



JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Meeting Minutes Friday Jan 30, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE: Pavan Padda (Vice Chair), Victoria Lo (Co-Vice Chair), Gillian Yen (Secretary), Sarah Leung (Treasurer), Kevin Vines (Principal), Albert Wei, Josephine, Rachel Gao, Angela Louis, Yvonne Chan, Karen Cheung, Alice Lai, Dawn Lam.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Land Acknowledgement – Life lessons from Winter (bird video)
2. Professional Development Day - Monday, January 26th
3. Basketball tournament - Lots of teamwork. Games updated on WAAG. Basketball Jamboree on March 11/12 at Burnett.
4. Winter Solstice December 12, 2025 - Thank you to everyone. The event has been highlighted on the District website and newsletter. The PAC raised \$670 from the event.
5. Parent Volunteer – district updated protocols.
 - a) Completing a CRC. The *Criminal Record Check* is effective for 2 years. Access Code: U4T1JJQ370. Administrator provides volunteers with access information to do the free, online *Criminal Record*. <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access>
 - b) Updated Driving Form is completed each school year
 - c) Providing copy of insurance - Car insurance needs to prove \$1 million liability coverage
6. Thompson Spirit Wear – Update. The orders will be filled within the next 10 days.
7. Universal Hot Lunch Program – starting February 27. The Richmond School District is piloting a Universal Hot Lunch program at Thompson starting in *February*. Please note that this program would be separate from any PAC initiated school lunches. A secondary account will be set up for parents specifically for the universal hot lunch program and will not affect existing PAC accounts on MunchaLunch. This will be put to the WAAG as soon as more details are released by the District.
8. Learning Update #4 Parent Teacher Conference Feb 11 and Feb 12 - early dismissal. Student-led conversation about literacy, numeracy and core competencies.
9. Pink Shirt Day Assembly at 9am Feb 25 - care of self, others, care for place. School-wide initiative/fundraise. Caring for others in our community. Collecting donations, by division (specific focus) for Richmond Caring Place.

10. New garden beds materials arrived. They are made of aluminum and are expected to last a long time. A new club called Thompson Care Taking Club.
11. Kevin shared the reading assessment RFFA.

TREASUER REPORT AND FUNDRAISING

- Sarah updated the PAC that the balance in PAC Regular account \$18,528 and Gaming account \$11,918. The PAC received the Gaming Grant was received on Dec 2nd, 2025
- Victoria confirmed that the Movie License will cost \$425 plus tax, with live streaming \$620. 3-4 times per year would be worthwhile. Rental fee \$54 an hour, need custodian minimum a 3 hour rental. PAC will sort out more details if we could possibly collaborate with Burnett Secondary and Thompson Community. We can gather more information and discuss more in the February meeting.
- **Thompson's Walkathon** - *Earth Day on April 22, 2026* Wednesday. Pledge per lap, by donation. Pavan will work on a flyer.
- The Yearbook is on sale now. Last Day to order is Wed May 20, 2026. Deliver sometime in the week of June 15. \$30 tax included.

IMPORTANT DATES

- a. Feb 6 – Hot Lunch (Smokehouse)
- b. Feb 11/12 – Learning Update (conferences) – early dismissal at 1:45pm
- c. Feb 13 – Pro-D (No School)
- d. Feb 16 – Family Day (No School)
- e. Feb 18 – Dancers of Damelhamid Performance at 1:30pm
- f. Feb 20 – Hot Lunch (Sushi)
- g. Feb 25 – Pink Shirt Day Assembly at 9am
- h. Feb 27 – PAC Meeting at 9am
- i. Feb 27 – Universal Hot Lunch (District Initiative)

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Friday Feb 27, 2026 9am at James Thompson Library