

South Poplar Traditional Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Wed, Sept 17, 2025

Prepared by Candace Payne, PAC Secretary

Start time: 7:08 pm

Attendees in person: Rani P, Chan R, Candace P, Pinkey B, Shannon Manky, Aman B, Kathleen P, June A., Chris, Joanna, Joyti, Cheryl, Craig, Jaswinder B, Carisa W, Kamna, Nav, Rupri B, Desirae

Online: Munny B, Arvin and Joti N, Manju A, Simmy and Arvind C, Vadim K

Welcome Acknowledgement & introductions: Rani

Motion to approve meeting agenda: Chris; seconded by Kamna

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes: Chan; seconded by Aman

Principal's Report: Shannon Manky

- Thank you to PAC for welcome back/staff appreciation.
- 275 students currently. A few spots available in grade 5, grade 4, and 1 in K. 16 teachers, 12 divisions, 4 non-enrolling teachers (non-classroom teachers). Granted for a 5th EA for the school. Welcome to Mrs. Johal in admin! 1 indigenous support worker, Mr. Dalton. 1 counsellor, Mrs. Baird. SLP is back. 1 full-time custodian plus a part-time custodian.
- Upcoming events:
 - Cops for Cancer tomorrow, Sept. 18th; exceeded \$1000 goal for donations. Excited to be welcoming one of our school dads on the ride! Parents are welcome to join ~ 10:30.
 - Terry Fox Run, Sept 25th; twoonie for Terry. Parents are welcome to come participate @1:45.
 - Working on a whole-school field trip Oct 6th to the library. Children will take turns going for an hour to learn about the library and about all the library offers (coding, etc). Form coming home to be completed if children need new library cards. Families will be notified of their child's timeslot, and parents are invited to join at the library (not on the bus). Suggestion for consideration of PAC to cover transportation cost versus charging families small fee. Discussion will take place after Principal's Report.
 - Pumpkin Olympics coming up on Halloween along with pumpkin fundraiser end of October.
 - Church confirms Dec 10th for evening Christmas concert @ Abbotsford Pentecostal Assembly.
- Calendar is up to date online. New this year is the ability to sync the school's calendar to your phone.

PAC Update and further discussion: Rani

- Acknowledgement of Kathleen and Chan stepping up to co-share president role with Rani with plan for taking over when Rani leaves South Pop at the end of the year. This change occurred after the June AGM meeting.
- Discussion about PAC funding being used for library field trip. Motion to approve \$600 from PAC gaming funds by Kamna, seconded by Chris. None opposed. Moved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Pinkey in Reena's absence

- See attached Treasurer's report.
- Gaming account \$5505. Payment to Kazia to be completed still. \$600 to be dedicated to field trip.
- General account \$28,801, but some cheques have been written and ~\$575 deposit made since report generated. To be reported at October's meeting.

Other Business: Rani

- Welcome back treats: Thank you to Staff Appreciation Team for providing the treats!
- Executive Team and Committee leaders for 2025-26 year: Exec committee: President/Chair Rani, Kathleen, Chan; Vice Chair Aman; Treasurer Reena; Secretary Candace; Fundraising June (movie nights, freezies, no uni, etc). Leadership team as per June 2025 minutes: DPAC Pinkey, Bookfair Joti with Cheryl and Maja (twice a year, usually Nov and Apr), Hot lunch and popcorn Candace, Staff appreciation Joti (December and June), Yearbook Marlee and Rani, Grade 5 Farewell Rup and Rani, Parent Rep Coordinator Kathleen, Carnival Jenny. TBA if TAC (traditional advisory committee) will seek a rep.
- Budget allocation approval for teacher birthday gift cards and birthday cards: Kathleen. PAC has historically been giving birthday cards and gift cards for teachers and support staff. Discussion brought regarding budget and options for different denominations. Motion to approve \$450 for the 2025/26 school year by Kamna; seconded by Chris. None opposed. Carried unanimously. Joti offered to donate cards.
- Hot lunch update: Menus and vendors have been confirmed. MAL open for the entire year this year, so parents can order as much as they'd like. Always looking for volunteers who are willing to come help with organizing and delivering lunch orders. Times for volunteering for popcorn versus hot lunch.
- Fundraising update: Approved for Community Value coupon books next week! Other upcoming fundraising planned this year: Pumpkin patch and Halloween cookies next month, 2 movie nights, a dance.
- Upcoming School Board Trustee debate and byelection: Advanced voting (Oct 1st and 4th) and voting day (Oct 11th). Debate happening tomorrow, Sept 18th. DPAC can take questions for the debate.
- Diwali celebration update: We have had parents generously donate food for celebrations. If any parents would like to donate to the school for celebrations, please contact Mrs. Manky to organize and plan.
- DPAC: Pinkey: Next DPAC meeting Sept 28th. DPAC currently looking to fill secretary position.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Nav; seconded by Cheryl.

Next PAC meeting: Wed. Oct 15, 2025 @ 7 p.m.