



JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 16, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Nicolle (Co-Chair), Pavan (Vice Chair), Gillian (Secretary), Kevin Vines (Principal), Catherine (Treasurer), Sarah, Josephine Wei, Kay Li, Jennifer, Victoria, Angela, Shannon.

CALL TO ORDER 9:04am Nicolle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Pavan **MOVED** the motion to approve minutes from the Feb 19, 2025 PAC meeting. Victoria **SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Sharing the book "The Promise" by Nicola Davies. Sharing Assembly April 23rd – Social Responsibility next Wednesday.
2. Important Dates:
 - a. April 28th Class Photo and Panorama
 - b. April 28, 2025 - Election Day. The gym will be closed for the Federal Election
 - c. May 9, 2025 - K and 6/7 Immunizations
 - d. May 16, 2025 - Indigenous Learning Focus
 - i. Laura Grizzly Paws – at Burnett (AM)
 - ii. Video: All my father's relations – Larry Grant's granddaughter and Guided Walking Tour (Learning from the Land) (PM)
 - e. May 21, 2025 - Next PAC Meeting. Parent Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, band playing outside
 - f. May 22, 2025 - Welcome to K
 - g. May 23, 2025 - Grade 7 Orientation at Burnett
 - h. May 27, 2025 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
3. Learning Report - Update #4 – Live on MyED – April 29th. Teachers comment on:
 - a. Proficiency scale descriptors for learners in all areas of learning (K-7)
 - b. "Descriptive feedback which includes strength-based, written comments that are aligned to the learning standards and describe student learning, [and which] identify specific areas for future growth [next steps/goals] ...Feedback is based on what the student can do and what they are working towards." K-12 Reporting Policy Framework
 - c. These comments: Focus on student strengths and areas for future growth. Should be concise (bullets are ok) and in parent/caregiver friendly language
 - d. Information specific to Students with ELL, LRT support or IEPs

- e. Comments that inform families that the student self-assessment of the Core Competencies and student goal setting will be sent home on paper or digitally.
- 4. Extra-Curriculars: Ride to Road Program for Div 1 to Div 4. April 29 to May 2 and May 6.
- 5. Track Attack for Grade 4 to 7. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays.
Track Meet May 20, 2025 at Minoru (weather dependent).
- 6. Shine Your Light Talent Show - Audition happening. Parents are invited to come. May 2 1pm at the gym.
- 7. Multi-purpose room - newly replaced flooring. Lighting that can be dimmed. Tiger Den - Break Room, new floors, new lighting, paint.
- 8. Courtyards: repurposed bookshelves; garden equipment
 - a. Campfire, watering hole, cave – methodology (Megan Zeni)
 - b. Art Storage – cleaned-up, purchasing underway
 - c. Gardens – weeded, seeds, soil, potatoes, 6 divisions, woodburning, worms.

PARKING LOT

Kevin received an email from a parent regarding our parking lot. He included the parking reminder in the WAAG. Reminder for helmet safety as we have seen parents on scooter without helmet. We strongly encourage older grades to walk to school.

PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

PAC is looking for parent volunteers to fill PAC Executives. Pavan and Gillian will be in their last term this September 2025. We need to fill the Vice-Chair and the Secretary position. It would be great that we can have someone who can start shadowing them in September. The Secretary needs to be able to commit to attend the PAC meeting once a month.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is happening June 6. We did not do as much fundraising this year. We can do snack sales like candy bags, chips, and freezies.

FIELD TRIPS

Pavan noticed there have been less field trips than before. Kevin mentioned that there has been a push from the School District to be intentional with field trips although this doesn't apply to elementary context. There is also complexity in the planning as field trips are inclusive experience needs to make sure all the students can go, with health and safety concerns.

AGM Meeting

Next PAC meeting May 21, 2025 we will be voting for the next PAC executives. Nominations will be happening.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: May 21, 2025 at 9am in the Thompson School Library.