

McKenzie Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Attendance: Angela Karangwa (chair & recorder), Sam Blair, Colleen Leithwood, Jennifer Balam, Emily, Krystina Cope, Myra Lepp, Meghan Louise,

Admin reps: Carmen Gauvreau, Jordana Beattie, Natalie Coffin

1. Admin Updates – Carmen

- Staff updates
 - Ms. Val is away (5 weeks)– Jean Massey is covering
 - New EA – Miss Minar
 - MS Eva (leaving us as EA) – last day next week
 - Grade 4 FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) completed successfully.
 - Our own Jordana will be leading district marking committee so they are underway with that 😊
- Term 1 ending November 28th
- Learning updates to be released in early December
- Winter concert coming
 - Afternoon performances only
 - Two afternoon sessions
 - 300-seat capacity per session
 - No evening performances this year
- Currently working on building up online Math resources

2. PAC Updates

- a. Winter concert – Fundraising conversations/planning will occur during the next PAC meeting.
- b. Parent education for this year.
 - i. I heard back from Fairfield psychology and they can offer the workshop on Monday, January 19. Emotion-Focused Family Therapy (EFFT) is an evidence-based approach that empowers parents with practical skills to support their children's emotional development and manage challenges more effectively.
 - 1. The library will be available
 - 2. More to come in newsletter
 - ii. Krystina will work with Melanie from the You Floral to organize a possible wreath making workshop at McKenzie.

3. Playground project Discussions and Votes – Angela K

- a. First vote:

- Project Background
- Planned in conjunction with childcare unit construction several years ago.
- Delays caused by permitting issues with Saanich and the school district.
- Cost has increased overtime due to inflation and loss of original cost-saving opportunities.
- Financial Status:
 - Current allocation: \$25,000
 - Estimated total cost: \$35,000 - \$40,000
 - Amount raised over last 4 years: - \$8,000
 - Additional funds required: \$10,000 – \$15,000

Voting Outcome

- Motion to go use the funds already raised for another outdoor activity space such as a GAGA Ball pit
- Seconded by Angela
- Vote: 6 approvals, no opposing votes 2 abstained

b. Secode vote:

- Selecting the new Project
 - Options discussed
 - Gaga Ball Pit estimated cost: \$15,000
 - Library furniture urgently needed due to fire safety regulations (3000-7000)
 - Current cupon book will work to meet this goal will likely require more funds that want that will raise
 - Gym equipment
 - Mural
 - Desire for a project benefiting entire school community and

Voting Outcome

- Motion to Spend \$25,000 Gaga Ball Pit and help meet the need for flexible seating in the library and then mural (if funds remain)
- Seconded by Angela
- Vote: 6 approvals, no opposing votes 2 abstained
- Motion Passed

4. Next Steps – Angela K

- Carmen to obtain specific quotes for Gaga Ball Pit
- Confirm exact installation location with proper supervision
 - Develop usage guidelines for different school divisions
- PAC send clear communication to be sent out regarding vote and how we will move forward with new plan
- PAC Treasury Questions
 - Can Speaker fees be covered by field trip funds approved during last meeting - Concerns were around the specific rules of using gaming funds - **Carmen**
 - Swim team's need for swim caps - Team would pay for part of the order – Can PAC help fund the remaining caps as Team aims to avoid asking current team parents to fund future teams' caps min order 36 caps- \$504 needed. - **Sam**