

## Yarrow Community School PAC Meeting Agenda

April 29, 2025– 7PM – School Library

Attendance - Natasha Vandiermen, Leanne Lethan, Dana Swinden, Marie Vroom, Aimee McAllister, Jaime- Lynn Kampman, Melissa Bukta, Sherisse Ellerby, Ashley

1. Welcome/Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda - Ashley 7:02PM
3. Adoption of Minutes - Ashley & Dana 7:02PM
4. Principal's Report
  - Martial Arts Day. The kids had a ton fun
  - Cross country run - Held at Cultus. We will meet at 21 and the younger kids will go first. Mrs. Besse will be there and have jerseys handed out beforehand and bring extras in case kids didn't get one.
  - Kindergarten # - 53 kindergarteners so far. We will have an extra division next year.
  - Mrs. Marples is coming back so we don't need more staff to help with the new kindergarteners.
  - Mrs. Falk will be on mat leave until Jan 2026.
  - Our calendar is full until the end of June. We are very busy. Please keep up to date with it.
  - Pancake breakfast is put on by Yarrow Alliance. They've been doing this for approx 15 years. There will be a soft start that morning so that all the kids can eat. This will commence at 7AM.
  - Class photos and school panorama photos happening this friday.
  - June 3rd- Indigenous Day. 8AM-12:30PM. Sign up for parent volunteers will go out mid May.
  - End of Year Activities: Pirate theme. Looking for parents to help with hot lunch and recess snacks. June 13th. There will be approx 6 stations for this activity. Hot lunch will be White Spot. Popcorn, cotton candy, ice-cream as recess snacks. This activity is in place of the Aldergrove waterpark. PAC will be helping to sponsor it.

- Bridal Falls is another activity the school will be doing. June 6th.
- We had Fraser Valley Waste and Recycling over to show the kids how the truck works. This was in conjunction with Earth Day
- Kids will use their BARKS and do "Punch a Cup". A fun way to end the year with their BARKS
- Update from the District: East side school - postponed to be open for 2027. Charlotte isn't sure if this will affect the boundary review with us. It's on hold or they "don't know" as per Amy. She is the district's communication person.

#### 5. Chair Report

- Positions for next year - Committees and PAC Executive
- Ashley asked if we can change the constitution so that the PAC members can carry on more than 2 years. Right now it is a 2 year limit. Leanne mentioned it was something PAC has wanted to do for a few years and never got around to do it.
- We would like to have committees in place for next year. Movie night, Popcorn, Fundraising, DPAC, Events, Yearbook, Hotlunch, Smoothies.
- Marie may have 2 people for the yearbook committee. There is a form to fill out which committee you'd like to join any of the committees - this will be in the office.
- Dates for next year: Asking parents in attendance what they prefer
  - Movie Nights: 4 this year. We can do 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring. Friday nights
  - Puzzle Night: January/Feb 2026
  - Parent Night:
  - Books, Bannock, Bingo: Feb 2026
  - Math Night: April 2026 Friday nights due to sports

#### 6. DPAC Report – Jamie-Lynn Kampman

- Meeting Minutes for this at the end of document

#### 7. Treasurer Report – Aimee McAllister

- \$13000 in the bank account right now. We covered for the year.  
The bakesale was a massive success. We made \$805 on that.  
Great job Sherisse.

## 8. Committee Reports

- Fundraising – Marie Vroom: We made over \$1000 on So Luxury! This was our last fundraiser of the year. We have 10 Excel Martial Arts tickets to sell for \$30 each. We are now asking the community if they would like to purchase one. You get 1 month and a tshirt all for \$30.
- Food Report – Natasha Vandiermen.
  - Fresh Slice delivered 1 hour late. Other than that, kids seem to really like pizza. Volunteers are showing up to help which is much appreciated!
- Events Report – Leanne Letham
  - Fun Fair: We have a ton of raffle items. WestJet donated 2 flights to anywhere they fly. Leanne has collected a ton of raffle prizes from businesses all over the community.
    - We need volunteers to help make the baskets, set up, clean up, shifts, tickets, carnival games, ect. Alliance Youth is coming to help with games for half the night. Leanne reached out to the highschool for some volunteers but no luck.
    - Tickets/wristbands will be on Munchalunch ahead of time.
    - We will need help building some things for us. Plinko board or spinning board. If you know anyone please let PAC know.
  - Teacher Appreciation - looking for volunteers! Theme/Idea? Dana & Ashley both volunteered. Budget will be \$600.

## 9. Spending Discussion

- Sports Equipment

- Technology: Charlotte talking about needing new ipad carts. The cost will be roughly \$14,000. They last around 10 years.
- We have \$8600 in terms right now and \$2000 for this year to go into it. . The plan is that \$2000 will go in every year.
- Possibly starting a new term to start saving for future playground equipment. Charlotte says that we should start at the beginning of next year and have someone out to create a plan for our playground. We can work through phases. We have the room for it.
- Other spending suggestions? Charlotte says some of the teachers suggested some PM reading books. Giant Jenga outside. We have one already and the kids love it. Mud kitchen - put out the call for more pots and pans. Charlotte mentioned that the district doesn't like the pots and pans around the field and the drain beside the sandbox gets filled with sand. Leanne mentions that Yarrow Building Supplies has said that he can provide supplies if someone wants to add onto the mud kitchen.
- We've asked if anyone else has any ideas. Most support the books and the hockey equipment.
- Motioning to vote towards putting PAC money towards hockey equipment - Ashley & Dana Swinden. Majority votes yes to this.
- Charlotte to price out hockey sticks.

#### 10. Other Business

- Nothing to add.

#### 11. Adjournment - Sherisse 8:01PM

Next Meeting AGM – Tuesday, May 27, 2025. 7PM – School Library

## **DPAC MEETING MINUTES: Jaime-Lynn Kampman**

Reporting from last two DPAC meetings since no PAC meetings in March

Feb. 27 - DPAC

District Presentation: Feeding Futures

- 2nd of 3 year contract (hopefully extended)
- Hopefully getting federal funding for breakfast and lunch programs- 6 provinces have signed

Bowls of Hope:

- Starfish backpacks - 275 students in 21 schools

Ministry of Education launched new website -BC School Food Tool kit

- has all things around food in schools -always looking for volunteers

BCCPAC

- May 23-25 is the AGM in Prince George - also Hybrid

- you can send in resolutions you would like to be brought up and reviewed at the AGM

Bullying letter was given to the district

- to note: there are some policies already in place for bullying

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- part of the action plan for this year

- based on feedback form parent survey

- feedback from the anti-bullying letter was that this letter is a longer and more detailed as suggested

- PAC's need to vote on it like they did for the anti-bullying letter and each PAC will be asked at the next DPAC meeting if they wish to sign their name or not

-it takes too long to adjust, so it is not possible- decision to sign as is or not- not to make adjustments

-PACS are allowed to sent their own letter as well if they wish

April 24 - DPAC

Gaming grant is now open from April 1 to June 30

Information Items:

-Lindsey Davidson is the new DPAC member at large to fil the empty seat

-Polling stations will be at 12 schools for the federal election on Monday April 28 -DPAC AGM details:

-Thursday May 29 at NLC and hybrid - dinner included so starting at 6:30

-Each school PAC can hold one vote through their DPAC representative or alternate - and only these people may move, second, and vote on the matter being discussed

-any district paintc a nb e nominated or self-nominated for a DPAC executive position if you are interested in it

BCCPAC:

-Parent Leadership conference & AGM May 23-25 at University of Northern BC

-Proxy forms are due May 14 - someone who can go to the meeting and vote