

# Minutes for Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:It PAC Meeting

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**Location:** Stitó:s School - Foods Room

**Date:** November 21, 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Attendees:** Melissa Benz (Secretary), Melissa Hill (Vice Chair), Brian Leong (Chair), Mike Partington, Amanda Gervais (Treasurer), Jason Kemp (Principal) and Deirdre O'Connor (Fundraising).

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, followed by territorial acknowledgments and a welcome to attendees. Motion to approve the minutes from last October's meeting was motioned by Amanda Gervais and seconded by Mike Partington. None opposed, motion carries. Motion to approve the agenda as presented was motioned by Brian Leong and seconded by Amanda Gervais. None opposed, motion carries.

## **Principal's Report:**

- Winter Events;
  - o Deck the Halls starts on November 29<sup>th</sup> and will run approximately one week.
  - o Turkey Shoot, by donation of \$1. Basketball shots for middle school students and bean bags for elementary students. Money raised will be used to support families in the school, and there will be a draw for a turkey!
  - o Elementary Winter Concert to take place on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Grade 7 Entrepreneur Fair to take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Scholastic Book Fair will run from December 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Winter Band Concert will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Sports Teams;
  - o Grade 7 and 8 basketball is running with a girls team and a boys team for each grade.
- Budget;
  - o \$175k allotted to operate the school for the 2024/2025 year. There was also a surplus of \$28k from last year.
    - 33% of budget used for day-to-day operations
    - 13% for exploratories
    - 4% each for athletics, library and student activities
    - 8% for staff functions/appreciation
    - 25% retained as a restrictive surplus (evergreening)
      - 11 ovens and 180 laptops (not including teacher's laptops) are all the same age and will likely need to be replaced at the same time.
- [Feeding Futures](#) program up and running within the school, providing barrier-free food for any student who is hungry!

## **Chair/Vice Chair Report:**

- "Supporting your Anxious Child" presentation was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Although there was a smaller attendance it was well received by those who were there.

- “Art Cards by Kids” had 162 orders. Delivery should be next week or early the next week.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- General Account: Available balance \$10,140.87
  - o DPAC grant of \$225 was received.
  - o A \$500 donation was made by a parent.
  - o Popcorn sales are low;
    - Possibly due to a low number of Munch-A-Lunch registrations.
  - o Art Cards by Kids profit will be determined by the January meeting.
  - o Band fundraising;
    - \$403 for Panago
    - \$390 for Smoothies
- Gaming account: Available balance remains unchanged at \$3,011.48

### **Fundraising Report:**

- New fundraising section can now be found on the school’s [website!](#)
- Munch-A-Lunch is up and running! Make sure to register so you don’t miss out on any fundraisers.
  - o There is an option to donate, and these donations will be used to support students with lunches.
  - o There is also a tab where you can sign up to volunteer for events at the school.
- Purdy’s: Order deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Mables Labels is up and running.
- Christmas Concert Bake sale
  - o Will need volunteers at event and to donate baked goods.
  - o Possibly have a donation box as well.
- Square Reader
  - o Deirdre O’Connor motions to spend up to \$100 to purchase and set up a square reader to facilitate card payments. Seconded by Melissa Benz. None were opposed – motion carries.

### **DPAC Report:**

- Attached.

### **New Business:**

- Grade 8 Parent Committee
  - o All grade 8 parents were emailed, and 7-8 have replied.
- Teacher Requests
  - o As the PAC is still relatively new and has limited funds, individual teacher requests will not be accepted at this time, unless it will benefit the whole school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7pm.

## DPAC Rep Updates for November 2024

### GENERAL UPDATES:

- Outside Agencies in schools
  - The district is moving towards not having any contactors in schools (e.g., therapists).
    - Rationale: The district want to be more inline with provincial practices. No other district's allow contractors to come in. There are also liability risks.
    - Concerns: lack of equity, lack of accessibility (some children only have access to services in schools), the district hasn't offered a solution to the gap that will be created.
- Advocacy: Next Steps:
  - Advocacy priorities this year have been informed by the priority survey that was sent out at the beginning of the year.
  - Anti-bullying:
    - DPAC will pen a letter to the district that speaks to the increase in parent concern about the rise of bullying and what parents to perceive to be limited corrective action.
      - PACs will have the opportunity to sign the letter.
    - DPAC is trying to set-up an anti-bullying presentation/workshop for parents.
    - An infographic will be developed to help parents understand the pathways they can take if their child is being bullied.
  - Infrastructure and school capacity concerns:
    - DPAC will pen an email to the BC Facilities Committee.
    - DPAC will continue to dialogue with the district during reoccurring meetings to understand what approaches they are considering.
    - Advocacy will continue to evolve as DPAC learns more with respect to the district's plans.
  - EA Support:
    - DPAC will pen a letter to the district that speaks to the increase in parent concern about the rise of bullying and what parents to perceive to be limited corrective action.
      - PACs will have the opportunity to sign the letter.

### DATES TO NOTE:

- November 21<sup>st</sup> – Sue Robbins - Advocacy
  - Sue Robbins will share her personal advocacy journey, will discuss the different levels of advocacy in BC and will share practical tips on how to navigate the school system, IEP meetings, and the struggle against exclusion.  
You can register here -
- November 28<sup>th</sup> – DPAC GM
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – BCCPAC CONFERENCE Online
- December 5, 2024 - Safeteen Violence Prevention Workshop
  - Safeteen is a skills based violence prevention program  
You can register here -