

Lake Hill Elementary PAC
Minutes
7:00 pm Wednesday, 5 February 2025



Attendance:

Cara Jackson, President - Div 5 & 2
Ashley Sloat, Vice-President - Div 6 & 11
Sara Baxter, Secretary - Div 6
Jessica Cavers - Div 11
Emma and Blake - Div 10
Tammy McColl Div - 1 & 7
Anita Carreiro Div - 5 & 10
Candice Gartner - Div 2 & 5
Brett Johnson - Principal

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Move to approve agenda
 - a. Amended agenda presented: Cara
 - b. Motion to accept agenda: passed
3. Review minutes (January 2025)
 - a. Minutes presented: Cara
 - b. Motion to accept minutes: passed
4. Continuing Business:
 - a. Fun Lunch
 - i. Hot dog & booster juice - 174 orders
 - ii. Need extra help as this is a big one, additional volunteers needed to cook hotdogs
 - b. Kernels Popcorn
 - i. 124 orders for this Friday
 - c. Nature playground update
 - i. Brett has been working very hard behind the scenes; should know more Feb 6th after Principal's Meeting
 - ii. PAC to look into Grant opportunities (BC Gaming Capital Grant and others)
 - d. Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) Update
 - i. VCPAC is the official representative for SD61 PACs. VCPAC primary task under provincial legislation is to advise the School Board on "any matter relating to education in the school district". Every PAC has a representative on the VCPAC.

- ii. Cara and other PAC Executive members have been participating in VCPAC meetings and there has been quite a lot of activity recently with regards to the Minister of Education and Child Care and the School Board.
 - iii. Cara attended a meeting with the Minister of Education on January 23rd where school community and school safety was discussed. Cara declined to comment as there had been no time to collect information from our school community
 - iv. Cara attended a Special VCPAC meeting on January 29th. At this meeting she voted on three motions:
 - 1. She voted in support of a statement that the VCPAC was to release stating that the PACs had not been provided enough time to canvass school families regarding topics discussed at the January 23rd meeting with the Minister.
 - 2. She voted in support of a motion for PAC's to bring forward the School Board draft policy 5145 Police Questioning of Students in Schools for comment from school families.
 - 3. She voted in support of a drafted VCPAC letter sharing feedback on the Proposed School District 61 Budget to be shared with the School Board.
 - v. Since the meetings noted above the Minister of Education has placed a trustee to relieve the School Board trustees of their duties. All School Board meetings are cancelled and the items voted on above are not currently relevant and therefore not discussed in further detail at tonight's PAC meeting.
 - vi. PAC Executives will continue to attend VCPAC meetings and will provide updates at each Lake Hill PAC (LHPAC) meeting going forward.
- e. Event/Fundraiser Recap
- i. Board Game Night
 - 1. Noticeable lack of volunteers to help set up (only two adults including one PAC Exec (Ashley Sloat) and one school staff)
 - 2. Very well attended
 - 3. BoardGame Cafe workers were great
- f. Upcoming Events & Fundraisers
- i. Family Movie Night - February 21
 - 1. Some movie votes on Facebook
 - 2. 5-7 movies being considered
 - 3. We will take suggestions to Common Sense Media to make sure they are ok for all age groups - then we will poll on WhatsApp community
 - ii. Purdys Chocolatier - spring campaign
 - 1. Link in newsletter
 - 2. Order by March 30, pick up April 11
 - iii. Bottle Drive - pick date (volunteer to lead)

1. Need a parent to lead and schedule with Bottle Depot and recruit volunteers - **CARA TO ACTION THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**
2. Bottle Depot brings resources - can do a no sort bottle drive which is easier for volunteers - get to keep 75% vs 100% if volunteers sort
3. Call or book on website
4. After May long weekend is a good time
5. Traditionally Friday AM is good, but could also be done on a weekend, or alternate day
6. All bottle drive funds go to playgrounds!
- iv. Staff Appreciation - April 23 (volunteer to lead)
 1. Need a parent volunteer to lead this - **CARA TO REACH OUT TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS**
- v. Russel Book Fair - May 21-23
 1. Booked and arranged by school librarians
 2. PAC helps by providing volunteer sign up, all proceeds go to the school
- g. Parent Education
 - i. Finding a balance with digital technology with Shannon Husk
 1. Lake Hill had a good parent turnout
 2. Great tips for parents!
 3. Slide show has been shared in newsletter
 - ii. Helping build resilient kids - learning how to recognize and talk about feelings together with AJ Hildebrand - Feb 11th on Teams at 7-8:30 PM
 1. Link in newsletter
5. New Business
 - a. Parent Voice
 - i. A parent commented that they would like to see more fathers and men volunteering at Lake Hill. The executive and many events have a high proportion of women showing up and it would be really nice to see more men.
 - ii. Grade 5 chocolate bars - \$3 a bar - Friday after school or possibly next Tuesday
 1. Raising funds for year end activity - Camp Thunderbird
 2. Grade 5 fundraising is not PAC run, all done by Grade 5 parents
 3. PAC funds Grade 5 t shirts which have been ordered and are waiting items to be stocked and order filled
 - b. BCause Fundraiser Live
 - i. Selection of produce boxes: "Mixed Produce", "Just Fruit", "Just Veg" which saves 15-25% compared to delivery from "leading traditional grocery stores". Can also order gourmet meat bundles featuring premium BC meats.

- ii. Can order a box one-time or purchase a subscription for additional savings.
 - iii. Proceeds go to "Lake Hill Elementary's PAC" from the "Choose your Cause" for each box sold
 - iv. Give-away at movie night
 - c. Planning for PAC AGM - May 7
 - i. Call for nominations
 - 1. Executive
 - a. President - Cara Jackson can not stay in this role. New President (or Co-President) needed for next year
 - b. VP
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary - Sara Baxter will stay in this role
 - 2. Other volunteer roles
 - a. Emma and Blake willing to join Fun Lunch team
 - b. Cara Jackson willing to be VCPAC representative
 - 3. Committees for each event
 - a. More coming soon
- 6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Bank Balances
 - i. Chequing - \$19,990.13
 - ii. Savings - \$16,265.10
 - iii. Gaming - \$6,741.13
 - iv. PAC funds held by School - \$9,240.05
 - 1. Games Night - \$91.75
 - v. YTD - \$19,444.75
- 7. Administrator's Report
 - a. Kids are LOVING the new sound system in the gym when staff use for PE classes
 - b. Home Reading is going really great
 - c. Michael Bortolotto presentation pushed back to early March
 - d. Student led conferences - Feb 13th - such a great time - students do a great job preparing for this
 - e. Kindergarten immunization clinic - VIHA will need to review immunization records first - Feb 25th - Tuesday
 - f. Lots to look forward to in February
- 8. Adjourn

No March meeting. Next meeting Wednesday April 2, 2025