



## **JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)**

### **Meeting Minutes Friday September 19, 2025**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nicolle Kit (Chair), Pavan Padda (Vice Chair), Victoria Lo (Co-Vice Chair), Gillian Yen (Secretary), Sarah Wong (Treasurer), Kevin Vines (Principal), Josephine and Albert Wei, Yvonne Chan, Kay Li, Karen Cheung, Rachel Gao, Songlin Xu, Nancy Tao, Alice Dong, Nicole Valentin-Gomez.

**CALL TO ORDER** 9:00am Nicolle Kit welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Pavan **MOVED** the motion to approve minutes from the May 21st, 2025 PAC meeting. Sarah **SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The PAC is looking for more parents to volunteer. We are looking for someone to be our secretary next year since it will be Gillian's last year at Thompson. It would be great to have someone who can help Kay with our Year Book. RDPA - Albert went to the District Meeting. Please contact Nicolle at [thompson.pac.school@gmail.com](mailto:thompson.pac.school@gmail.com) for more information or to express your interest. You can contribute according to your own schedule, any help is appreciated.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Land Acknowledgement – teaching and symbolism of salal
2. School Start-up: 10 divisions; 34 staff. Weekly WAAG, Capturing photos from the week.  
Staffing update new band teacher:
  - Katrina Lam – Band/Prep
  - Louise Mah – Resource Teacher
  - Returning: Jimena Perez – Grade 2/3 Teacher
  - Gisela Hurtado – EA, Yuriko Katayama - EA
  - Amelie Suh - Noon Hour Supervisor
3. Terry Fox Run was a successful event. September 18th - Thank you!
4. Pro D Day on Monday Sep 22 - Focusing on Exploring Literacy Data: implementation of intentional and responsive pedagogy. Faye Brownlie – to work with grade-group teams in Oct/Nov. Embedding Indigenous Knowledge in TRC and Beyond - Salal, Plantain etc.
5. TRC Assembly September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am – Truth and Reconciliation
  - a. Anchor Text – “This is How I know” by Brittany Luby
  - b. Additional Resources: Held by the land: A guide to indigenous plants for wellness and Pacific Northwest Plant Knowledge Cards.

- c. How do we this place? – Fostering Place Consciousness through nature walks – exploring our sense and growing our curiosity and understanding
- d. Shape of the Day: Assembly, Nature Walks, Afternoon grade-group debriefing with special guest: Alli Ridley
- 6. Extra-curricular Activities
  - a. Student Leadership – up and running.
  - b. Crossing guards, lunch monitors, assembly set-up crew, morning announcers etc.
  - c. Volleyball starting soon – Mr. B
  - d. Cross Country Run – Oct 29 – Mr. T
- 7. Photo Day – September 25
  - a. Edge Imaging will be photographing the students again this year and offers a variety of purchase options. Later students will receive an order form with proofs along with instructions to order online.
  - b. Retakes are on: November 5 (am)
- 8. Evacuation Drill – September 26
  - a. First Drill of the year
  - b. Emergency Preparedness Updates – Student Reunification. Food/water updated by the district. Inspections completed.
- 9. Camp Jubilee – Oct 1-3
  - a. 7 staff; 67 students attending
  - b. Coordinating final details – meeting with students next Tuesday. Follow-up communication with families will be sent home
- 10. 5 UBC TC's - start on Oct 2
  - a. Exciting and important learning opportunity
  - b. Short Practicum in October
  - c. Long Practicum after Spring break
- 11. Staff Wishlist: Dancers of Damelhamid – Feb 17 or 18 - \$1300
  - Sand box – 1 – for the Cave
  - Sand
  - Garden beds (\$)
  - Garden shovels
  - Plywood for covering drainage hole
  - Pavers
  - Heavy duty metal construction toys / diggers
  - BIG outdoor pots for plants – watering hole
  - Perennial plants

## **FUNDRAISING**

Nicolle would like to have a Fundraising Committee. The money raised will go towards the school and to support activities. Pavan said past fundraising - raised about \$5000.

- Ideas like Bottle Return, Lee's Donut for Grade 7, Purdy's Chocolate, Crispy Creme, Walkathon on Earth Day, Jibbitz on Crocs. Photo Day, Peddle heads, Emergency Kits.
- Custodian fee \$126 minimum if event to be done at the school. Movie Night copyright \$450, insurance, custodian, family bingo / game night.
- Collaborate with Thompson Community Centre - Movie Night with Burnett together
- Created by kids - arts for sale like the Winter Fair.
- We have 236 students this year, last year about 250 students.
- "Winter Wonderland" - November 21st, 2025

#### **GRADE 7 GRADUATION COMMITTEE**

Parents would like to plan things earlier this year so we don't rush for bookings into the events. Kevin ok to send an email for Grade 7 parents to invite whoever wants to be involved or being updated for discussion and planning.

#### **BUDGET for 2025/2026**

The budget will be discussed in the Oct meeting. Yvonne said Hot Lunch made under \$8000 last year, this year, pasta was added. PAC gaming game. PAC would like to have a bigger budget for Sports Day. We have already purchased some snacks and will need parent volunteer help on that day.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

**NEXT PAC MEETING:** Friday October 17, 2025 9am at James Thompson Library