

**SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025
HELD AT THE SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We are privileged to be working and learning on the Stó:lō unceded traditional territory of the Pilalt, Semá:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw.

ATTENDANCE: Erin Kelley (President), Deanna Devauld (Vice President), Rae-Anne Ricka (Super Reader Coordinator), Kendy Michaloski (DPAC), Joanna Kasper (Principal), Lindsay Sanderson (Vice-Principal), Amanda Walsh (Treasurer), Meghan Shattock (Secretary), Jayme Hunter, Eden Dyble, Candice Lamotte, Julie Kelly, Brittny Boros, Alexander Litwin.

INTRODUCTIONS: Erin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *Motion to adopt by Rae-Anne, seconded by Kendy. Passed.*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: *Motion to adopt the General Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2024 by Erin, seconded by Rae-Anne. Passed.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Joanna advised that there are new Supervision Assistants starting in the near future, and that staff are interviewing more to be able to have some casual Supervision Assistants to call on when needed. Joanna also advised that following Spring Break, staff will begin strategizing the school staffing organization to plan for the upcoming school year of 2025-2026. Mrs. Greenwood is away, and there are replacements scheduled for her classroom. There is a Super Mario theme in the gym until March 13th! Joanna also commented that the exterior benches added around the school have been great addition, and would like to see more in the future, on the Primary side and other areas.

DPAC REPORT: Kendy advised that there is a meeting coming up, which parents can also attend via Zoom, on February 27th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a presentation on the School District Strategic Plan, which includes various stakeholders and groups. The presentation this week is by Rosanne James and Michelle Dennel to provide an update on the Feeding Futures Program. Kendy also advised that Katie Bartel is on leave as DPAC Chair while she is a candidate for the School District Trustee By-election.

DPAC was invited to a presentation on AI. DPAC may bring this forward as a presentation for parents to attend. On Thursday, March 6th there will be a LET'S presentation provided in-person and online, on disability and neurodivergence.

Questions regarding DPAC business and DPAC related information for SES can be forwarded to Kendy via the PAC email address at sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca or via the Sardis Elementary PAC Group facebook page. Kendy will post DPAC minutes and information there as well.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Amanda reported that the expense of \$150 for new yoga mats was approved by PAC executive. The students participating in the yoga breaks with Mrs. Lacerte at lunch will benefit greatly! PAC will be expensing the approved funds shortly for the upcoming waterslides field trips, etc. The Knight Road Legacy (Bingo) Fund meeting took place, but they didn't have the exact numbers yet and will know in April. It should be around \$1,300. PAC has a further nine (9) years to collect these funds.

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The \$4, 446.16 in seed money has come in, and recent approved expenses include: Munch-A-Lunch deposits; classroom games; and the ice maker (for the front office, used for injuries).

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Grade 5 Celebration Committee Fundraisers – Parents in attendance representing the Grade 5 Celebration Committee requested that the \$500 PAC donation towards celebration expenses be increased due to inflation, and other grade donations being increased over time, such as the Grade 3 Camp. A discussion of the completed, current and future fundraisers for the celebration continued, which included: Mothers Day Photos; Mothers Day Plants; Purdy's; Wings Family Night; 1st Aid Kits; bottle drive; and others. Staff explained that there may be a shift in some of the fundraising activities available, as Mrs. Duval and Mrs. Neufeld would likely be needing to take one for their field trip, and the Grade 3 Camp may need another.

Parents of the Grade 5 Committee explained that their current fundraising goal is \$10,000, but would need further funds for transportation (\$300) and other costs, which will probably require a budget of approximately \$12,300. They have currently raised \$6,829. There will be approximately 73 students attending, which would work out, after fundraising, to approximately \$72 per student to pay out of pocket. Committee Parents would like to make sure that the ground fees for staff, teachers, and parents are covered by their fundraising as well.

Attendees of the meeting discussed how Covid in 2020 and the following years saw a decrease in the size and activity of the Grade 5 Celebration.

Further discussion on fundraising followed, as staff, teachers and PAC have been receiving comments from parents about the number of fundraising campaigns that are taking place (ie that there are too many this year). Joanna explained that while she enjoys facilitating fundraisers for student activities and needs each year, there is a limit. Principals have the ultimate and final say when it comes to school fundraising campaigns, to ensure the spirit of intent, and culture of the school remains consistent.

Joanna also advised that the Wings Family Night fundraiser would be required to be an alcohol-free event, in-keeping with the best interest of the school and families.

Motion to approve \$300 for Grade 5 Celebration transportation by Deanna, seconded by Candice. Failed. Tabled to the April PAC meeting so an update on fundraising can be provided.

Rae-Anne provided a suggestion that moving forward, fundraisers for each year can be laid out at the start of the school year in coordination with staff and approval by Joanna, that will determine which campaigns are approved for which fundraisers. Further to this, a plan of how to handle fundraising opportunities that come about from time to time should be addressed.

Bylaw Review Committee – Erin advised that she would like to strike a committee to review the current PAC bylaws, consisting of four-to-five members. Meghan, Rae-Anne and Deanna volunteered to participate. If you would like to join this committee, please reach out to Erin at sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca.

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Carnival – Deanna advised that no further fundraisers are needed at this time.

SAVE THE DATE

***The Sardis Elementary School Carnival will be held on
Thursday, June 5th 2025!***

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Teacher Requests – Mrs. Anderson requested reimbursement for the remainder of the classroom light covers in the amount of \$32.30.

Motion to approve \$32.30 reimbursement to Mrs. Anderson for classroom light covers by Meghan, seconded by Deanna. Passed.

Soccer Nets – Discussion regarding purchase of new soccer nets for the North field took place. Joanna advised that the nets for the school were purchased accidentally/without final approval from Joanna by district staff when they placed a bulk order for other schools within the district. It was discussed that this is more of a capital/long-term purchase that students, families and the community will benefit from, and students can feel proud of. Joanna advised that she could spend some of the school's budget on this if PAC feels they cannot afford the full purchase on their own, but that she had not planned for this expense. Further discussion continued regarding the current PAC bank accounts, which have more than enough to fund such capital purchases and should really be utilized by the end of the 2024/2025 school year.

Motion to approve \$5,592.05 for two new Sardis Elementary School soccer nets by Meghan, seconded by Jayme. Passed.

Further discussion took place, and a request of Mrs. Cavanaugh will be made to organize a gym activity for students with a budget of \$2,500 by the end of the current school year.

Annual General Meeting – The PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in May, and there will be openings on the Executive, such as DPAC, Treasurer, and President.

Signing Officer – Deanna will be added to the Envision Credit Union account as signing officer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the SES library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

If parents or guardians of students would like to join Deanna's Carnival Committee team, please contact us at sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca!