



LDB PAC General Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2025

Call To Order:

6:04 pm

Attendees:

Tasha Mitchell, Kelly Prinz, Rebecca Coull, Catherine Beatle, Neena Bodner, Shana Bowden, Cliff Waldie , Andrea Blakeney (virtual) , Rebecca Lee (Virtual), Modian Theissen (Virtual)

Meeting was Chaired by Kelly Prinz



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parents, or other members of the school community. PAC executive members can support parents with any individual concerns or problems in private discussions and meetings. We can talk about issues that affect the entire school as long as we don't discuss individuals.

- Here is a link to our PAC bylaws with helpful information about what PAC does and how meetings are run. - <https://ldbpac.ca/bylaws-and-constitution/>

- Our yearly budget is available upon request.

Approval of Agenda:

Approved by Kelly Prinz

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Approved by Kelly Prinz

Chair's Report :

January was a blast and it flew by so quickly!

We welcomed a new PAC exec member, and said goodbye to one, and we had the pleasure of providing so many fun activities and treats for Carnivale.

Heading into February, our focus for the next few months will be staying on budget, completing our Created by Kids fundraiser, applying for our gaming grant, and planning for our May fair.

Behind the scenes I will be working on recruiting a new Vice Chair, as well as expanding our Hot Lunch team by one more, which I hope will happen in the next few months.

I am so proud of the team we've created, and we look forward to what's ahead as we move forward into the back half of this school year.

Vice Chair Report

I'd like to thank everyone who has come forward and taken on more responsibility during my move. This transition has been difficult, not only for me but PAC as well. I will still be available as vice chair the best I possibly can from Grande Prairie. I am available in all ways to the PAC and school family with the exception of in person needs.

We realize this is not ideal and are doing our best to maintain our level of commitment to the school family. I'd like to remind everyone that we are all volunteers and that all of our executive members work and have families. Our physical presence in the school will look differently and I ask that we are shown patience and grace as we navigate this change.

We love supporting our school community as they are what drives the heart of this PAC.

Welcome Tasha Mitchell as DPAC rep, I look forward to having you on the team.

Principal's Report:

- Admin thanks PAC for financial and volunteer support during Carnivale, it was the best Carnivale the s has had
- 63% of school's feeding futures budget spent, right on track
- Spirit of Healthy kids challenge starting Feb 17th-28th only 13% of kids participated last year
- PAC kitchen has a new lock and key after many months of waiting
- Elevator, should be fully complete by the end of March
- Pancake breakfast sign up sheet for next year, classes will sign up for time slots. If they aren't in their rooms they won't get served
- Spring Concert date TBD

DPAC Representative Report:

10 year plan/report establishing policies and timelines. We should read it but not get too concerned because it is long a drawn out, and things will likely keep changing.

- Recommendations from report;
- Combine all elementary and secondary grades into one school in rural/small communities
- Getting our schools to capacity by moving around catchments to maximize capacity at schools. This would put some schools at risk for closing due to building fees/maintenance being too expensive and costing too much to run. (Examples of schools at risk, Giscome & Van Bien)
- Increase the quality of our school buildings, for example portables.

PAC Parent Engagement:

- Food Safe minimum requirement met to proceed with the event. There is still room for people to join so make sure to advertise it. (\$25)
- Feeding Futures training recorded and posted on the website. It's about 30 mins and talks about what Feeding Futures is and why we use it. (Lunch deliveries, snacks for children that need help. No stigma or barriers as only principal knows.)

Community Gaming Grants:

- Every school is required to make a business BCeID in order to apply for their gaming grants in April. Late applications may NOT be funded. Apply for it NOW.
- Create a business one so we can have multiple users, which will in turn make succession for Treasurers/Executive easier in the long run.

Old Business:

- Empty District DPAC on the board. Applicants welcome!

BCCPAC:

- Parent Meeting and conference May 23-25 held at UNBC. Need 26 volunteers that aren't in PAC Exec positions and don't need to vote. Any parents interested in how things are done? Ask around. Going to be the first ever hybrid conference; both in person and digital

attendance and voting platforms.

Guest speaker Lisa Horswell, Director of Instruction - Inclusive Education speaks on Mental Health/ Student Supports

- Continuum of Support:

For all > For Some (15%) > For a Few (5%)

Tier 1: accounts for 80% of the students. School wide and classroom plans that play on the strengths of the students to help benefit and help **most** of the students be successful in school.

Tier 2: accounts for 15% of the students. Targeted support and intervention created by the school based team (SBT) that helps meet the needs of the student and the teacher in the classroom.

Tier 3: accounts for 5% of the students. Could have intellectual, social/emotional, or behavioural issues in this tier that play a part. Psychological educational assessments help ensure the child is on the right path for learning and give recommendations for the school to help guide the student and support them so they can be successful. There are different priorities within the district; 1 being the highest focus (students 16 with evidence that they will apply for community living BC services), 2 being the next (grade 7's who strongly show signs of intellectual development disorder), 3 being referrals coming from schools and 4 being children entering kindergarten that show signs of having diverse needs.

Mental Health Support:

- When the school has exhausted every option they may refer the child to an ESBT where the child may be referred to a mental health clinician who will work with the child through 6-10 counselling sessions to see if there's anything the school can do to support them through their mental health.

- All schools have access to Open Parachute, an online resource for those struggling with mental health

- Reviewed rights and responsibilities as a parent. How to be an advocate for your child: be organized, know the facts, identify the problem and identify key decision makers.

Treasurer's Report:

Gaming

January 1st - 31st 2025

Starting Balance: \$14'633.70

Ending Balance: \$14'631.70

-\$2 Service Package Fee

General

January 1st - 31st 2025

Starting Balance: \$11'454.37

Ending Balance: \$16'012.38

- C881/ \$435 PAYABLE to Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon (Donation) Issued: Dec 16th 2024
- C889/ \$34.94 PAYABLE to Leisbet Beaudry (Library Club) Issued: Dec. 20th 2024
- C890/ \$733.45 PAYABLE to Panago Pizza
- C887/ \$1'265 PAYABLE to China Taste HL Issued: Dec. 18th 2024
- C891/ \$1'265 PAYABLE to Noodle Box HL
- C893/ \$1'100.20 PAYABLE to Tormeta Restaurants Ltd. (Bar Burrito) HL
- C894/ \$582 PAYABLE to École Lac Des Bois (Arrow Sashes)
- C888/ \$105.58 PLAYABLE to C. Beadle (Pancake Breakfast Reimbursement) Issued: Dec. 20th 2024
- \$2 Service Package Fee
- + 10'807.76 MULTIPLE DEPOSIT totaling from HL

- Rebecca C to call gaming and iron out questions she has
- BCEID application finished
- Gaming grant application coming in April
- need to figure out bussing as cost has increased, and PAC cannot pay for every bus for every class multiple times. General bussing was budgeted for at \$3000 for the year.

Hot Lunch Report:

Lots of change has come to hot lunch recently and things are looking good. The hot lunch Coordinator role is quite a large role and we, as an executive team, have agreed that this will now be a director role. We will hopefully make this change in March and will be updating everyone at the March PAC meeting.

Modian has taken on the majority of the organization, communication and hot lunch software needs of our hot lunch program. Tasha will continue to be the lead at the school side on Wednesdays until she returns to work mid March.

We are currently looking for 2 or 3 more reliable people to learn the PAC Lead role for Wednesdays. This role does not have to be weekly especially if we have enough volunteers to rotate. Ideally once or twice a month would be the commitment and is a fairly simple role. This role is a key part of our G7 and teacher hot lunches especially.

We would like to remind everyone that our restaurants are amazing at separating the gluten free meals from the rest and these need to remain closed and undisturbed for the safety of our students and staff. Never should we be opening any packaging of a hot lunch meal to check or see. If the meal says gluten free please keep it as is and add it to the bin. Those that order gluten free cannot risk cross contamination.

We are asking staff to communicate field trips to our hot lunch team and parents earlier as they often happen on a Wednesday as and many children have hot lunches. We have received feedback from parents that this is not ideal and they would like to be able to plan better when ordering to avoid the frustration they are feeling. From the PAC perspective, it is often difficult to find someone willing to pick up all of the hot lunches then deliver and hand them out and is often a last minute struggle. With earlier and better communication, parents can make a more informed decision when ordering hot lunch and we can better arrange hot lunch for those that ordered.

Field trips and class activities outside are often planned and executed without consideration to our

volunteers. Some examples are pancake breakfast, ice cream for carnival and hot lunches. We are unable to have a plan and have difficulty accommodating the requests of specific times of delivery because 1 class is not available. These activities are planned well in advance and communication to PAC about this prior to the event is imperative. We have risked volunteers because of the confusion and the unclear time commitment. We always have things planned out well but these class accommodations can add hours to hours of volunteer day that was not planned for.

All we ask is for the courtesy of communication to make things smoother and easier for everyone.

Grade 7 Travel Club Update:

- Parents Night out Event- planning underway, need volunteers
- Low registration so far
- PAC to promote
- 50/50 was successful! Winner was Les Wahlund, ticket sold by Shaony Carvajal

Old Business:

- Spring Dance- coming in March
- Food safe happening Feb 25th, 8-4 at Dutchess. Low registration, a great opportunity to get food safe, for a great price. Should we email parents?
- May Fair planning is in progress. Quote from LA PRO- 2,793, for 3 bouncers, delivery/sandbags/generators. Quote from Mandy for 3 hours, quick faces, \$375
- Spring Concert Date needed
- Food Committee Representation
- Hot Lunch, lead needs to have a bigger voice

New Business:

- PAC Newsletter versus Website (Kelly)
- The Kindness Project : Need to decide how to include all students in a kindness Initiative (850 profit)
- Signing Authorities changes: Kelly, Catherine & Tasha to be added -***Change of Signors form to be dropped off at the bank by Rebecca C on Tuesday Feb 18th.***
- PAC will require a months notice on funding requests going forward, (unless budgeted for) so all

members have a chance to communicate, and we are keeping record via our minutes.

-Bulletin Board Revamp (Thank you Kelly!)

- Spirit of Healthy Kids- How can PAC promote and support (some schools are rewarding the class that has 80% participation or higher) - ***MOTION PASSED for \$100 from general for gift cards to be drawn for from students that fully complete this challenge (2 primary, 2 intermediate)***

- Created by kids launching March 3, with early April delivery

-June Dunk Tank BBQ & Fundraiser for K/1 playground expansion (Would Waldie get dunked?) - ***Waldie agreed to get dunked and encouraged us to bring this forth to other teachers to get dunked also. A presentation at a staff meeting in April would be great.***

- New rules for Gaming (BCID required) update on gaming grant call (Rebecca L) -***Rebecca L, Rebecca C & Tasha took this call, a lot of answers regarding what BCEID is, and why PAC 's need it. Nothing notable.***

Questions/Comments:

- In Days- How do students spend their time - ***Students are watching movies/shows, reading or having quiet playtime in classes. Some teachers take students to the gym to burn energy or play bingo on the school's new bingo set. In days have been hard for everyone.***

Next PAC General Meeting:

March 11th at 6pm