

May PAC Meeting Agenda 2026

Welcome:

- **Welcome and introductions: Alyssa Davies**
 - Attendance: 6 attendees + 2 staff + 4 exec + 1 trustee = 13 total
- **Adopt agenda**
 - 1st: Kendal
 - 2nd: Hayley
- **Adopt minutes**
 - 1st: Kourtney
 - 2nd: Jenn

Presenters and Reports:

Presenter - None

SD71-

- **Trustee Report: Sara Jane Howe**
 - District Updates**
 - A busy and positive month across schools:
 - Student Learning & Activities**
 - District-wide floorball event (10 elementary schools)
 - Hackergal Hackathon – girls in tech, innovation and coding
 - District Spelling Bee (15 schools participated)
 - Tourism & Hospitality career exploration (local businesses)
 - Robotics Team (7842) placed in top tier globally at world championships
 - Indigenous Learning**
 - Student and staff learning at Kumugwe Big House
 - Ongoing work strengthening local Indigenous knowledge and relationship
 - Engagement**
 - Long Range Facilities Plan survey open (500+ responses so far)
 - The Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) survey closes on May 13, 2026.
 - Focus on shaping future learning environments
 - System Work**
 - Launch of Administrative Procedures review (185 total)
 - Goal: clearer, more accessible processes for families and staff
 - **3-Year School Calendars Approved (2026–2029)**
 - Developed with staff, unions, parents, and community input
 - Key features:
 - Two-week spring break maintained
 - Balanced instructional and non-instructional days
 - Alignment with community needs (childcare, holidays)

- Small adjustment:
 - ~5 minutes added to elementary school days to meet instructional requirements

Capital Funding & Projects Approved

- Ministry approved limited capital funding (trend across BC)
Funding includes:
 - School enhancement upgrades
 - Kitchen equipment improvements
 - Playground upgrades
 - Fewer large capital projects approved province-wide due to rising costs

- DPAC Report: Erika Davis

General

- Community Gaming Grants are now open (approx. \$20 per student based on enrollment).

Discussion Highlights

- Bike Bus initiative launched at Brooklyn Elementary—great success and template available for other schools.
- Schools are continuing to look for ways to increase PAC engagement and volunteers (staff promotion, email outreach, sign-up tools).
- Playground upgrades and school garden initiatives continue, with shared resources available across schools.

Executive Updates

- New DPAC Treasurer appointed (Hayley Dato).
- Two resolutions submitted to BCCPAC:
 - BC Ferries priority boarding – not approved
 - Provincial school safety/complexity action team – approved

Committee Updates

- Anti-Racism Committee: Ongoing work supporting teachers and schools; focus on resources, workshops, and inclusive practices.
- Speaker Series: “White Hatter” AI safety session had strong engagement; more topics welcome.
- Emergency Preparedness: Exploring more realistic drills and increased awareness strategies.

Superintendent Report

- Adjustments to emergency drills with more communication to families.
- District facing budget pressures (approx. \$2–3 million shortfall).
- Ongoing planning for school capacity, growth, and facility expansion.

Trustee Report

- Focus on student mental health, school safety, and communication improvements.
- Continued advocacy and long-range facilities planning underway.

New Business

- Code of Conduct for DPAC Executive approved.
- Budget increase approved for BCCPAC AGM attendance.

Arden-

- **Principals Report:** Andrew Ferneyhough
 - Thanks to PAC for coming to Welcome to Kindergarten specifically Kourtney and Jenn O.
 - There is one more Welcome to Kindergarten event coming up on May and three in June and one in summer
 - Wheelie Wednesday is going very well. We still could use volunteers to help out
 - Our Track meet is tomorrow (May 5) at Vanier.
 - Thank you everyone for their understanding as we implement our new 'signing in at the office' procedure.
 - Arden will have 10 divisions next year instead of 11. This is simply due to enrolment.
 - At the moment it does not look like we have much turnover in staff. We do have a few EA's retiring at the end of this year.
 - Our Grade 5 'Leaving Ceremony' is on June 25 at 9:00am.
 - The Canadian Tire basketball nets are not up to standard so we need to purchase the ones that the district has if we want them for \$4100 each.
 - SOAR day happened last week - Mixed grade group K-5 - Leadership opportunities
- **Chair Report:** Alyssa Davies
 - It's been go-go-go for the PAC exec the last month! We are going to be asking for helping in the upcoming weeks.
 - There is no official report that doesn't get touched on in other parts.
- **Treasurer Report:** Kendall Packham
 - Chequeing balance: \$2,967.43
 - Gaming balance: \$7,339.45

Committees and Team Leads

- **Hot Lunch Report:** Nicole Mann
 - Nicole/Lunch representative was not in attendance. No report was provided at this meeting.
 - Get your orders in!
- **Green Team Report:** Jesse Sheridan
 - A Green Team representative was not in attendance. No report was provided at this meeting.
 - More volunteers needed, please! Come at 10:00am!
- **Fundraising Report:** Kendall Packham
 - Further breakdown below!

New Business / Updates:

- Any Grade 5 parents are welcome to come to the next Lake Trail PAC meeting on Thursday, May 14 to learn more.
- **2026/2027 - PAC Exec Discussion**
 - As we look ahead to next year, our PAC will be looking to fill the roles of Chair and Secretary. Our current Chair will be moving on to a new school and stepping into a role with the school district, and our Secretary will also be stepping down.

- This will be addressed at the AGM next school season in October but if you are interested to learn more, please ask!
- **Permanent Basketball Hoop - Discussion**
 - We can no longer use the Canadian Tire option because of safety.
 - The cost is \$4100 that can be used with our Gaming money.
 - Andrew to look at the height options for the cement one from the SD71. Is it adjustable? That will be a deal breaker.
- **Kids Maker Market - Update**
 - Such a fantastic day!
 - Looking to maybe include the entrepreneurship program from other schools into the maker market.
 - No income was made. It was hosted ONLY to provide an opportunity for kids to make and sell their things. The whole point was to give back to the kids.
 - The environment was really cool. The kids had a really great time!
 - Encompassed the 'Arden Way' by building that culture and community.
 - Discussion: Kendal would like to have a combined Christmas Market with a friend of hers at Lake Trail. To host 'one market' at two locations.
- **Spring Plant Fundraiser - Update**
 - We broke even on this fundraiser! We gifted plants to two teachers as thank you's for making the Kids Maker Market possible.
- **Penny Carnival - Planning!**
 - The gaming license took a long time to get! We should be able to start selling this week once the tickets are ready. We will need volunteers for the morning and afternoons to sell/take in additional ticket books.
 - Each kid will go home with one pack of tickets to sell. You can get additional tickets afterwards. The winning classroom that sells the most tickets will win a Sundae Bar.
 - The sign up for volunteering will be coming out shortly!
 - We need baking. Especially gluten free! Single items sell great!
 - Penny Carnival is in less than 3 weeks!
 - We have a ton of outside blow ups for kids to play with this year! There are no individual stations in the gym.
 - Looking to use pop up tents for shade outside!
 - Emails will be coming out soon!
 - CASH sales only! No pre-sales.

Old Business/ Ongoing:

Open Floor for questions and discussion

PAC Parent of the Month Parking spot draw

Winner of the spot - Jolene

Adjourn

1st: Jacky

2nd: Jenn