



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

Meeting Minutes Friday April 17, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER: 9:03am Pavan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Victoria **MOVED** the motion to approve minutes from the February 27, 2026 PAC meeting. Sarah **SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Land Acknowledgement – Ecosystem of school. Learning Indigenous healing plant: Nootka / Wild Rose wild rose - anti-inflammatory; Oregon Grape - Yellow flower – dye for painting; Salal (medicinal) - Sweetener to add to a drink; a syrup.
2. Learning Updates – April 23rd; published on MyED
3. Shine Your Light Event – May 1st at 1:15pm. Rehearsals are underway – several staff are working together to support students and plan and coordinate all the elements. Rehearsals April 17, 21 and 22
4. Hip Hop Performance – May 7th at 9:30am
5. Welcome to Kindergarten - Thursday May 21st at 10-11:30am. Kindergarten Courtyard, gym and outdoors. Planning underway; PAC representation
6. Extra curricular activities: Soccer Intramural. Basketball. Thompson Care Giving Club.
7. Staffing Update: UBC TC's in long practicum until early June. Joanne Kit in Division 3. Audrey Yu, as resource teacher for intermediate divisions. New EA; Alinda Zhang
8. Monday April 27 - Class Photo
9. May 4, 2026 - Staff Appreciation
10. May 22, 2026 - Parent Volunteer Appreciation - band playing as parents are arriving.
11. Band Performance - June 19, 2026 10:45am
12. Track Meet At Minoru on May 27 for student grades 4 to 7 - last group of the Richmond schools. K to grade 3 will be staying at school. Different format District-wide. Options to be Recreational or Competitive. Participation in all events. Timing will be more accurate.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

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| 1. Track Meet at Minoru – May 27 th | 4. Grade 7 Assembly – June 23 rd |
| 2. Sports Day – June 5 | 5. Year-End Assembly – June 25 th |
| 3. Band Performance – June 19 th | |

THOMPSON WALKATHON

The route has been finalized. The school will go along the Northbound on No. 1 towards River Road and go back along Gibbons Drive. The PAC will need a minimum of 8 parent volunteers. Kevin mentioned it is really important that we're making sure the kids won't sneak across the major intersections. Parents are welcomed to join the event. Meet at the gym at 1pm.

SPORTS DAY - June 5

Jo will be helping with the Treat Sale on Sports Day. Grade 7 students will also be doing fundraising the same day with a lucky draw of the Labubu.

MOVIE NIGHT 2026-2027

PAC will set up a meeting with Kevin to discuss details and set a date. The movie license will be valid for 12 months so we could possibly do another one in the Fall.

WINTER CONCERT Dec 2026

The PAC will like to pre-plan and decide on doing the kind of dance. Pavan mentioned that if we waited too long, some of the better prices, some of the better groups, would get booked up. Kevin will circle back after discussing with the teachers. Some of the themes our school did before were Hip Hop, Bollywood, Latin.

YEARBOOK COVER VOTING

PAC received 19 submissions this year. They are printed in digital file that's higher resolution. The PAC has picked 10 out of these for the whole school to vote on.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH

PAC will set up the Teacher Appreciation Lunch in the library. McNair Catering has been arranged. We will need about 5 parent volunteers if possible.

PAC AGM NOMINATIONS

PAC's next meeting is on May 22nd and that will be our AGM. The nominations can be in one week prior to that meeting May 14th. So we will be voting for the chair, the co-chair, the secretary, the treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

NEXT PAC MEETING: AGM on Friday May 22, 2026 9am at James Thompson Library