



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, Kay Li, and Nicole.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:11am Pavan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Sarah **MOVED** the motion to approve minutes from the April 17, 2026 PAC meeting.

Rachel **SECONDED** the motion. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

1st CALL FOR NOMINATION PAC EXECUTIVES 2026/2027

1. Nicolle nominated Victoria Lo to be the PAC Chair.
2. Josephine nominated Albert Wei to be the Co-Chair.
3. Nicolle nominated Albert Wei to be the Vice-Chair.
4. Nicolle nominated Sarah Leung to be the Treasurer.
5. Nicolle nominated Rachel Gao to be the Secretary.

Josephine **MOVED** and Pavan **SECONDED** these nominations.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Land Acknowledgement – Ecosystem of school. KALKAY (call-kay); Wild Rose (nootka) – Learning indigenous flowers. Book: The land knows me by: Leigh Joseph
2. Parent Appreciation – THANK YOU!
3. Staff Appreciation Lunch – THANK YOU!
4. Last Pro D Day – May 15th at VanDusen Gardens - First Peoples Principles of Learning. Circle of Courage by Dr. Martin Brokenleg. Truth and Reconciliation – Calls to Action #62-65. Learning about native plants and trees in PM from VanDusen Staff
5. Welcome to Kindergarten – May 21st at 10-11:30am- A big success!
6. Extra-curricular Activities - Soccer intramurals, Basketball for grade 5/6's, Chess Club, Thompson Care Giving Club – growing in numbers/interest.
7. Track Meet – May 27th at Minoru - Different format District-wide. Grade 4-7. Recreational and Competitive. Participation in all events.
8. Sports Day – June 5th - Similar format to previous years
9. Social Responsibility Assembly, Indigenous Day Acknowledgement - Fraser River Keepers
10. Class Placements – process and timing. Thompson's capacity will be lower next year due to decreased Kindergarten enrollment.

11. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- a. Track Meet at Minoru – May 27th
- b. Sports Day – June 5th
- c. Band Performance – June 19th
- d. Grade 7 Assembly – June 23rd
- e. Learning Update 5 – MyEd at 3pm
- f. Year-End Assembly – June 25th
- g. Summer Break June 26th –September 7th
- h. 1st Day Back at ThompsonSeptember 8th

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. We may need 10 to 12 parent volunteers to help sell tickets before the actual event and on the day of. Tents will be set up for tickets presale two days prior. Children are encouraged to write the name on the tickets for the lucky draw.

THOMPSON MOVIE NIGHT

Two dates are scheduled - Friday Oct 16th and Friday Dec 4th. Doors open at 2:45pm, movie starts at 3:15pm. Victoria will get the license and book the gym with the school district. Pizza and juice boxes will be pre-ordered. Other options: Popcorn, hotdog, snacks. Victoria will check with Discovery after school whether they would like to send some kids to join the event.

PAC MEETING DATE 2026/2027

September 18, 2026

October 16, 2026

November 20, 2026

January 22, 2027

February 19, 2027

April 16, 2027

May 21, 2027

VOTE ON PAC EXECUTIVE SIGNATORIES

Motion to add Sarah Leung and Rachel Gao as cheque signing for Thompson account. Dawn made the motion, Rachel seconded. All In Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATION

No addition

ELECTION OF PAC EXECUTIVES FOR 2026/2027

Appointed by Acclamation:

1. Victoria Lo, Chair
2. Albert Wei, Vice-Chair
3. Sarah Leung, Treasurer
4. Rachel Gao, Secretary

All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

WINTER CELEBRATION

Kevin has talked to the staff. Teachers are ok to do the dance and would like to do 50s / 60s swing dance. Kids would be excited to do K-Pop dance. PAC will try to explore more options and book it earlier, as availability fills up quickly and early booking is often necessary.

YEARBOOK SALES

Yearbook sales were discussed with 86 copies sold as of May 6. Considering the school has approximately 240 students, the sales were viewed positively for a smaller school community especially since some families with multiple children may only purchase one copy. The yearbooks are expected to be delivered during the week of June 15.

GRADE 7 FAREWELL

The Grade 7 Farewell will take place on June 23, 2026. The day will begin with a morning assembly followed by lunch and a celebration party. Most details for the event have now been finalized and Grade 7 parents should be receiving an email from the school shortly with further information.

THOMPSON PAC BYLAWS

Victoria will bring forward the updated bylaws in September as they will also need to be voted on. The draft is still a working document, and we are currently using the existing bylaws from 2009. Victoria has converted the bylaws to electronic version. She said didn't make many changes to the current version aside from adding the Treasurer as one of the signing authorities and bumping up \$150 to \$200 for anything over must receive prior approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

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