

May PAC Meeting Minutes 2025

Welcome: Dana Orrego

-adopt agenda

1st-Kourtney

2nd-Ashleigh

-adopt minutes

1st-Jacky

2nd-Jenn

Presenters and Reports

Kyle Timms, principal at lake trail middle school

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Trustee Report: Sara Jane Howe

PAC Update: Highlights from the April 22, 2025, Board Meeting

1. Public Childcare Proposal

CUPE Local 439 presented a proposal requesting Board support to establish additional public childcare sites, including a pilot site targeting the 2026–27 school year. The Board is reviewing the proposal and acknowledged that more information and discussion are needed.

2. 2025–26 Budget Planning

The Ministry announced increased operating grants for the upcoming school year to help cover rising costs. A public budget survey has been released and is on our website. The district projects a balanced budget with a contingency fund currently at 2.67%.

3. Facilities & Capital Projects

Approval was granted for the 2025–26 Capital Plan, with seismic upgrades—particularly at École Puntledge—remaining a top priority.

The Board reviewed updates on playground accessibility, solar array possibilities, Jeremy Morrow gave verbal update on behalf of the Secretary-Treasurer in follow up to the presentation last meeting that resulted in adjustments made to the rugby field. A long-term solution is being sought to address the concerns about the proximity/buffer between the rugby field and cricket pitch.

Facilities spending for the coming year was endorsed, and major projects are progressing on schedule.

4. Gender-Based Violence Committee

Trustee Aldinger reported strong community interest and engagement in the committee's work, with the public survey extended to gather more input. Survey is now closed and look forward to reviewing the results.

5. Student Voice: Grateful I am to have been part of the student voice gathering. Hearing the students speak so openly—and with such shared views on what needs to change—really highlighted where the gaps are. It was powerful and gave me a lot to think about. What stood out to me was how closely their needs align with the direction we're already trying to move in. They had three top priorities that were all connected and aligned from all the tables. Safety – inclusion, bullying. I was especially inspired by how engaged and honest they were, especially during the conversation about the careers program.

DPAC Report: Erika Davis

Speaker series: ADHD presentation followed by facilitated discussion Wed May 28 (repeat video)

DPAC this month had the presentation of Financials for the school district. Enrollment only 70 more students than last year. Financials went up but that largely goes to staffing.

Funding discussions will continue at the committee of the whole meeting tomorrow May 13th at the school district office @ 7pm. Open to all in district who are interested to learn more or discuss school district funding allocation (do not have to be PAC to attend).

Question for Jacqueline, or Dana, or anyone who served previously, have we received any "in-service funds" from the district ? Apparently, there is a \$100 per school PAC available plus up to \$0.75 per student for support spending AFTER direct funding. As in, these funds can add to enrichment projects or PAC fees, office expenses, printing, etc, but not basic classroom supplies. Currently, this funding is provided only when applied for and does not roll over each year. Have until June to apply if not yet done so this year. Erika thinking we could apply for munchalunch renewal fees if choosing to keep that Arden munchalunch account. How much is that annual fee ? Or other PAC banking fees ? Open to other ideas where funds needed immediately or spent (see if I can ask for reimbursement).

The DPAC is building a resource library for PAC fundraising. DPAC very much wishes to add the notes on Arden's successful burger beer night to the resource.

Erika will follow up with Dana to collect some notes and contact person at Gladstones for this DPAC resource. We can also benefit as these fundraising ideas are collected across the district perhaps one with resonate with us to try next year.

Upcoming speaker series:

Topic: ADHD: The Real Deal

There are many myths about ADHD and it can be hard to understand how to support our kids who have ADHD. Join us as we listen to Dr. Don Duncan, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, dispel the myths, learn how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does, and talk about medications for ADHD.

This video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion by Carolyn McCarthy and Megan Watson, Family Peer Support Workers in the Comox Valley.

Note: This is a repeat topic for the Comox Valley - showing the same video from our event in November. We welcome you to join us whether you've joined us before for this topic or if it's your first time.

When: Wednesday, May 28 from 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose room)

Cost: Free

Register: For more information and to register, click [here](#). Even if you are not sure if you can make it, we encourage you to register as you will receive access to resources following the event via email.

*While the event is held at the secondary school, this event is for parents of all school aged children and youth who are interested in learning more about ADHD.

There is also a save the date for a future speaker series on understanding IEPs September 28th @ 6:30-8pm.

Important to note now as any questions or challenges around IEPs can be submitted prior to the event to ensure the presentation is as comprehensive as possible.

As always, DPAC minutes of meetings are excellent and indepth and available on the school district website under DPAC.

Thank you, Erika"

Arden-

Principals Report: Andrew Ferneyhough

Chair Report: Dana Orrego

Next PAC meeting-June 9th

New chair, treasurer and secretary needed (possibly vice chair?)

Treasurer Report: Jacky Minshall

General:\$2969.86

Gaming:\$7676.76

Committees and Team Leads-

Food Committee Chair: Nicole Mann

Fundraising Report: Dana Orrego

Gladstones fundraiser-\$906!

50/50 was a success with the winner donating the money back to Arden Pac

School dance-June 20th Possibly have a theme?

Penny carnival

Hybrid payment system-prepaid tickets or pay cash

Preselling bracelets- \$15 each

CV kids-\$50

Hat rack/cozy toes slippers basket-Sam Knopp

Jamie \$400 excavation services

Align movement-\$150 basket

Need baking donations for bake sale

Square-test out the system to make sure it connects. Possibly have one at the concession and one at front for wristbands/tickets

Old Business:

New Business:

Open Floor for questions and discussion

Suggestion for sponsored bracelets/food tickets for families who may not be able to attend otherwise.

Dana will discuss with YFPW and ISW

PAC Parent of the Month Parking spot draw

Jenn

Adjourn

1st-Kourtney

2nd-Alyssa