

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 December 1 st 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, Girra Canthorpe, Chelsea Meulendyk, Jillian Fransoo, Michelle Poss, Austin Luciw, Michael Naworth, Sasha Walsh, Jen Wedel, Emily Grady, Rachel, Ariel McDowel, Ashley Reed

Additions to Agenda: Shade Sails

Approval of November minutes: _____ Motion: Austin Second: Jo _____

Agenda Items:

1. Jillian Fransoo - talk about District literacy initiatives
 - a. Implementing some pilot programs: oral language, writing & reading
 - b. Grant is being offered. Initiated by the dyslexia association, where data on kids with a dyslexia type profile. More funding for more supports in school would be the ideal.
 - c. U-Fly program currently being utilized is getting good feedback. Great resource for more intervention with older students.
 - d. Here to give families an opportunity to share what helps their child, either at home, school, or community:
 - i. Accountability for parents to do the reading practices with their child
 - ii. Quality of take-home reading books is not great
 - iii. More Speech pathologist time at school would be helpful
 - iv. Pots & Pals events with parents & supports at are very helpful

- v. OT support in school, to assess & spot kids that are needing more help. Playing games & offering different types of
 - vi. Game style learning with
2. Sasha - BC Lions football team
 - a. Don't be a Bystander - Consent
 - b. Racism & Gender based violence at the highschool level
 - c. Jody Wallock (Mental Health principal) & Sash looking into cost & bringing them here
 - d. Ministry of Education worked with Erase (Racism program) & BC Lions
 - e. "Do you want some Tea" video on Youtube, addresses consent.
 - f. Grades starting at 6-7 (Racism), and Don't be a Bystander (grd. 8-12)
 - g.
 3. Michael Haworth - presenting on AI - Tech guy for the whole district
 - a. Framing a discussion for further discussion in Revelstoke
 - b. This is not a sprint - it's going to be a marathon. Making careful decisions that are going to work best for kids in Revelstoke, BC, and across the world.
 - c. Larger school districts in BC / Vancouver are currently leading the forefront in the work, and we get to learn from their experience & learnings
 - d. Looking forward to getting feedback from parents & kids. This is the beginning of the conversation
 - e. Presentation:
 - i. AI in Education
 - ii. BC Education in Ministry Approach: focus on ethical, inclusive & transparent use of AI
 - iii. Real-World Examples of AI in K-12 Classrooms: 3 levels of use that AI is providing:
 1. Level 1 - AI as a **Coach** in K-12 schools
 - a. Ex: student writes a paragraph, and submits it for further development / changes
 2. Level 2 - AI as a **Collaborator**
 - a. Works alongside students & teachers to co-create, solve problems, and enhance learning
 - b. Level 3 - AI as an **Essential Tool**

- iv. Foundational technology that supports everyday tasks, eg: scheduling, automated grading
 - f. Generative vs. Agentive AI
 - g. Issues: Privacy and Data Security. Co-pilot is used as there isn't a sharing of data beyond
 - h. Issues: Bias & Equity
 - i. Issues: Academic Integrity
 - j. Issues: Transparency & Explainability
 - k. Issues: Staff & Student Readiness
 - l. Issues: Policy & Governance
 - m. Discussion Questions
 - n. Suggestions for roundtable discussions format with parents & students
 - o. What is the process & Timeline for tools & supports in school? Are policies going to be created province-wide, district-wide,
 - p. AI tools are already in the classroom, with Microsoft.
 - q. Ecosia is an alternative web browser that won't automatically generate an AI response - and much more sustainable environmentally

- 4. Treasurer Update: Chq \$4,072.00 Gaming \$4,107 Yearbook: \$303.47

- 5. DPAC Committee Updates: Election, and Ecole deglasia is fundraising selling coffee and tea
 - a. Ideas for how DPAC funding could be utilized to help all schools. Current funding available is about \$2000 total for all schools. Eg: pinnies, sports equipment, or something for all schools

- 6. FUNDRAISING : Popcorn machine is here and Jo has been paid back
 - Purdys - Done
 - Green Christmas : December 18th - We have LOTS of volunteers, but more is always lovely!!! Taking donations Dec. 15 - Dec. 17
 - Volunteers can connect with Jo via BVEPAC@gmail.com
 - Set-up on Dec. 17 afterschool
 - Dec. 18
 - Dances - January
 - Jan. 16: 6-8pm
 - DJ Spanda, Ariel for face-painting

- \$500 for lights, DJ and facepainting
 - Glo-products to sell & popcorn made
7. Hot lunches:
- Dec. 10: Roast Chicken, mashed potatoes, and vegetables
 - Cookies & Hot-chocolate / Milk for the last day - Yes: Cookies & Milk (with dairy-free options): Dec. 19
8. Staff requests:
- a. Stair stickers that help teach the multiples / multiplications
 - b. Goes on the risers - not the the stepping stair point
 - c. Cost is just under \$400. Funding given - Motioned: Austin, Second: Rachel.
 - d. More hooks / baskets for the upstairs classes that don't have the cubbies (some kids only have a single hook for all their gear & backpack to hang off of). Something that PAC could pay for?

9. Staff Report & Principal Comments:

1. BVE School Learning Plan
2. Staffing updates: One of two EA vacancies has now been filled: welcome to Abbey Hall!
3. Two cultural recent events: Early Nov. was the Twin Fiddlers, Nov. 24 The Maple Man (PAC supported this, thank you!); kids loved them (twin fiddlers & maple man). Next up we welcome Kenthen Thomas back for Secwepemc storytelling Dec 4 th to visit 2 classrooms - hopefully will keep coming & visiting 2 classes / time, and Green Thumb Theatre will be coming up on February 25 th at 8:45 on Pink Shirt Day.
4. Badminton season wrapped up – huge thanks to coaches Barry Leung, Josianne Langlois, Emily Grady, Rana Nelson, and to students for great sportsmanship! Basketball begins next!
5. Winter Clothing Swap (Green Team) Nov. 13 was a big success: lots of great items, and hardly anything at all was left. Opening the afternoon before for parents was well received. Thank you to Rachel Kenward for taking the remaining items to the thrift shop for us! Remainders were brought to the Legion thrift store (which donates items to the Women's shelter for free)
6. Clubs and events: Battle of the Books is in full swing now. We are hosting the District event in March. Krafty Kids lunchtime activities for Grade 6 will continue on Mondays November 17- Dec 15 (Imogen Whale); Green Team every second Thursday, Spirit Squad, Chess club on Fridays at lunch (Ms. Tompkins and student Rauf Irwan are leading); Cow Ball tournament (Organized by Grade 6 class and Mr. U and Mr. Weddell)

7. Grade 7 Christmas Centrepiece fundraiser – orders due this Friday, \$35 each.
8. Donations for the Food Bank Christmas campaign are being collected in classrooms and in the main foyer under the tree. Admission to the Concert will be by donation to the Food Bank as well.
9. Concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 16: matinee at 10:30 am, evening 6:30 (please drop students off between 6:00-6:15 so they can get into costume, practice one last time)
10. Mountain West can do family photos when they're back in April (week of the 6th) for class photos. Typically they set up in the gym (from 2:30-4:00) and do photos by appointment, from 4:00-9:00pm (10 mins / appointment for 10-14 poses). Maximum group size is 8. Sit-fee is \$30 scheduled for individual families online, with 100% of the fee going to the hosting school as a fundraiser. Included in the sit fee is an 8x10 printed photo (of family's choice). Minimum number of bookings is 20.
11. W.I.T.S. AND Core Competency school-wide focus. WITS: Peaceful problem solving program. Subscription is paid for, for families to use at home
12. Survey season: Kindergarten teachers complete the Early Development Index in January; students in Grade 5 do the Middle Years Developmental Index by early March, and the Grade 4s and 7s, as well as their parents and staff have the opportunity to complete the Provincial learning survey.

10. Shade Saile

- Shade Sailes in Revelstoke Donated \$6000 towards the \$8000 cost of the product & installation
- Going to be put up in the front playground,
- Jo will be applying for a Grant of about \$10,000 towards development of benches & shade sails

11. Any new business to carry forward to the next meeting?

- April family photos with Mountain View
- Ariel looking into storage bins for the kids with just single hooks on the 2nd floor

Next and Meeting January 5/25

Adjournment: 7:38pm