minimum needed. 44 boxes we could not sell, We coordinated with the drama teacher.. Drama to sell the 44 boxes at \$15 per box. The profit will go directly to the drama club.
- June 4 Neufeld farms: Pickup is at 7pm. If you cannot pick up, coordinate with others, we don't have a place to store items.

- June 9 Spring Band Concert: Need volunteers to serve drinks and treats – ideally, non-band parents. Consider serving Timbits and ice tea. Band concert is split into 2 parts – small ensembles (doors open at 5:30, starts at 6 and ends at 7. Large ensemble starts at 7)
- June 18 – Staff appreciation day.

Q: Volunteers who will take the lead?

A: Carla Willems can be onsite that day.

PizzaPizza samples – delivering 10 pizzas for the staff around lunchtime. Carla to confirm dropoff.

- Sports Day – June 23. Serving regular pizza from Pizza Pizza and halal pizza from Pizza Art. Once forms are submitted by teachers, we can place the order. We need volunteers to hand out pizza, 4 classes per pod.

Initiatives

HUB Cycling Bike Bus Pilot Program - The PAC also sent an express of interest to the HUB Cycling Bike Bus Pilot Program for 2026-2027 school year. A **Bike Bus** is an organized group of students riding to school together along a set route, supervised by adult leaders and volunteers. It's a fun, safe, and social way to get to school while building confidence on the road. It makes the morning commute the best part of the day.

Through this Program, Hub offers:

- **Launch Support:** Planning a safe Bike Bus route based on data from a school survey, managing registration and initial logistics.
- **Training:** Specialized sessions for parents / volunteers on Bike Bus roles, responsibilities and road safety.
- **Ride Mentorship:** HUB instructors lead the rides initially, side-by-side with parents, to provide confidence.
- **The Transition:** Once the team is confident, we transition the program to a parent-led Bike Bus with ongoing resource and check-in support from HUB.

<https://hubcycling.ca/education/programs/bike-bus-program>

Upcoming Events in 2026-2027

- PAC Annual General Meeting - Monday, Sep 21st (in-person only). Looking for new executives, as several are leaving next year.
- Halloween Event - Thursday, Oct 29th
- WinterFest - Thursday, Dec 10th

DPAC Representative Report

Laura Kwong

AGM in May

- Laura Kwong is no longer DPAC chair, but is now Treasurer
- New faces: Vice Chair and members at large spots filled

Capital Planning

- A Long-range planning session at the School Board meeting ran tonight. Maps out needs for school facilities following a 10 year horizon.
- The Ministry of Infrastructure will fund one school to meet capacity needs for the next 10 years. New Tweedsmuir school has not moved beyond approving the business case. This is concurrent with the long-range plan refresh, which is looking at 2 options to manage capacity (15 to 20 year horizon):
 - Option a: Tweeds become Jr. Second. Convert middle schools to K to 7 schools. Secondary school would go from grades 9 to 12. Once capacity for older students needed, configure again
 - Option b: middle and elementary schools on the Tweedsmuir site. Grade reconfiguration K to 6 in every

elementary, 7 to 9 in middle schools, NWSS is 10 to 12. Still over capacity in the secondary ages. Need to find/build a new high school.

- Both options going to the board June 15th , once decided it will be in the capital plan.

Committee work

- School naming committee – finalists selected.. Going through the list, they have 6 weeks to evaluate and send top 3 recommendations to the Board of education to pick.
- Climate action committee – drafting letter to the province for comprehensive climate education from K to 12.

New policies from the School Board:

- Inclusive education: the district has never had a policy before. Provided feedback.
- E-Scooters: policy coming, reiterating in the Motor Vehicle Act. E-scooters are not legal for people under age 16. Over 16, low-voltage types, only ride in municipalities participating in the e-scooter pilot. New Westminster is not in this pilot.

Last DPAC meeting is June 18.

Treasurer's Report

JC Valeros (for Temitope Adewale)

- **Gaming Grant Application** submitted for 2026-27 year

Budget updates

- **Gaming Budget:** Account balance is \$2,924.29 as of May 31st.
- **50/50 Sales** - There's a discrepancy from what we counted onsite and the final tally. The onsite total was \$234, with \$117 prize. But the final recount was \$241, with a \$120.50 prize. We owe the winner a difference of \$3.50. After the cost of 50/50 ticket rolls and the \$75 gaming license fee, our net proceeds were \$2.95.
 - We'll need to transfer \$2.95 from General to Gaming to reflect the 50/50 net proceeds.
- **General Budget:** Balance as of May 31, 2026, \$8,130.28

Income Updates

- Spring Fair Pre-Order Sales, \$247
- FreshSlice Care Grant, \$1,000
- Spring Fair Total Event Cash, \$395
- Krispy Kreme Order - JC Valeros, \$60

Expenditures

- LST Stipend, Dave Graves, \$101.66
- Google One Subscription, \$47.01

Outstanding Expenditures:

- Youth Care Worker - Basketball, \$41.41
- Purchase of ELL's [T1 Handheld Translator Device](#). We need approx 27-28 devices, 1 per division. We received a 10% discount from the ELL team, The final proceeds from the Read-a-Thon after prizes is \$4,100.
- Spring Fair Reimbursements - still working through

Adjournment

JC Valeros

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