

PAC Meeting Summary – January 28, 2026

Meeting Start: 7:01 PM

Territorial Acknowledgement

The meeting opened with an acknowledgement that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

Attendance

Parents: Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen (President), Kim Hildebrandt (Secretary), Kendall Moland (Treasurer), Kayla Wassen (Vice President), Mackenzie Barker, Mary Scheidegger, Brandi Ripel

Staff: Jodi Garries (Principal) was absent due to illness but submitted a Principal's Report, which was read aloud.

Administrative Actions

- A motion to amend the agenda by removing item #6 due to the Principal's absence was made by Mary Scheidegger and seconded by Kayla Wassen. *Motion carried.*
- A motion to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes was made by Brandi Ripel and seconded by Mary Scheidegger. *Motion carried.*

Principal & Teacher Reports

- **Principal's Report:** Refer to Appendix.

Treasurer's Report (Kendall Moland)

- Winter Concerts (2025): \$859
- December De Milles Food Box fundraiser: \$89
- December Movie Night: \$433
- Panago Pizza Hot Lunch: \$434
- Purdy's Fundraiser: \$2,183

- Winter Flowers Fundraiser: \$488
- Funds for Food donations: \$825
- Donation received from Fountain Tire: \$600

Spring Fundraising

- Discussion was held regarding switching the Spring Flowers Fundraiser to a local company instead of the previously used Growing Smiles. Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen will explore local options.
- De Milles Food Boxes have been opened on Munch-A-Lunch for the upcoming months.

Curling Activity

- The Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings curling program was discussed as a potential school activity. The PAC expressed interest in pursuing this opportunity. Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen will follow up with the Principal.

Playground Expansion Update

- A review of options previously discussed in November included:
 - Four-swing swingset: \$31,499
 - Sport Court: \$59,207
 - Sport Court with concrete: \$63,000
 - Additional court: \$119,907.44
- A detailed cost breakdown for a 60' x 65' Play Court was presented by Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen.

- Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen will confirm swingset pricing with the Principal due to noted uncertainty.

Hot Lunch Update

- Hot Lunch Coordinator Joanna Padgham was unable to attend.

Events

- **February Movie Night:** Friday, February 20, 2026, from 5:30–7:30 PM.
- **Spring Carnival:** The originally proposed date of May 21 was changed to Friday, June 5, 2026. *Agreed.*

Open Floor

- No additional items were raised.

Next Meeting

- February 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Appendix:

Principal's Report

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- It's Unplug and Play week and we have definitely been doing a lot of that this week! Thank you for hosting breakdancing again this year, and I hope it was a good turnout. We've also had demo lessons with Shuswap Lacrosse for every class the past 2 days, one class went cross country skiing, and 6 classes went skating. We are doing a schoolwide DEAR tomorrow, and one Friday about 20 students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are participating in the Pirate Loppet, and Mr. Smith is taking them.
- Our grade 5s have started their basketball season, with practices starting last week and games starting this week. Our girls team had their first game at home today vs

Sorrento, and the boys will play Sorrento at home tomorrow. Coaches are Mrs. Menzies for the boys team, and it's a combo effort for the girls team: Amber Yurkowski, Jaime Hotte, and a little help from Ms. Brown are our coaches, and Ms. Tyssen and I are the sponsors/organizers. Mrs. Boyd has happily stepped up to ref home games. So grateful to everyone for chipping in!

- Our Shuswap Food Action program sure is going well, and we can't thank parents enough for the volunteer time to make it so. I hope today's Mac Cheese day went great!
- Thank you to parents who let us know when their child(ren) are going to be absent or late for school. The most preferred way to contact us is to call the school, and even if no one answers, leave a message. Email is an OK method, but sometimes gets missed first thing in the morning, so that is why calling the school number is best.
- Kindergarten registration day happened 2 weeks ago, and at this point we have 37 kindie students registered for next year (this is up from 26 this time last year). If you know of families who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec 31, 2026, and live in our current catchment area (changes only apply for Sept 2027), please let them know their child is eligible to register for school for this coming year. Also, please spread the word that our first chance to meet these new littles is at Ready, Set, Learn on Feb 4 from 10:15-11:15. We hope everyone can sign up just by calling Cindy in the office.
- Art fair – it runs at Picadilly Mall again, from Feb 6 – 13. When you get a chance, we hope you can stop by the mall and check out some of the samples of art work our talented Hillcrest students created!
- Dates to remember:

Jan 30 – Pirate Loppet at Larch Hills

Feb 4 – Ready, Set, Learn, 10:15-11:15, library, for 3-5 year olds

Feb 6 - 13 – Art Fair displays at Picadilly Mall

Feb 12 – Subway Day

Feb 13 – Pro-D Day (students do not attend)

Feb 16 – Family Day (no school)

Week of Feb 17 – Shuswap Soccer demo lessons happening in our gym for each class

Feb 25 – Pink Shirt Day

~ Jodi