

Puntledge PAC Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025

Call Meeting to Order - 6:21pm

Land Acknowledgment - Christian Streit

Roll Call: Renee van Doorninck (Secretary), Emily Brown (Volunteer Coordinator), Shannon Aldinger (School Trustee), Caleigh Barth (Treasurer), Christian Streit (Vice Principal), Holly Anderson (DPAC rep), Jen McQoid (DPAC rep), Alex Durant

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to pass the minutes from February 2024. First: Caleigh Barth Second: Emily Brown. Passed.

Administration Report: Christian Streit

Celebrations:

- Great Carnival Celebration
- ALL B-ball teams represented Puntledge well.
- Track and Field is up and running (Wed. AM club)
- Our spellers did an amazing job at the Spelling Bee
- We sent a team to the reading links challenge.
- Launched our Universal Lunch Program.
- Big house experience coming up on May 14th.
- High school Musical is underway. Tickets out Thursday/Friday. Money going to PAC.

Administrivia:

- Confirming, again, the track and field concession for May 9th. The school doesn't have tents but can accommodate tables. Caleigh to borrow a tent from work.
- Preliminary staffing looks the same: 23 divisions (1 K/1 Ind., 7 Catchment English, 13 Early French Immersion, 2 Late French Immersion. (Final staffing early next week)
- It should be noted that in the last 2 years of our English Catchment we have had 30+ students leave (Gr. 5) and only 15 enter.
- **Earth Week (April 22-25):** We have an exciting week of Earth Week related events and activities starting on Tuesday.
- **PAC Plant Sale (Bring Cash Please):** April 24, 2025 from 2:00-5:30 (Fun Food Friday Spot) All money raised goes to the school PAC! We'll have annual veggie and plants starts, perennial, shrubs, specialty trees, baskets, indoor plants, dahlia tubers and more. Price will likely range from \$2-\$20ish depending on item. Any parents that have plants they'd like to donate contact Holly at hollyandersonroe@gmail.com and she can come pick them up. To help out sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/MoXSSHK>
- **Giant Free Store – Friday April 25th (Donations start April 7th)** Spring Cleaning? PAC is hosting a Free Store on Friday April 25th as part of the Earth Week celebrations. Donations of still usable toys, trinkets, games, etc.... can be dropped off April 7th – 18th mornings and after school in the wheelbarrow between the flagpoles. Students will have the opportunity to choose one item April 25th during school hours and the remainder will be open to parents and students after school. All left over items will be donated. To help with set up on the 24th sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/RELJfko>
- **Recycled Art Contest Enter Tuesday April 22-Wednesday April 24:** Students can bring in their recycled art project to the tables by the main office. Winners to be announced Friday morning and have first choice from the Free Store.

Guidelines:

- You may use tape, glue, paint, nails to secure, colour or join objects
- CREATE your greatest idea: costume, instrument, decoration, vehicle, project
- LABEL your project with FULL Name, Grade, Teacher
- HAPPY CREATING AND HAVE FUN

Classes will also be participating in many activities around the school. Above are those common to everyone.

Christian Streit: Would like to request \$550 for playground equipment for next year that he could purchase now. Motion to use \$550 of PAC funds to playground equipment for next year. First: Caleigh Bart, Second: Holly Anderson. Approved.

Trustees Report: Shannon Aldinger

Inclusive Education provided a detailed presentation at the Board of Education's Committee of the Whole (April 8) about how that department operates and included many resources that may be of interest to parents.

- Powerpoint presentation
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- Inclusive Education Services: A Manual on Policies, Procedures & Guidelines (2024)
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- A Parent's Handbook on Inclusive Education:
<https://inclusionbc.org/resource/parents-handbook-on-inclusive-education/>

Gender Based violence committee: meets monthly to address how to better prevent and respond to gender-based violence in schools. More pressure on post-secondary level than at the elementary school level. Over 300 responses already on the survey. Still available online here:
https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=844AADC5-5C04-4EDA-AC65-D9FDE2771C53&fbclid=IwY2xjawl8E_hleHRuA2FibQlXMAABHS-vziwGJCRF5f5Lybu_h7XAkZLHx2sQQn2QEGWajB7ygdLgVRZ7Bgmw0Q_aem_c4nOtXx9uZ0jcg9rCGt0hw

Budget season: 84% of the budget is staff wages and benefits. Not a lot of discretion about what will be done with funds. If school numbers stay the same, then the budget will remain the same.

ERASE presentations: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase> next presentation on May 7.

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00pm.
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/board-meetings/>

Reports of Officers

Treasurer: Caleigh Barth

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qXKKT77oFOSe1iz3dudOG0RjhWowAAVOMh0hgVECBSY/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

Capital Projects grants available to PACs for renovations. Would pay 20-50% of the cost. This could be used for the basketball court. Caleigh to contact Noah about the timing of application.

DPAC Rep: Holly Anderson and Jenn McQuoid

Holly to arrange a Burger and Beer fundraiser.

April 7 2025

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j5kmkc0xo8opqm7hiu3qw/AGsgYpKSQes6Uizq9Nw84Pg/MINUTES%202025-04-07%20SD71%20DPAC.pdf?rlkey=3ivdhm3qzpetas1h0ju9yuzez&st=s5rhknqm&dl=0>

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Unfinished Business:

1. Fundraising:
 - a. Thermometer craft project: Caleigh to provide an updated number to Jenn McQoid to update the thermometer.
 - b. Return it fundraiser: to continue. Trial having bins at the school for Earth Week. Caleigh to text Kari about doing this. Jenn to help with collection at the end of the week.
 - c. Flowers for the musical: Caleigh to send details to Tamara. Will sell carnations for \$3 both in person and on Munchalunch.
2. Track Meet - set for May 9th. Volunteer list coming soon
3. Earth Day Update: Plant Sale is OK for volunteers.
4. Feeding Futures: Emily Brown volunteered recently with the kitchen. Lunch program is going well. Would like to have a booth for the welcome to Kindergarten event. April 30 at 3:40pm.
5. Welcome to Kindergarten Event: Emily and Jen McQoid to volunteer at a booth for this event.
6. PAC logo: Emily Brown would like to provide a template for students to colour for a PAC logo. Consider not doing stickers again.
7. Bottle Drive: Was very wet. Not a lot of people delivering bottles. Spent a lot of money on supplies. It was a lot of volunteer work for not a lot of return. This is a lot of work for a low return. Better to focus on having the school phone number for parents to use so this is passive income. Regular reminders in the Weekly of this and Mabel's Labels Fundraiser.

Announcements:

If you would like to be added to the PAC Volunteer email list please reach out to our amazing Volunteer Coordinator Emily at puntledgepacvolunteers@gmail.com

All other fundraising ideas: please send your ideas or interest in running a fundraiser for the PAC to the puntledge PAC email.

Adjournment: 7:43pm