

February PAC Meeting Agenda 2026

Welcome: Alyssa Davies

- **Welcome and introductions: Alyssa Davies**
 - Attendance: 4 attendees + 3 staff + 4 exec + 1 trustee + 1 presenter + 4 zoom = 17 total
- **Adopt agenda**
 - 1st: Kourtney
 - 2nd: Jen
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Presenters and Reports:

Presenter -

- Cresslynn Brodhagen, **FamilySmart** Family Peer Support Worker for the Campbell River and Comox Valley areas.
 - FamilySmart supports parents and caregivers whose children are experiencing mental health and/or substance use challenges.
 - FamilySmart is a non-profit organization that offers free support to parents and caregivers of children and youth facing mental health and/or substance use challenges. With lived experience at the core of everything we do, we help families feel seen, heard, and supported by offering connection, support, and practical tools when they need it most.
 - Available across BC with options for in-person, phone, and virtual support.
 - Families can self-refer directly through the website or contact FamilySmart by phone or email — no referral or intake forms required.
 - **In The Know - Parenting When Our Kids Can't Go To School** @ Mark R. Isfeld on February 18th at 6:30-8:00pm

SD71-

- **Trustee Report: Sara Jane Howe**
 - Please see attached **Trustee Report** from Sara Jane Howe for January & February
- **School Food Program**
 - SD71's universal food program continues to expand. Access to universal meals has increased from 19% pre-Feeding Futures to 64% as of December 2025. Between September and December, seven new schools served over 52,000 lunches, with more than 20,000 provided at no cost. Schools are reporting improved attendance, reduced behavioural challenges, and positive impacts on student well-being.
- **Student Safety**
 - The district shared a comprehensive Safe Schools update, including installation of vape detectors in secondary washrooms, updated Naloxone

kits in all schools, CPR/AED training for Grade 10 students, and increased use of the Erase reporting tool. Ongoing staff training focuses on de-escalation, anti-racism, SOGI supports, and mental health literacy.

- **Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**
 - Following the November GBV Report, the district is hiring a Teacher Lead for Sexual Health and GBV for a two-year term and reviewing related administrative procedures. The Ministry of Education has expressed interest, and an updated public report will be presented in February.
- **Budget Update**
 - The Board approved the amended annual budget based on increased enrolment of over 270 FTE students. Funding has supported additional teachers and educational assistants, inclusive education supports, substitute coverage, and continued investments in safety and professional learning. The district remains in a strong financial position. The budget survey is available now. [Fill it out here!](#)
- **Superintendent Review**
 - The Board has begun the Superintendent Performance Review process, with Suzanne Hoffman engaged to conduct stakeholder consultations.
- **Emergency Preparedness**
 - All schools have updated emergency supplies, the district has portable battery units for power outages, and emergency manuals are being updated.
- **DPAC Report: Erika Davis**
 - Please see [DPAC Meeting Minutes for February 2026](#)
 - Erika wants to put the feelers out for a DPAC replacement; shadow this spring

Arden-

- **Principals Report: Andrew Ferneyhough**
 - Pink Shirt Day: February 25th, 2026
 - The [cross-boundary transfer request](#) process for Comox Valley Schools is open February 1-28, 2026.
 - Grade 5's are going to the Alpine lodge for skiing or snow boarding versus cross-country
 - They are trying to fix the Red playground - they took a section away to grind and paint.
 - Jesse Everson - Indigenous Engagement and Knowledge Specialist - New role in the district to help teachers with questions and resources.
 - Body Science Kits in Library
 - Picture Day - Tuesday, April 28th
 - Food delivered to cans
 - Arden Elementary: [School Growth Plan Summary for 2025/26](#)
 - [Friendly Reminder: No School March 3rd!](#)
 - New Kindergarten Event Dates:

- Tuesday March 17 - Eye Spy Scavenger Hunt
- April 21 - Parent Night Welcome To Kindergarten
- April 22 - Welcome to K Event (with kids!)
- Already doing walks with new kindergartens on Tuesday & Thursdays. Teachers have already met 6 new entering kindergarteners.
- Planning something in May...
- Planning something in August...
- **Chair Report: Alyssa Davies**
 - Nothing major to report... this meeting is the update!
- **Treasurer Report: Kendall Packham**
 - Chequing Balance: \$5,486.15
 - Gaming Balance: \$12,183.19

Committees and Team Leads-

Hot Lunch Report: Nicole Mann

- The Hot Lunch representative was not in attendance. No report was provided at this meeting.
- Get lunch orders in!

Green Team Report: Jesse Sheridan

- A Green Team representative was not in attendance. No report was provided at this meeting.

Fundraising Report: Kendall Packham

- This will follow down below...

New Business:

- Growing Great Smiles Spring Fundraiser: plants, pricing and roll out
 - This will be coming out soon in the next week or so!
- Friendship Dance (Feb 25) update: volunteers, theme, food planning, etc
 - This will piggy back off Pink Shirt Day!
- Kids Makers Market (Apr 18, 10am-3pm) update: how many tables booked, please sign up early
 - We have already booked 5 tables.
 - Full Tables \$10, and Half Tables \$5.
 - The fees for the tables are to promote entrepreneurship. The entry money will go back to the kids through either raffles, door entry prizes, etc.
- Penny Carnival - Planning Meeting - **Penny Carnival will be 4:30-7:00pm on May 21st**
 - event brainstorming, raffle planning, volunteers needed, etc
 - Leah Lloyd will take on the concession.
 - Pizza by the slice
 - Hotdogs
 - Snow cone machine
 - Cotton Candy Machine
 - Pop/Chips/Freezies/Bubbly

- The feedback from teachers have been vocal and Kendal would prefer to go back to only cash sales with no presale. Concession to be cash only.
- Bouncy castles and outside yard games have been booked already.
- The concession may move to be outside the school, not inside the courtyard. Bringing tables and chairs outside for sitting area.
- Inside Gym - Cake walk, silent auction, face painting, fish pond, etc.
- Plant & Bake Sale in a different classroom.
- Looking for silent auction items. Parents if you have businesses and would like to donate please do!
- **ACTION: Looking for a Silent Auction Lead!**
- **ACTION: Looking for raffle items. 3 prizes needed.**
- April 27 or May 1 to start selling raffle tickets. Pizza or Ice Cream party for winning class. There are 6000 tickets to sell.

Old Business:

- Playground replacement: deadline dates, budgets, Arden input on type and design
- Ipad discussions: estimate need for 17 more units by the end of the school year

Open Floor for questions and discussion

PAC Parent of the Month Parking spot draw

Lucia is the winner of the parking spot!

Adjourn

- 1st: Kourtney
- 2nd: Dana