



Hawthorne Elementary School PAC

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PAC General Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: Tuesday, February 24th, 2026 @ 7pm

Location: Cromie Barn @ 4907 42B Ave., Ladner (2nd Floor Meeting Room)

Attendees

Stefanie Vandermeer
Alicia Guichon

Lindsay Halliday
Ashli Owen

Anjel Kaur
Luke Vandermeer

Call to Order

Lindsay called the meeting to order @ **7:16pm**, shared the land acknowledgement and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of February 24th, 2026 General Meeting Agenda

MOVED: Luke Vandermeer; SECONDED: Stefanie Vandermeer

CARRIED.

Grade 7 Graduation Event

We discussed the 2026 graduation and fundraising committee. Here are the key highlights:

- Lauren Hutton and Paula Kolisnek are heading the Gr. 7 graduation committee.
- They are hosting a Bingo event on April 25th @ the Ladner Community Center.
- Paula will be registering the Bingo event with the city under the PAC, the insurance portion will not be the responsibility of the PAC.
- The PAC will be providing a \$500 donation to the graduating class; Lauren or Paula will advise when they would like the PAC to provide them with a cheque.

Yearbook

A discussion took place regarding a Yearbook lead. Here are the key highlights:

- Ashli to reach out to Gurinder to see if she's able to take on a lead role or help.
- If Gurinder is unable to assist as the lead, we can reach out to Tricia and ask if she can add this to the Herald.
- Lindsay will post on the PAC FB and Instagram; looking into the most streamlined and effective process to do this.
- The yearbook process has become easier and more streamlined than previous years; co-leads are an option.
- If we are unable to find anyone by the end of April, we will ask the school to as many elementary schools who provide yearbooks typically have staff or admin take lead.
- SureCopy can provide quality yearbooks between \$22-\$25 dollars; 5-7 day turnaround.
- We lost money (approx. \$1200) in 2024 due to required order minimum and a box of missing yearbooks from the office. We're taking action to avoid this going forward.

Gaming Grant Update

Stefanie reached out to the Gaming branch regarding our application. No update is available at this time and was advised to call again next month.

Stefanie will follow up in March and advise.

PAC Communications

We discussed our current needs for a Communications lead and various communication supports. Here are the key highlights:

- It would be beneficial for posts to start going out for updates / reminders re: hot lunches, meetings, fundraisers etc. Lindsay will take on social media posts. Ashli will look into connecting all PAC social media accounts to help with the ease and streamlining of posts.
- Tricia advised that she's unable to post information for PAC meetings that are not held on site (as, due to past experiences, the PAC had scheduled some meetings offsite for independence, inclusivity and the comfort level of some parents / PAC members). Lindsay and Stefanie will reach out to DPAC for direction.
- The most inclusive and up-to-date list for emailing all PAC members is the school / administration's master list.
- Update the two-page 'All About the PAC' information brochure and try to have it out to students prior to spring break.

Vacant Executive Positions

We are in need of filling multiple volunteer positions on the PAC executive. Primarily the PAC Secretary role. We discussed the vacant roles and covering them until they are filled. Here are the key highlights:

- Stefanie will continue act as the Secretary and provide the minutes until the role is filled.
- Lindsay will provide the meeting agendas until the Secretary role is filled.
- Lindsay will do all social media Communications updates.
- Ashli will look into creating a social media account to post from to make posting easy and effective for Lindsay.
- Discuss with Tricia regarding what we can post in the Herald and discuss as a group how we can streamline the current communications process.
- We are hopeful that the PAC two-page info sheet going home with students will result in some position inquiries from some new, fresh faces and perspectives.

PAC Meeting Guest Speaker

We discussed the benefits of asking Rob Semler, Hawthorne school DPD Liaison, to attend our April 15th meeting as a guest speaker regarding mental health, how he assists students, when he is called in etc. Here are the key highlights:

- Parents are interested in learning more about our DPD Liaison, their role and how they help students and families.
- Stefanie to reach out to Rob to see if he's able to attend our PAC meeting on April 15th.
- All executives are in favor of this and would like to learn, educate the PAC community, and offer clarity and deeper understanding regarding this support.

Future Meetings with Administration

We discussed various future and upcoming meeting needs, here are the key highlights:

- Stefanie, Lindsay and Jasmine will be meeting with Tricia and Darryl to discuss various logistics and multiple housekeeping aspects of the PAC operations for this school year.
- We've been in talks to schedule a meeting but it has been a challenge with schedules.

DPAC Report (as provided by DPAC Representative, Lindsay H.)

- Discussion of Police Liaison as guest speaker for upcoming meeting.
- **DPAC Meeting**
- School Board and Government currently in budgeting.
- School Board going to government asking for more money - for EA's and other support staff positions as well as more teacher support.
- Guest speakers from mental health sector talk about "ICY" : Integrated Child & Youth Team.
- Discuss **Earthquake / Emergency preparedness money** - where is it all going?
- January 19th Meeting Vanessa Heal (in charge of the Emergency Preparedness Program) talked about how the program started.
- In 2021 they found no consistency between containers across schools
- Program to bring consistency and continually updated.
- 2022 started funding project.
- One time fund towards upgrades such as insulation and new supplies, like food and water, was going to be supplied for five years. Funds based on school population. To supply 100% of population for one day. Or 50% for two days. Or 33% for three days.
- 2024 started \$10 per student per year charge.
- Money for ongoing maintenance - prioritizing food, water, first-aid and sanitation.
- 2024 the project estimated a collection of \$157,320.
- Actual collected amount of \$136,894.
- Resulting in \$20,426 under budget.
- \$6,000 were received via donations.
- In the 2024/2025 year, \$134,410 was spent on supplies and distributed among schools based on their individual population numbers.
- Not just natural disasters, but any circumstance where students can't go home - for example a school lockdown.
- There is a new **coordinated approach to critical disaster and emergency**.
- District is working towards a mandated approach where all schools are getting trained.
- Principals have access to a list for the Emergency Bins. Anyone can contact the principals if they want to get involved. It is not a PAC function, but PAC can be involved.
- Discuss how emergency funds collected annually will be spent.
- Discuss water volumes needed and current food rationing bars provided in bins.
- District is looking into allergy friendly options.
- Currently the bins supply 3 full days for 100% of the school population.
- Two days will expire in 2027 (prompting replacement).
- One day will expire in 2030.
- More information and details are available online and upon request.
- DPACs January 19th, 2026 Meeting minutes will have the slideshow that was presented
- **"ICY" Integrated Child & Youth Team** is building a web of support across all the different systems that are available when they have someone in their care.
- They have three designated hubs: South, North, and Ladner
- Family and Parent support is available through Family Care - it is a safe space.
- Discuss Hawthorne's school counselors.

PAC Executive & General Meeting Housekeeping

- Next PAC Executive meeting: Thursday, March 12th @ 6:45pm
- Stefanie to make reservations at Il Posto and advise.
- Ryan and Ivy can come childmind any children in attendance.
- Alicia to book April 15th and June 3rd @ Cromie for our next 2 PAC meetings.

Next PAC Meeting

Date / Time: Wednesday, April 15th @ 7pm

Location: TBD

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the February 24th, 2026 PAC General meeting @ **8:35pm**.

MOVED: Ashli Owen; SECONDED: Alicia Guichon

CARRIED.