



**JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
Meeting Minutes Friday Feb 27, 2026**

IN ATTENDANCE: Pavan Padda (Vice Chair), Victoria Lo (Chair), Sarah Leung (Treasurer), Kevin Vines (Principal), Gillian Yen (Secretary), Albert Wei, Josephine Wei, Rachel Gao, Kay Li.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:06am Pavan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Albert **MOVED** the motion to approve minutes from the January 30, 2026 PAC meeting. Victoria **SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

Pavan suggested catering and our hot lunch providers. Albert suggested catering boxes from Wholefood. Victoria suggested McNair catering by culinary arts program, which also has a vegetarian option and we are also supporting a local school. It will be on *Monday May 4, 2026*

THOMPSON WALKATHON

PAC will send out walkathon information after Spring Break. We will probably need 10 parents volunteering in groups of 4. Pavan will work on the pledge flyer. We could reward the winning class with pizza and freezies. Walkathon is planned on *Wednesday April 22, 2026*

WINTER PERFORMANCE

PAC would like to plan ahead and book something for the upcoming winter performance in the Fall. We are thinking about doing the same dance performance like we've done in the past, it has to be done early otherwise they get booked out closer to the date. Kevin said will get back to PAC at the next meeting.

MOVIE NIGHT

Victoria said just a movie license alone is \$425 plus tax and we will need to pay for the custodian fee. Many families would be away during Spring Break. PAC would like to do it at the end of September. PAC will discuss this more in May.

TREAT SALE FUNDRAISING

Josephine suggested doing a treat sale for fundraising. The Grade 7 farewell committee would like to tag along with PAC at their next fundraising event, Sports Day would be more ideal.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Land Acknowledgement – Ecosystem of school
 - a. Taking care of place and others – Plant Knowledge Cards, “Kindness Video”

- b. Superintendent Usih visit last Friday; sense of place and belonging
 - c. Garden Beds are in place. Flowers in courtyard - Increasing activity and equipment
- 2. Professional Development Day - Friday, February 13th
- 3. Parent's Guide to Emergency Preparedness
- 4. School Spring Data Collection: RFRA, ELL Census, Belonging and Student Learning Survey
- 5. Basketball Season! Games updated on WAAG. Basketball Jamboree on March 11/12 at Burnett. Game vs. Staff (at lunch in week before Spring Break)
- 6. Pink Shirt Day and Richmond Place Donations
 - a. Successful Assembly Feb 25th – Care for self, others, and place
 - b. School-wide initiative/fundraiser
 - c. Thompson CARES for self, others, place
- 7. Universal Hot Lunch Program – starting today; February 27th
 - a. The next one is March 13th.
- 8. ELFF Event on March 5th 1:15-3pm in Thompson Gym
 - a. Will's Jams Music
 - b. For 0-5 year olds; K class will join
- 9. Mar 12 – Immunization – K, 6 and 7's who missed initial date
- 10. Learning Updates – April 23rd; published on MyED

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Albert would like to remind all parents and caregivers to be mindful when driving in our school parking lot. There was a school bus who constantly drove into the parking lot at high speed and damaged the turf while maneuvering the vehicle. Kevin is aware of the situation.

YEARBOOK COVER

The Yearbook Cover poster will be sent to Keivn with WAAG. Kay said the entries due date will be April 10, 2026. 12 of them will be chosen and be displayed at the next PAC meeting. Parents are welcomed to come and see the finalist entries.

PAC Executive Update

PAC is looking for a new Co-Chair as Nicolle has stepped down. A call for the nomination for PAC executives needs to be sent at least 2 weeks before the AGM meeting in May. Albert would be happy to help for the next two years.

IMPORTANT DATES

- a. Mar 5 – ELFF Event – 1:15-3pm
- b. Mar 6 – Hot Lunch (pizza)
- c. Mar 11/12 – Burnett Basketball Jamboree
- d. Mar 13 – Universal Hot Lunch (District Initiative)
- e. Mar 14-29 – Spring Break
- f. Mar 30 – First Day back after Spring Break

- g. Apr 3 – Good Friday Holiday (No School)
- h. Apr 6 – Easter Monday Holiday (No School)
- i. Apr 10 – Hot Lunch (White Spot)
- j. Apr 17 – PAC Meeting 9am
- k. Apr 17 – Hot Lunch (Pasta)
- l. Apr 22 – Thompson Walkathon; Earth Day
- m. Apr 23 – Learning Update; published on MyED
- n. Apr 24 – Universal Hot Lunch
- o. Apr 27 – Class Photos at 9am

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Friday April 17, 2026 9am at James Thompson Library