

Eagle View Elementary School – PAC Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

Meeting Commencement

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m., called to order by Amber Parent.

Attendance

Present: Nadia Foster, Jen Kightley, Jen Steward, Alicia Todd, Krystina Webb, Santina Spencer, Amber Parent, Susan Hensen, Jana Relf, Christina Chase, Chantal Levesque.

Principal's Report

- Parent/Teacher conferences have recently concluded.
- Cross Country practices and meets are currently underway.
- Earthquake preparedness activities are ongoing, including "duck and cover" drills and headcounts. Kindergarten students are encouraged to be prepared as this will be their first such drill. A full evacuation drill is planned for this year.
- Disaster preparedness kits for older grades will be introduced.
- Anticipation for the upcoming Halloween event is high.
- Friday, October 31st is "Black and Orange Day."
- Photo re-take day is scheduled for November 5th.
- Remembrance Day assembly will take place on November 10th.
- Special Speaker Initiative: Should there be interest, funding opportunities are available through district grants for special speakers, such as Nikki Lineham (\$600 for a half-day professional development session focusing on mathematics). PACs may collaborate to pool resources for sessions relevant to parents (e.g., math workshops, cyber safety presentations, Vancouver Island Health parent sessions). Grant details are available on the district website.
- The school's current goal focuses on enhancing reading and writing proficiency.
- The benefits of nightly reading were discussed.
- Appreciation was expressed for participation in Orange Shirt Day, with encouragement to continue related discussions at home. On October 14, indigenous drumming activities will occur for students.

Variety Grant Discussion

- Jen proposed continued support for teachers and Educational Teaching Assistants, specifically for sensory equipment.
- The objective is to increase student socialization outdoors through installations such as mirrors and musical apparatuses requiring minimal maintenance.

- Initiatives are intended to benefit all students; quotes are currently being obtained from vendors.
- The application deadline is October 20.
- Voting on matching funding amounts occurred at the meeting (\$1,000, \$2,000, or \$2,500 options considered for multi-use equipment and installation costs).
- In 2021, View Royal site swing installation cost was noted as \$3,000.
- Motion put forward by Susan and seconded by Amber for a \$10,000 matching grant; motion carried.

Financial Update

- The previous year's fundraising efforts supported students in need and contributed to arts and cultural programming.
- The next fiscal year's budget will be approved at year-end, with any proposed changes subject to vote.
- "Feeding the Futures" program remains accessible to all students.

Fundraisers

- **Purdy's Chocolates:** Led by Amber Parent.
- **Art Cards:** Students are engaging in art projects this month.
- **Community Values:** Nadia Foster coordinated this fundraiser. A total of 393 books were sold, yielding just over \$5,000 in profit, an increase from last year's 374 books. Attendees are reminded to return unsold books. Sunglasses were distributed as incentives for every 13 books sold. Gratitude was extended to the parents, staff, and volunteers for their significant contributions.

Other Items

- Private Facebook group usage was discussed, emphasizing administration-only posting. No comments.
- Adding a school administrator to assist with membership moderation was recommended.
- The value of getting messages out to more people on events was discussed.

Spirit Wear

- Product samples will remain available until month-end, including during the Halloween dance near the ticket area.
- QR codes at the table and email notifications will facilitate ordering. Orders placed by month-end should arrive before Christmas.

Opportunity:

- Royals hockey game ticket sales: purchase at \$15 and sell for \$25, with special offers for children and coupon book promotions. To be revisited in January.

- Home Alone Program: Outreach efforts include Ready, Set, Kids Learning Academy and Rec Centers (Juan de Fuca), offering programs for ages 8–12, both in-school and external formats. Further information will be provided at the subsequent meeting, with strong interest noted among PAC members.

Additional Fundraising Ideas

- Wrapping Paper Fundraiser - Future discussion postponed until next year.
- Craft Fair, Cake Walk, Bake Sale (Grade 5 involvement in Winter Sale).
- "Break a Rule a Day" initiative was discussed and concluded that not inclusive for all students.
- Christmas activities: Pancake breakfast (potential partnership with Jencee Place), pajama and pancake events, could do a Tweekie drive. Goes towards hosting families overnight - accommodation costs range from \$165 (one night) to \$1,155 (one week). Further details to be addressed in future meetings.

Halloween Dance

- Prize values not exceeding \$5 each, with 10 prizes including Tim Hortons gift cards and dollar store items.
- Event draws will be done post-party to help with crowd control. Fortune tellers from 7–8 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m., led by Amber Parent.