

2025/26 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 November 3rd 2025

- Meeting called to order @ 6:31pm_____

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, Rachel Kenward, Chelsea Meulendyk, Stacey Lamont, Michelle Ross, Brody Johnson, Jen Graham Wedil, Emily Grady, Sasha Walsh, Ariel Mcdowel, Anthony Balaoro, Melonie Jensen, Erin Maclachlan, Ashley Reed

Additions to Agenda: Introductions of all attendees at beginning of meeting

Approval of October minutes: Motion: Jo Second: Rachel

Agenda Items:

1. **PAC executive Elections: Jo will get the banking information updated at the (Cascadia) RCU and will bring Lily up to speed with the financials at the end of November.**
 - a. Jo currently acting as & training new treasurer (absent today)
2. Treasurer Update: Chq \$4,092.90 Gaming \$ 10,777.21 Yearbook: \$303.47
 - a. Currently no major projects being explored, so no need to have a strong focus on fundraising
3. DPAC Committee Updates:
 - a. AGM is on Wednesday & guest speaker will talk about AI
 - b. BCC PAC membership (\$200) - can be paid for the gaming grant. Benefits would be that there is more information shared between all 60 schools. Opportunity to attend the summits virtually or in person as well. Stacey shared her experience as being valuable, but not sure what additional value would be received since there is already information through DPAC

- c. Jo will look into it and bring more information forward to the December meeting

4. FUNDRAISING :

- a. Potential future projects for 2026 council:
 - i. Shadesails for the front playground (2026 council). Ariel will do a bit of research into cost from other similar projects
 - ii. Ariel will look at some options for making the front playground area more user friendly: shadesails, benches, bike repair station
 - 1. There IS a bike tire pump at the front desk that can be used if needed
- b. Popcorn machine has been ordered
 - i. Used for fundraising events, or whenever needed
- Purdys - Natasha Perkins will submit order forms. Ordering deadline is November 29th
- Green Christmas : December 18th - Jo to spear head it cause she loves it so much
 - Donations of about 10 items / child. Also donations of wrapping paper & gift bags. Tape needed. Donations started on December 15
 - Dec. 18, children bring a small bag of coins
 - Volunteers needed - BVE PAC facebook page, or contact Jo
 - Night before, morning, afternoon,
- Dances - January Glow Dance: Chelsea is spearheading it.
 - DJ being confirmed
 - January 16th (6-8pm was the February one)
 - Budget of \$1000 from PAC:
 - DJ, glow-sticks & fun things for kids to purchase, Door-prizes (may be able to get more things donated rather than purchases)
 - Fundraising initiative, so the \$1000 does get recouped.
 - Approved. motioned by Jo, Seconded by Rachel
 - In Arrowheights they open it up to younger kids earlier, and older kids later. Sasha will look into this, and has offered to help
 - Option for non-plastic / reusable options for Glow things (face paints, etc)

5. Ministry of Children & Families (Melanie Jensen & Erin Malachlan)

- a. Recruiting for foster care families

- b. There are different needs: sometimes long-term, sometimes short-term, sometimes respite for families with different needs children & give families needing a break.
- c. Respite care can be on your own schedule (availability up to the care family), and in your home or theirs.
- d. Foster children do need to have their own bedroom (siblings can share, and infants can share with the caregiver)
- e. Option to work with the same family, and child that you would work with regularly for respite
- f. Screening process can be intensive, but there are some common misconceptions about what's required. Families can also set restrictions around what would work for them.
- g. Info session on zoom: November 26, 7pm
- h. Posters shared & sent out with recent newsletter

6. Hot lunches:

- Nov. 12: Butter Chicken & Naan
- Nov. 26: Mac & Cheese
 - Always Gluten-free, and Vegetarian options provided too

7. Staff requests: Gaga Ball

- a. Cedar is being milled for cheap (\$800)
- b. Brackets were ordered for \$1100
- c. Coming in under budget of \$2,500

8. Staff Report & Principal Comments:

- a. Staffing updates: Mr. U up to 0.6 now! Welcome Molly Butler LST 0.4 (Tues and Thurs). Still have two EA vacancies which are being filled casually. EAs are needed. Potential to split the position for more part-time interested workers may be coming (District determines this)
- b. Upcoming cultural events: tomorrow Twin Fiddlers, Nov. 24 The Maple Man (PAC supported this,
- c. thank you!)
- d. Foundation Skills Assessments are underway: Grade 7s last week, Grade 4s this week. Very well done so far! Also repeated in Grd. 10 (which they do need to pass, and get a few tries at)
- e. Cross Country running season wrapped up – huge thanks to coaches Tracey Hill and Jeremy Weddell, and to students for great sportsmanship!
- f. First badminton practice last Friday (Halloween, but still a pretty strong turnout!) Thank you to Coaches: Josianne Langlois, Barry Leung, Emily Grady and Rana Nelson. Grade 6 girls needed for Badminton!

- g. Natasha Perkins wanted me to share that the Purdy's order deadline will be November 29. Flyers will be here very soon to send home. Ordering is online.
- h. Sunnybrae dates are booked for Grade 7 trip: end of May (28 & 29). Wondering if PAC will be able to support with \$500 deposit again (as in past years) helps to pay for deposit.
 - i. Voted & Approved: Jo motioned, Stacey, Chelsea, Rachel second.
- i. Winter Clothing Swap (Green Team) Nov. 13 – drop off in the main foyer anytime between now and then. Time for families to come look in the afternoon. Nov. 12 afternoon / evening (2:30-4:30) time for Parents to come look and help determine what's needed & what fits, and take things home. Then kids have their swap the next day.
- j. This Thursday Remembrance day assembly 11:00 start time (revised from 10:40), two students from BVE will have names drawn to place the wreath. Please send a loonie or twoonie for Legion donation to the poppy campaign.
- k. Avalanche Canada winter safety lessons and demonstrations this week in all classes. Both indoor & outdoor portion using beacons.
- l. Krafty Kids lunchtime activities for Grade 6 will start on Mondays November 17- Dec 15 (Imogen Whale)
- m. Feedback for Mountain West on the photos? Will be back to do class photos.
 - i. Possibility to do sibling photos? Maybe could stick around in the evening after photo day. Funds would go to Mountain West (as with individual school photos).
- n. Online ordering deadline for Art Cards is today. Please submit your order online at www.createdbykids.ca Access Code: BEGE2025
- o. Michael Haworth (district VP of technology) could come to talk to the PAC about AI
 - i. Ariel will reach out to invite him to come to the January meeting
- p. Teachers per-class incidentals amount: \$200 / class (\$2600 total, could come out of Gaming - not Chequing). Motioned - Jo. Approved: Stacey, Rachel, Chelsea

GRADE 7 COMMITTEE:

- Currently no committee

- 9. Any new business to carry forward to the next meeting?
 - Full school drone photo in the Spring (paid for by PAC)
 - \$200 BCC PAC membership?

Next and Meeting December 01/25 , 6:30pm

Adjournment: 7:25pm