2026/27 PAC Meeting Minutes

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

Agenda BVE PAC Meeting Nov 9, 2026

Land acknowledgement and review of TRC Call to Action # 63: (this is our focus for PAC) We are called on to maintain an annual commitment to Indigenous education issues, including:

- Developing and implementing Kindergarten to Grade Twelve curriculum and learning resources on Indigenous peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools.
- Sharing information and best practices on teaching curriculum related to residential schools and Indigenous history.
- Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect.
- Identifying teacher-training needs relating to the above.

PAC welcomes all/any ideas to support these calls to action.

NOTE to parents reading: The following & all highlighted sections are opportunities for **parent involvement**. Please reach out to either the PAC or Ariel McDowel if you or someone you know is able to volunteer / support.

- Green Christmas volunteers for set-up (Dec. 16), and at event as "check-out" support, and gift wrappers (Dec. 17).
- If anyone is interested in sourcing & coordinating with a local photographer to do family photos at BVE this spring, please connect with PAC.
- Winter clothing exchange: drop-offs Nov. 16-20. Parents can come "shop" Nov. 20, 8-10am.
- Volunteers to help serve hot lunches: Nov. 18, Dec. 2
- Anyone interested in starting a Table Tennis club?
- Anyone interested in running the Glow Dance?
- Ongoing call-out to parents who can share a skill with students. Connect with Ariel
- Attend the next PAC meeting: Dec. 7, 6:30-7:30pm (free child minding available!). You do not need to be a member of the pack or volunteer to attend. All parents of children at BVE are welcome, and all ideas & questions are welcome!

Attendance and Introductions: Chelsea Meulendyk, Michelle Ross, Amanda Carachelo, Rachel Kenward, Austin L, Kartina, Kristi Dorward, Jo Gawler, Ashley Reed, Ariel McDowel, Kim Hayes.

Additions to Agenda: Photo fundraiser, Bike stand, whole school photo

Approval of October minutes: Motion: _Michelle_ Second: __Kim__
Agenda Items:

Treasurer Update: No updates (no gaming grant receival yet)
Chq $3,480.65 Gaming $2,610.66 Yearbook: $9.24
Still using CASCADIA bank

Fundraising :

* Do we have any fundraising goals/requests this year?
* Fable Book Fair - Oct 20-22 invoice: $283 (for the $20 per class)
* Green Christmas
    * Jo Gawler will spearhead this
    * Thursday December 17, 8:40-12:20pm
    * Are any volunteers needed:
        * Rachel & Chelsea will be driving remaining items to thrift store
        * Need to buy tape - Silverwinds could donate! Teachers to loan their tape rollers - Ariel will ask.
        * Float needed: Chelsea will arrange $100 in small coins.
        * Donations of christmas paper please
        * People to check-out, and people to wrap, and 6-8 people to help set-up the night before: 2:30-4:30pm Dec. 16
    * Timing for donation drop off: **Donations starting December 14th**
* Photo fundraiser for families by Mountain West - can be in Spring
    * $30 / sitting includes one print
    * 100% of $30 goes direct to the PAC
    * Families can book a 10 minute slot online
    * Open to all families from any school, photos done in the music room at BVE sometime after school hours
    * Families get the link to buy any type or number of prints
    * Likely don't need any volunteers
    * Not an option to do it outdoors
    * Doesn't need to be confirmed until the new year
    * If anyone would like to check with local photographers to see if they might be able to do something instead
* Whole school photo:
    * Local photographer to do a whole school (all children in this school year), photo outside of the school
    * $300 cost to PAC
* Bike Repair rack

    * Saleem from Tantrum would donate a heavy-duty bike repair rack & would come to do a demo once it's installed.
    * High school also wants to do this
    * The District has concerns about liability with having a bike-repair rack
    * Andrew (BVE maintenance), and Jo Gawler (trustee) will keep working on it
    * Thank you Rachel for looking into this, and getting the local support.
* Clothing exchange (not a fundraiser - just a great way for kids to get what they need for winter wear):
    * Nov. 20, 8am-10am Parents only. 10am-2:30pm kids go through with classes at specified times (Kids bring extra bag with them that day)
    * **Nov. 16-20 Donations can be dropped off at school**

DPAC Committee Updates:

- ALL PACS are struggling to get parent involvement - why?
- People don't know what we do
    - Suggestions: make a WHAT IS PAC info sheet to go out to all parents, share more about what we do, what can be done.
    - School publications could thank PAC for what they do
- Cell-phone use video created by the highschool students is working towards having distribution through all districts
- PCard (credit card owned by the credit company) with limit of $300 is being considered by other PACs for making purchases - downsides: small limit, and involves lots of reporting and paperwork
- PACs can apply for a PST rebate, up to 4 years back
    - PAC is PST exempt
    - How much do we spend in a year: about $6000 for school support, $3000 on year book, $2-3000 from chequing for other misc.
    - Invoices for some of the past purchases (yearbook) were made out to Begbie View School - see if they can be remade to PAC?
    - Big ticket items (like yearbook $200+ in PST / year)
    - Rachel & Michelle will take on collecting past receipts to submit a retroactive PAC pst reimbursement.
    - Going forward - any big purchases need to have invoices made out to PAC
- DPAC looking for a request for a new chair & new secretary
- Arrowheights had hot-dogs and meet the teacher night
- Gagaball pits are getting full of water - solutions: astroturf?
- CPE had a gagaball pit, and new projector, pizza day from Emo's
- So many split classes - because class sizes can be smaller - decided by the superintendent, but also determined within the school
- CPE did a subway fundraiser (buy a Subway sandwich on a specific day & 20% of the funds raised went to the CPE PAC). Subway is not yet ready to do this again, but check back. Would be a great BVE fundraiser

- Den does something similar, and donate 10% of purchases on a specific date to an organization. Could be another good BVE fundraiser?
- Glen (superintendent) will be spending time in all schools getting to know everyone

Staff requests:

- **Refresh of shovels, hockey equipment & sleds ($500):**
- Voted - Rachel first, Michelle second
    - Ariel will purchase & pick up from Salmon Arm Canadian Tire
- Request for smashball poles ($1039) coming in early new year.

Hot Lunch Program:

- Spaghetti & meatballs - Nov. 18
- Chicken-noodle soup - Dec. 2
- **Christmas cookies & milk for each class: Dec. 18 - last day:** Vote - all in favor (Rachel first, Amanda seconds). Will submit request to Austin to organize & PAC will pay for this.

Staff Report & Principal Comments:

- School learning plan: Slow reveal graph demonstrating information collected from students across the years
    - 2026 Grade 7: 74% feel like they'll be successful at what they pursue ... but only 34% feel they can make an impact in their community. Why?
    - Highlights: keep goal around positive school climate, second goal around literacy & numeracy, third goal (was reconciliation - which is now going to be more embedded into all areas & goals), real-world & community based learning opportunities
    - Last year's literacy goals - Grd. 7 met, Grd. 4 did not.
    - Grd 4: moving from "learning to read", to "reading to learn"
    - About 25% exceeding, 50% on track, 20% not yet where we want them to be
    - Will be posted on website once approved by the district school board (around December)
- Staffing updates:
    - Meredith Biollo will be coming back to secretary position, and Brodie Johnson will make a slow transition out (gone by February)
    - Indigenous Education (Lisa Moore was supposed to, but she is now a Trustee, so can't) - Dylan Murray is now taking it on, who's a great outdoorsy guy, with many great skills to share
    - Megan Rogers will be off on mat leave (mid-march)
    - Josie-ann Langlois starts her mat leave (late April)
    - Hannah Shadinger is taking a longer leave

    - One EA position still available
- Report Cards / "Communicating student learning"
    - Meant to be smaller ongoing cycles of communication & reporting
    - Should be no surprises to the parents - needs to be a conversation at least before the report card goes home
- BVE spirit wear
    - Team jerseys new logos - Grade 7 approved
    - BVE logo'd t-shirts & hoodies available to order online for all families - in the near future (likely prior to the holidays)
- Table Tennis club - Is there anyone who would like to start this?
    - PAC bought the tables for this a few years back, but they're not being fully utilized, despite kids wanting to. Need someone to start a club.
- Explorations: k - gymnastics, 1 - skating, 2&5 swimming, 3&6 downhill skiing / boarding, 4 - cross-country, 7 - golf & curling
    - In split classes which grades participates in what, depends on if the cost of the activity is per child, or a group rental rate
    - Paid for by the district (very expensive)
- Library
    - book challenges leader board is up, and is very motivating for kids
    - Envoy Connects (screen-free book reader), purchased by PAC last year,

New business to carry forward to the next meeting:

- Bike repair Rack
- Glow Dance? Requires a volunteer to spearhead it, and others to support. Anyone?

Next meeting Dec 7, 2026
Adjournment: 7:37pm