

General PAC Meeting 2026 Meeting Minutes - October 1st, 2026

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Attendees: Tania (President), Aksh (Treasurer), Jenn (Hot Lunch), Wendy (Secretary), & Principal Nadine Vandenburg, Erin, Melissa, Morgan, Sana, Rebecca, Kyla, Cathy, Mr. Penner, Ms. Robbins, Ms. Hanuman

New Principal Nadine Vandenburg is here for the shift - With all the new development in our area, Regent Road may eventually become one of the largest populated elementary schools (although boundaries might shift). Projected to be within the top 4 largest.

School Motto: Work Hard, Be Kind

Issues with Development/Construction:

- Ms. Vandenburg is able to connect with construction in regards to roads, but has little power with site issues and contractors
- Road will go beside Regent connecting with 72nd avenue

Building Issues:

- Blindspots in Supervision
- Plan for fences around the playground/teachers parking lot
- Planned School expansion on "the flats" (area down near the auditorium)
- Gravel Field is set for portables
- Building is set for 700 students (We had approx 600 students with last years' temporary influx when we welcomed Woodland Park elementary)
- Projections for school are done in the Spring for September

Terry Fox Run

Meet the Teacher October 8th

Halloween Plans: School Costume Parade and Pumpkin Carving Contest for the students

House Colours for the year to build year round connection and school spirit - in prep for sports day.

- Colours: Blue, Red, Green, Black
- Builds School Spirit and connection through the grades
- Might have the possibility to incorporate these colours into the school spirit wear options later
- Discussed current spirit wear vendor which remains the same as previously

Safety Improvements/Consistency

- Playground Zones, Securing the building, Improvements to Structures, Friendship Zone between the benches where ages can play together (big buddies with little buddies, siblings etc..)

Outdoor Committee/Garden Committee

- Requires staff and Parents - grant is in from the teachers
- Will require summer watering - commitment from parents if approved
- Requires money to be matched by PAC

Teacher Updates:

- BBQ donated to PAC - THANK YOU!
- IST (Integration Support) Mrs. Robbins: calls for support and education in helping children manage life skills in the community (buying things, cooking, using the bus, street/general safety awareness etc.).
- Mrs. Robbins will put together a proposal and submit to Tania for the Executive to discuss and for a vote at the next General meeting.
- Mr. Penner: Grade 7s! Call for support & communication regarding fundraisers for Sleep Away Camp
 - PAC typically contributes and pays for the bus (\$2,000)
 - 4 dedicated Hot Lunches to be added into Munchalunch for the 7's - Mr. Penner to let PAC exec team know the dates so we don't book anything those days.
 - Small Item Fundraisers (Christmas Candy Canes, Valentines Donuts)

Newsletter/Email Communication:

Please ensure information is sent to Lorraine by Thursday for the Friday Newsletter

Elections:

-No interested parties present for Fundraiser or DPAC roles - these roles are now open and may be taken by an interested party, please reach out to PAC if you would like to take on a role.

-Vice President: 1 interested party. Gurpreet Basran elected

PAC

Presidents update (Tania)

Discussion and general thank you

- The Welcome Back Coffee went well, will hopefully become an annual tradition - thank you to all families for supporting and the enthusiasm shown for the welcome back!
- We plan to have many more community building events like this throughout the year "Coffee Socials" etc..For future, note made that a coffee machine is in the kitchen; question of whether it is or is not broken - we will check)
- Communications: Whatsapp now the platform for both the Hot Lunch chat and also the first ever Volunteer Group Chat has been created - many enthusiastic helpers have volunteered and we are always open for more parents/guardians to join - if interested, please reach out to the PAC and let us know.
- First Freezie Friday is Tomorrow, October 2nd after school and will feature a Square Trial (free via the app using a PAC Member phone). Costs an additional 5% (so freezies \$2.10 via the Square app, vs \$2 cash) - this is very exciting as its the first time Regent Road is accepting card payments!
- PAC'kin Patch: still requires donations (ongoing requests to local nurseries by team) If anyone has a connection to help us acquire some donated Pumpkins please let PAC know - thank you! Maybe \$2 a pumpkin, Might include a costume swap, leftover pumpkins can be used for decor at Spooktacular/donated to classrooms if successful

- Meet the Teacher night: PAC is providing lollipops for the kids and samosas for staff
- Facilities: Ms. Vandenburg is ensuring PAC isn't charged facility fees for events - thank you so much for the support!
- Spooktacular Family Dance/Costume Parade Wednesday, October 28th - Will include Cotton Candy on site to purchase, Pre-order dinner/tix on Munchalunch (limited at door), concession snacks on site, exciting new ooie gooey contests/games to win prizes.
"DREADwoods" Playlist: To help include the children and build excitement, we will have each class submit their top 10 songs to have on our Dreadwoods playlist.
- Family Photo Night Fundraiser - Tentatively planned for November - more info to come
- Discussed parental complaints about Tech used as a reward - parents please go directly to your teacher, if this doesn't resolve the issue then please take it to the principal

Treasurer Report

- \$60 earned from Rainforest Adventure Camp Referrals
- \$300 earned from McDonalds Hot Lunch
- Tech is now funded by the district and is no longer PAC responsibility - reallocation of current tech fund to be explored and voted on (\$6000)
Requests can be submitted in regards to the redistribution of funds and voted on at the next General Meeting
- Current ideas: Previously mentioned Grade 7 Bus funds, and the IST community living skills proposal, potential score board (over 1k plus for the instal versions) or Mrs. V mentioned some can be purchased for approx \$300 (smaller, stand up ones).
- Gaming Grant: We are still awaiting confirmation that we have received the grant this year
- Teacher Discretionary Fund: Option that PAC can give full amount to secretary who can then distribute funds and refund PAC with anything left over.
- Hot Lunch Feeding Futures Inclusion
Can participate if known 5 weeks ahead but has limited funds and can run into a deficit
Parent Donations via Munchalunch can offset costs (\$2, full lunch...)
How many kids are in the program? Mrs. V will let us know so this can be discussed as PAC would like to support

Hot Lunch

- Open to ideas for different vendors - Jenn is booking into January
- As previous years, students from classes will pick up and lunch monitors will distribute food to students. Due to reduced outdoor time, staff are not present with the children for approx first 15 minutes of lunch. Mrs. V is okay with hot lunch parent volunteers helping to distribute/check in on classes to ensure no issues in this time. Tania to discuss options with Mrs. V around this.

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