



JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Meeting Minutes Friday October 17, 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, Kay Li, Rachel Gao, Nicole, Dawn, Katarina.

CALL TO ORDER 8:59am Nicolle Kit welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Land Acknowledgement –“Be a Good Ancestor” by Leona Prince.
2. Camp Jubilee Oct 1-3 - Successful trip with 7 staff and 67 students attending. Lots of courage, initiation, growth. Acknowledge the staff volunteer their time.
3. Evacuation Drill Oct 16th - Make sure all students are picked up without technology.
4. Learning Update #2 next week, early dismissal Oct 23 at 11:50am. February will have two conference days. Teachers will comment on Literacy, Numeracy, Social Emotional Learning, Core Competency.
5. Oct 24, 2025 - Pro-D Day - staff will be going to other sites for learning opportunities.
6. School Story Update - Continue Exploring Literacy Data.
7. Extracurricular Activities - student leadership, Crossing guards, lunch monitors, assembly set-up crew, morning announcers. Volleyball games ongoing; Cross country run Oct 29th, thank you to Mr. B and Mr. T.
8. Photo Retake Nov 5th am
9. Remembrance Day Nov 10 10:30am. Holiday next day Nov 11, 2025.
10. TC02 presentation Nov 17 - Monday for Grade 4/5 and 6/7 online concerns, consent and boundaries, healthy vs. unhealthy relationships.
11. CREATED BY KIDS Fundraiser: Staff are keen and on-board. Overarching question to inspire the art. “What are you learning from Nature? Why is it important?”
 - Coincide with a school community event on December 12th 1-2:30pm? Invite families into the school and share art. This is in response to feedback about Dance Performances and will replace this event, this year.
 - Honouring student work - parents can decide what and how much they want to purchase. Collected by the teacher. Great holiday gifting ideas.
12. Thompson Spirit Wear – to go live next week. Grad Hoodie - working on that.

13. Staff Wishlist: Dancers of Damelhamid – Feb 17th or 18th - \$1300. Others: 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 holes. Perennial plants. Outdoor picnic table, benches, chairs
14. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
- Oct 20th – Rob Laing (assistant superintendent) visits school
 - Oct 23rd – Learning Update 1 (Conferences); early dismissal at 11:50am
 - Oct 24th – Pro-D (No schools)
 - Oct 31st – Pumpkin Carving Event at 10:45am
 - Nov 3rd – Immunizations (grade 6 and 7's)
 - Nov 5th – Photo Retakes (AM)
 - Nov 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30am
 - Nov 11th – Remembrance Day (No School)
 - Nov 17th – TCO2 Presentations for grade 4/5's and 6/7's
 - Nov 21st – PAC Meeting at 9am
 - Nov 21st – Hot Lunch (Sushi)
 - Nov 28th – Pro-D Day (No School)

PAC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- PAC is looking for baked goods volunteers. Parents are welcome to sign up if they are interested. Feel free to email the PAC at thompson.pac@gmail.com
- Rachel is interested in shadowing as Secretary. PAC would like to say thank you.
- Richmond District PAC Meeting - Albert will be representing Thompson at the RDPA 7pm monthly. Student safety, parent involvement at home, presentation on DARE.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

- Oliver's Labels 20% commission with free shipping. Parents buying labels can purchase them through a link.
- TruEarth Detergent Eco-strip - 20% from each sale, free shipping over \$50.
- Created Kids Artwork - selection of items that can be purchased with student's work.
- We have reached out to Diefenbaker PAC for Walkathon fundraising.

BUDGET

- Sarah was working on the budget - Gaming account involves all students. The school donation account has been closed since we are done with the playground.
- PAC will work on donation letters i.e. ipad and gardening learning tools.
- Gaming account \$4860. Hot lunch revenue was great, Munch-a-lunch cost about \$369.
- Expenses: educational allotment and extra yearbook, BC PAC membership renewed, buses field trip. Next meeting, budget for upcoming year. PAC executives will meet up for that. Banking fee - TD was quite high. Coastal Capital was reasonable but we need to make sure the transition is done before we sign up for the gaming account deposit, in April,

before the new school year. Jo supported the idea, she said Coast Capital brought in a whole group of volunteers to help build the playground.

GRADE 7 GRADUATION COMMITTEE

There are 51 Grade 7 students this year. We would like to do a ceremony in the morning and bring in a DJ but some of the dates aren't available anymore. We would like to do fundraising at the Winter Event as well. Kevin mentioned need to get back to us with the team for the date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Friday November 21, 2025 9am at James Thompson Library