



Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 6:30PM

Location: School Library

ATTENDEES PRESENT

Nav Jagpal - President

Danielle Bahd - Treasurer

Nadine Arksey – Secretary

Ariel LeHuquet – Member at Large

Christine Lam – Member at Large

Darien Russell – Principal

Courtenay Lot – Vice Principal

Janine Bozanin

Chris Buchanan

Balraj Dhillon

Bavan Arora

Isolde Montgomery

Joyce Buchanan

Anita Kooner

Parneet Gill

Megan Pisanu

Dragana Jaksic

Sumeet Chandra

Call to order – 6:31PM

Additions to the agenda

None

Motion to adopt the agenda

CARRIED

Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

CARRIED

PAC President Welcome – Nav Jagpal

First of all, we want to welcome everyone to our first PAC meeting of the new school year. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is settling back into the school routine. We also want to welcome our new Commander in Chief, Mr Darien Russell and also welcome back Courtney Lot, Morgan Elementary's Vice Principal.

As we begin another school year, we're really looking forward to working together with all of you. The PAC is an important part of our school community, and everything we do is ultimately about supporting our students and making their school experience as positive and memorable as possible.

We also want to welcome any new parents and guardians who are joining us for the first time. Please know that everyone's ideas, opinions, and participation are welcome. You don't have to attend every meeting or take on a major role. Even helping with one event, sharing an idea, or volunteering for a short time can make a difference. As a reminder, all PAC communication should be emailed to pac.morgan.elementary@gmail.com.

We'd also like to thank our principal, teachers, staff, and all the parents who continue to support the PAC. The partnership between the school and parents is extremely important, and we hope we can continue to have open and positive communication throughout the year.

Most importantly, we want this PAC to be a place where we work together, listen to each other, and focus on what will benefit our students.

Last year, we accomplished a lot together. Just a recap of the year...

Spookfest - largest ticket sales for any dance EVER. The kids were super excited about this Halloween dance, and everyone who came had an amazing time.

Book Fair - we did \$8,943.15 in sales last year. We received a phone call from Scholastic Book Fair advising us that this was the largest sale in BC EVER for a school this size.

12 Days of Giving - We donated to 6 different causes (The Surrey Food Bank, The Woman's Shelter, The Homeless shelter, The Christmas Bureau, The Senior Center and our sister school, Brideview Elementary).

The school community was so generous with all the charities. In fact, we received a certificate from Surrey Food Bank for Outstanding Community Champion after collecting 420 pounds of food.

Mingle Jingle - another sold-out event and one of the largest Mingle Jingles ever. Last year, we had a games fair inside the gym, and every student thoroughly enjoyed it.

We brought Science World to Morgan Elementary, and all the kids found this event to be quite memorable.

Thanks to parent volunteer and donations, we were able to host a great teacher appreciation luncheon with lots of door prizes, including one from a parent for four club seats to a Whitecaps game, given as a pair to two separate teachers.

This year, we have some great opportunities ahead of us, including school activities, fundraisers, student programs, and events that will bring our school community together. More details to come but in the interim, we would love to share the following...

Hot lunch ordering opens Sept 28th and closes Oct 9th, and our first hot lunch day will be on Wednesday Oct 14th.

Spookfest II will be held on Oct 22nd.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is on Nov 18, 19, and 20th.

Mingle Jingle will be held on Dec 17th

In closing, thank you all for being here tonight and for supporting Morgan Elementary. We're looking forward to a great school year together.

Principal Report – Darien Russell

It has been a great start to the year. We have 530ish students over 22 divisions.

Meet the Teacher night is tomorrow night from 5:00 – 6:00PM. Parents can see the space and meet their child's teacher.

There is a Pro D day on Friday.

Orange Shirt day is on Tuesday September 29.

Wednesday September 30 is a Stat.

Thursday October 1 is individual photo day. There will be retakes on October 22.

Friday October 2 is Terry Fox Run. We are looking for parent support. Parents can walk the route, walk the field and cheer on the kids.

Monday October 12 is Thanksgiving.

October 22 is early dismissal, as well as photo retake day.

There is no early dismissal this Thursday.

November 6 is a Pro D day.

November 10 will be a Remembrance Day assembly

November 11 no school for Remembrance Day.

There will be painting inside the school. Classes will move out of the classrooms being painted and into a temporary classroom.

The Cross Country team has started. It is open to Grades 3 to 7. There will be meets at Crescent Park, with all of the schools in the south area participating.

Staff have voted and there will be a musical in the spring. It will be Beauty and the Beast. No exact dates are set yet, but it will be the end of April and beginning of May.

Ms. Lot has taken on Sport for Life. It is through a grant from the district to have extra teaching hours for this. Students will learn proper functioning and skills and teachers will learn activities that can be used in the classroom.

Financial Update – Danielle Bahd

Compared actual budget from 25/26 to proposed budget for 26/27. There is a surplus of \$3970 from last year.

Review Final 2025/2026 Budget

Reviewed the final budget for this year. No changes were made or suggested.

With a vote of 16 in favour, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, the proposed budget for 2026/2027 has been accepted.

Updates:**Hot Lunch**

Ordering will be open from September 28 to October 9. The first hot lunch will be October 14.

New Business

The number of Grade 7 students was brought up for the line item in the budget. The final number will come in October, so that number will be reflected in the Grade 7 Celebration funds.

The salt and sand used for sidewalks around the school was brought up. This is a district funding item, not a PAC budget item.

Set the date for the next meeting

Set for Tuesday October 20 at 8:45AM, location TBA.

Motion to adjourn – 7:01PM