2026/27 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 Oct 5, 2026

Land acknowledgement and review of TRC Call to Action # 63:
We call upon the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to maintain an annual commitment to Aboriginal education issues, including:
• Developing and implementing Kindergarten to Grade Twelve curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal 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 Aboriginal history.
• Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect.
• Identifying teacher-training needs relating to the above.

How can PAC support this?

- Are there resources for teachers to learn about age appropriate learning for this?
- Are there resources for the students?
- Are there any resources we can share to address implicit bias?
- Ariel shared: goal to create more connections with locals.
- Sasha Walsh shared last year an opportunity with BC Lions to host an anti-rascism

Attendance: Jen, Kim, Rachel, Katrina, Christie, Ariel, Michelle, Chelsea

Additions to Agenda:
Removing Lovable Labels from website, and check into True Earth

- Chelsea will look into lovable labels

Facebook message about buses

Approval of September minutes: Motion: _Jen___ Second: _Rachel___

NOTE to parents reading minutes: The Following are areas, identified in this meeting, that are needing parent volunteers. Please reach out to Ariel (amcdowell@sd19.bc.ca), or PAC (bvepac@gmail.com) to support:

- **Garden Boxes:** the plastic boxes around the back playground require someone to manage them - especially through the summer (or a person to coordinate a group effort). Otherwise they will be removed & given to CPE. Connect with Ariel to help.
- **Glow Dance:** this has been a volunteer-run fundraiser for many years, and currently has no one to lead it this year. Dance typically happens in January or February, so we

will require a volunteer to start coordinating this by November. If you're interested please reach out to the PAC.
- Shortage of EAs (this is a PAID role that requires certification). If you have your certification, there are many opportunities to work - on a flexible schedule. Connect with Ariel
- **Parents sharing gifts:** If you have a teachable skill you'd like to share with students, please reach out to Ariel to coordinate learning opportunities.
- **Next PAC meeting** is Monday November 9, 6:30pm. ALL parents of BVE children are welcome - you DO NOT need to be on the committee or volunteering to attend meetings. Please join and share your questions, concerns, and ideas! Free child-minding is provided!

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions
- Attendees introduce themselves & share about where their kids are at in the school

2. Treasurer Update:

Chq $3,480.65 Gaming $2,610.66 Yearbook: $9.24
Still using CASCADIA bank

- $1200 from Chequing & - $1200 from Gaming for teacher

3. FUNDRAISING :

* Do we have any fundraising goals this year?
- Benches around the school - RAS money from the (Ready?) Grant
- Potential for a mural on a wall - big grey wall
- Additional bike racks, and a Bike repair station (with the tools attached)
    - Maybe better use of the current ones by moving some?
- CPE wondering about taking the 6 plastic garden boxes if we don't have anyone wanting to manage them. Needs someone to champion this - a parent volunteer who is passionate about gardening. We need someone to connect with Ariel (email) ASAP, and set-up with a plan by no later than February, otherwise the planters will be given to CPE.
- Fundraising idea: family photos outside?

* We received an email from Derek Siwak from Momentum Fundraising who is selling cookie dough in conjunction with schools as fundraiser, seems like $25 per box of dough, 9 flavours, $10 goes to the school, do we want to pursue this? (google tells me registered company in MB)
- No thank you.

* B-Fit has given a $450 gift certificate for virtual personal training, not sure how/when we can use this? (google tells me Neil Chomos personal training is out of N Vancouver)
- No thank you.

- Fable Book Fair - Oct 20-22, looking for 2-3 parent volunteers, do we want to do a $20 book voucher per class as we have in the past?
- $20 book fair voucher to each class for a teacher to either give to a student who may not be able to afford something, or as an incentive / goal towards something.
- 13 classes, $260 to Ariel: Rachel Motioned, Chelsea second.
- Fable emailed an invoice for this, and it's paid by emt
- Family Photo fundraiser in April
    - Raised $930 for the school
    - sittings were $30 / family and all funds came to the school
    - Rachel will take it on to coordinate with Mountain
- Glow Dance fundraiser in Jan / Feb.
    - Need Volunteers to take this on, or it will not happen.

4. DPAC Committee Updates: None
- This Wednesday October 7 is the first meeting

5. Staff requests:
- Not requesting yet, waiting for PAC funding to come in. but there are items that needing attention & will be requested:
- $1091.79 to replace volley-ball & badminton poles.
- Refresh some playground equipment: shovels, hockey gear, soccer net, balls,

6. Hot Lunch Program:
- Mac & Cheese: Oct. 7
- Shepards Pie: Oct. 14

7. Staff Report & Principal Comments:

a. Fable Book fair
- Pre-order Online Oct. 15 - 31
- In person Oct. 20-23, Tuesday 2:30-4:30, 12:30-

b. Terry Fox Run was a great success. $770 is what was raised - this is a good message, without asking so much from families at an expensive time of year. Kids did great despite the weather.

c. Running club: Turkey Trot at CPE this Thursday

d. Badminton: games on Thursdays starting late October into November.

e. School Policy around smart watches - need to be left on school / airplane mode here, and if it becomes a distraction then it's removed and school
- Would like to see them used simply for time keeping in school times

f. There is an EA shortage district wide
- Casual, part-time, any number of days - if you're an EA - you're needed!

- Certification challenges - working with the province to open up to more options

g. Building maintenance: lighting project upgrade complete (dimmers coming to all classrooms), doors
h. School supplies & fees

- Some fees still coming in. Please do so, if you haven't yet

i. Rhythm by Nature came for grades 4-7 - paid for by the district
j. Avalanche Training in December: K-7
k. This year we're continuing to work on:
    i. 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.)
    ii. Focus on more ways to include families in school events, activities, etc. (Friday explorations, field trip opportunities, Math in the Community, etc.)
    iii. Parents coming in to share their gifts: eg: first aid
l. Upcoming Events:
    i. Oct 12 Thanksgiving (no school)
    ii. Oct. 22 Photo retakes
    iii. Oct. 21 & 22 early dismissal at 12:30 pm, Goal Setting conferences
    iv. Oct. 23 ProD (no school)
    v. Oct 7 & 14 School wide hot lunch (mac and cheese, shepherd's pie)
    vi. Oct 30 Halloween at BVE! 8:40 regular assembly, then 9:00ish Halloween parade, classroom activities
    vii. Christmas Concert: Tues. Dec. 15, 6:30pm (student drop-off around 6:00pm)
m. Junior Basketball for grades 4-5 is coming up
n. Speakers & Special Guests - what would parents be interested in?

- RAS got funding for programing & speakers, Potential to share costs & space
- What kind of talks would you be interested in?
    - Navigating technology with your child
    - Toxic masculinity?
    - Tough feelings - how to talk about them with your children
    - Jody Carrington - child / parenting / good human & good humor.

8. Teachers please wait until 8:30am to actually leave the school - some students are being left behind when they've arrived at 8:30.

9. Removing Lovable Labels from website, and check into True Earth
    - Chelsea will look into lovable labels

10. Facebook message about buses
    - Request for a bus service to Southside
    - Provincial ministry governs the walk-limits for buses, and it's currently 4km for K-4.

- Suggestions to coordinate “bike” buses, “walk” buses, and ride shares between families.
- Potential to coordinate parents to connect if there’s challenges
- Talk with city about busing - this is not an issue PAC can manage
- Facebook group open to discussions and conversations like this? No - it’s meant to be a “post board” vs. a discussion chanel

Any new business to carry forward to the next meeting?

Next meeting: Nov 9 (Nov. 2 is a Pro-D day), 2026

- Chelsea will chair this meeting

Adjournment: 7:27pm