

South Poplar Traditional Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Wed, Feb. 18, 2026

Prepared by Candace Payne, PAC Secretary

Start time: 7:05 pm

Attendees in person: Chan, Candace, Reena, Pinkey, Shannon Manky, Chris, Joanna, Aman, Rupi, Jenny

Online: Rani

Welcome Acknowledgement & introductions: Chan and Aman

Motion to approve meeting agenda: Candace; seconded by Pinkey

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes: Chris; seconded by Pinkey

Principal's Report: Shannon Manky

- Thank you, PAC, for contribution towards book initiative (~\$846 contribution, 50% of cost).
- Drumming demo booked Resilient Rhythms coming sometime in March/April- PAC covering cost
- Joint partners meeting with the district – thank you PAC parents for representing our school
- Enrolment: K lottery for 2026-27– 14 spots available for new K's. Wait list for other grades has been updated. One spot available currently in Mrs. Dhaliwal's class
- The Game Plan is being hosted each day in the gym/library to learn new card games and maybe take home to share with families. Great turnout.
- Sun Hang Do presentation a couple weeks ago, 30-minute lesson.
- Emergency drills were taking place last week; drill held off later in the week after recent Tumbler Ridge event.
- Canada Olympic spirit the past 2 weeks: Kids wearing Canadian colours and swag, watching Olympics events in lobby.
- Other happenings: Valentine's Day, Family Day gifts, Lunar New Year with fortune cookie and coin in red envelope for each child.
- Coming up Friday is a special presenter for Black History Month. Parents welcome to join
- Staffing:
 - Mrs. Kantola back after spring break; we are sad to say goodbye but grateful to Ms. Randhawa for filling in.
 - Div 10 transitions: Ms. Kaur returning from medical leave. Mrs Manky working with HR to support teacher and students during transition back.
 - Mrs. Mitchell will stay on for the next year as our school secretary/admin.
 - 5 EAs in school, meeting needs of children in school, including 1 temp filling a position for EA that may return.
- Mural update: PAC execs met with artist (Dean) about logo for gym. \$7500 plus tax plus scissor lift. Artist also that can create for 6x6 piece of art made with wood; \$980, including

\$200 off regular pricing. Discussion to pursue more info on the wood art to clarify costs further to see what price is inclusive of.

Treasurer's Report: Reena

- See Treasurer's report.
- General ~\$44,000. One Book cost will be updated for next meeting.
- Gaming: YAP and High Tech invoices received and need to be paid out. \$300-400 remaining, so will be spent before year end.

Other Business:

Hot lunch update – Candace: Wok Box this coming Friday. Popcorn last week had small heart-shaped candies for Valentine's Day.

Fundraising update - Candace: Dance this coming Friday. Tickets sold out already. In need of parent volunteers. DJ has been confirmed. Very excited to have this night for the kids.

DPAC update - Pinkey: Hosting webinar Supporting Children Through Bullying Feb 23rd, definitely worth signing up. Hosting PAC networking meeting Mar 5th from 6 to 7 at Abby Senior; parents to discuss what works, what they need help with. Study Smarter, Not Harder at Mouat Secondary on April 8th, geared for kids grade 4-12.

Carnival planning update - Jenny: Policy no bouncy castles and inflatables, so carnival will look different than past years. Will have carnival games and attractions, including face painting, Henna, etc. Adding 5 carnival style games (Mini golf, mini dartboard, penalty kick, tip the hat, clowning around). Our usual mini games will also be present plus addition of cornhole, Connect Four, etc, that was already budgeted for. Abby Canucks coming with their shootout, Abby Police +/- Fire. Reaching out to local sports groups (Summit Soccer, BC Lions, Whitecaps, FV Flag Football, Creative Edge, etc) to see if they'd like to come. Cost approx. \$4200. DJ confirmed.

Gift collection update – Chan: PAC still needs to gift 8 teacher birthday gifts; \$25 GC from PAC to be organized and available. Beginning of school year, it was decided we would do 2 collections; 1 done already. Following recent feedback, discussion held about if we should follow through with second collection or work with what we have remaining. Decision to not pursue second collection. Parent reps will receive an update with what is remaining for their teacher for the year-end gift. Next year's process to be discussed in June.

Parent Rep Coordinator position – Chan: Position vacant currently. Chan is stepping in while we find someone to take this position. If anyone is interested, please contact PAC.

Easter celebration update (Apr 20) Chan/Mrs. Manky: First school-wide egg hunt last year was successful. Parents donated easter candy. Notice will go out shortly to invite collecting candy with intention to bag and prep March 13th afternoon after hot lunch as event will take place first week back from Spring Break.

Vaisakhi celebration update (Apr 13) – Mrs. Manky: Grade 5 Bhangra dance team goes to ATS, then kids and ATS kids come back here for celebration assembly in the afternoon. If any parents are wanting to organize food, please contact the school, so all can be planned accordingly.

Motion to adjourn at: 7:52 pm by Chris; seconded by Pinkey

Next PAC meeting: Wed. April 15, 2026, at 7 p.m.

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