

September 2025 PAC Meeting Minutes

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Monthly Meeting All Parents with Children in Begbie View are members and encouraged to attend any/all PAC meetings SD19-Revelstoke-Begbie View Elementary (BVE)

Agenda BVE PAC Meeting September 08th 2025

- Meeting called to order @ __6:33pm__

We begin by acknowledging and honoring the four nations: Sinixt (pronounced sin-IKES-t), Ktunaxa (pronounced tah-NAH-ha), Secwepemc (pronounced suh-KWEP-meh) the Syilx (pronounced silks). We thank the First Peoples for their care and teachings, and commit to honoring them as we work together for the betterment of all children

Attendance: Jo Gawler, Stacey Lamont, Nica Sazon, Jen Wedel, Alice Weber, Sasha Walsh, Emily Grady, Lily Michaels, Tim Stapenhurst, Austin Luciw, Ariel McDowel

Additions to Agenda:

- Green Team (Emily)

Approval of June minutes: Motion: __Emily__ Second: __Jo__

Agenda Items:

- **PAC executive Elections:**

Chair - Jo - nominated for one more year max.

Vice Chair - Chelsea

Secretary - Ashley

Treasure - Lilly Michaels

DPAC - Emily, Austin & Jen (shared roll)

Member at Large - Stacey

Yearbook Committee (creates the yearbook, sponsorship, grad write-ups & photos) - Lily, Cassie Brumett

- **Treasurer Update:**

- - Chq \$4,092.90 Gaming \$ 5,277.21 Yearbook: \$303.47
- Applied for Gaming grant again but is not yet confirmed
- - \$5,277 needs to be spent this year.

- **DPAC Committee Updates:**

- - Treasurer on board. First meeting (is also AGM), Oct. 1, 12-1pm
- - Share & generate different ideas with the different PACs in the community (cell phone policy, fundraising ideas, etc)

- **FUNDRAISING**

- Lovable Labels & True Earth
- Purdys - Natasha
- Green Christmas
- Dances (January) - open to all schools. -

- **HOT LUNCHEES (Austin):**

- - Parents welcome to volunteer & help
- - Sept. 17: Perigees, Sausage & Cabbage
- - Oct. 1, Spaghetti & Meatballs
- - Every other week through to Christmas

- **Green Team**
 - - Group of students interested in the Environment & sustainability (class events / school wide)
 - - School composting program (started later part of last year). Still requires buckets (ice cream would work). Some classrooms have buckets, but more are needed, and they get emptied daily. But more habits, awareness around the program is needed.
 - - Clothing Swap
- **Staff requests:**
 - Gaga Ball
 - permanent structure, room beside the shade structures,
 - - Consider asking Jana's partner (Backcountry metal works) to Machine the brackets
 - - Alice can cost out lumber & hardware from Home Hardware
 - - Kozak's, Downey, may be willing to give an offer on the lumber.
 - - Also consider funding for shade & benches for front playground
 - **Request for Arts funding for performances: \$2000 from PAC. Jo - motioned, Chelsea - second**
 - - Art Starts Funding previously provided 2/3 of funding, 1/3 covered by the district - but is no longer providing funding
 - - Green Thumb theater is already booked, but Art Starts will pay for it this year
 - - Drummer (Rhythm by nature): \$1000
 - - Maple Syrup process and Quebecois music with Rene Turmel)
- **Staff Report & Principal Comments:**
 - - Filing cabinet next to the elevator is full of old PAC items - and is for use of the PAC
 - - First day of school was a success - well organized. Suggestion for balloons / flags (reusable) to be tied to the teachers (colour coded, or maybe number of balloons = grade)

- - Device policy has been established last year, and Smart watches that don't connect to the internet are some of the finer details to be still worked out.
- - Wonderful to see everyone back, and new faces too! It's been a very smooth start so far.
- - Our school population is up slightly from last year: 284 students, from 276 in June.
- - Current school-wide and classroom focus on re-establishing shared expectations (halls, gym, playground, washrooms, classroom, recess and lunch, etc.) so that everyone has a shared understanding of what's expected in each setting.
- - Please read the Student Handbook and the BVE Code of Conduct (first 8 pages of the agenda). Note the wording of the policy on digital devices includes Apple watches and other connected smart watches.
- - Staffing updates: some positions are posted and are being filled temporarily: Grade 1 (0.6), Grade 4/5 (0.2), Grade 6 (0.8) and one evening custodial position. New staff to BVE: Ms. Davidson, Ms. Cuthbert, Ms. Tompkins, Mr. Larter, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Weber, Indigenous Student Advocates Mya Manson and Kiara Cassity.
- - Please visit the Staff of BVE display in the foyer for "Two Truths and a Lie" about each staff member. Intention is multi-purpose, get to know the teachers, and also support critical thinking, and recognition that not everything you read (even if it looks official) is true.
- - BVE Roof replacement project completed over the Summer, lighting project upgrade continues (dimmers coming to all classrooms). Some screws were found in the back basketball zone - maybe rent a big magnet to pick them up?
- - School supplies and fees – families have been so "on it" this year. Also generous donations from families to support others. School Cash Online – some initial hiccups getting started but seems to be up and working great now.
- - Looking forward to working on:
 - Developing shared guidelines for use of AI (ethical, checking reliability, privacy issues, citing sources, aligned with our Code of Conduct, District and Provincial mandates, etc.)
 - Focus on more ways to include families in school events, activities, etc.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Weds. Sept 17 – School-wide free lunch perogies and sausages

- Sept 18 Terry Fox School Run day at BVE: Brief assembly at 9:00 am, followed by a whole school run, which will take us to recess. Parent volunteers to cheer and mark the route are appreciated
- Friday, Sept. 19 Assembly and School photo day. Note that retakes will be Oct 21.
- Thursday, Sept. 25 first Cross Country running meet at AHE, next one Oct. 2nd at BVE
- Friday, Sept. 26 Fish Fest for Grade 2s and 2/3s at Bridge Creek
- Orange Shirt Day Sept. 29, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept. 30 (no school) - Ariel looking into the Friendship Society & if they have shirts to sell & will share link to that.
- Friday, Oct. 3 Assembly
- **GRADE 7 COMMITTEE:** None

Any new business to carry forward to the next meeting?

- Jo will purchase the popcorn machine as she didn't want to store it over the summer. Roller Derby is interested in renting & storing the popcorn machine over summer
- BVE PAC webpage is very out of date.
- Staff photos on website

Next and Meeting October 6,

Adjournment: 7:26pm