

William Watson Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Location: School Library

1.0 Call to Order: Aman Chouhan (PAC President) called meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2.0 In attendance: Becky Copeland, Nishi Gill, Jyoti Bhalru, Aman Chohan, Kim Perry, Parveen Hastings, Rashee Prasad, Raman Rehal, Pravdeep Sekhon, Markpaul Chohan, Tanya Chohan, Alyssa Jhooty, Reema Gill, Anum Chaudhry, Sukhvinder Virdi

3.0 Approval of Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting:

Aman Chouhan motioned to approve agenda, Nishi 2nd, no objections, approved.

4.0 Principals' Report:

1. Start up – class organization went from 19 to 18 divisions, student enrolment was projected at 441 but ended up at 416 students, lost 1 division.
2. Construction completion next year- breaking ground next week, working on drainage and fire lane first. Entrance for site is off of 164th street. Workers will not be bringing in or moving machinery from site at beginning or end of school.
3. Multicultural workers present to support families –
 - a. Monday (AM) – Niveen (Arabic)
 - b. Monday (PM) – Shashipal (Punjabi/Hindi)
 - c. Tuesday (AM) – Michael (Chinese)
 - d. Wednesday (AM) – Alisa (Vietnamese)
6. School goals – identifying learners and will share needs soon; continue to support early literacy and targeted reading instruction
7. Important upcoming dates:
 - a. Sept 19 – Terry Fox Run – surpassed fundraising goal, raised \$1,379.20
 - b. Sept 24 – Meet The Teacher – successful day
 - c. Sept 26 – Orange Shirt Day
 - d. Oct 16 – Individual Portraits
 - e. Oct – Foundational Skills Assessments for Grade 4 and 7 students
 - f. Oct 31 - Grade 7's – Halloween carnival – ADST
8. Whole School Opportunities:
 - a. Priority focus for district's strategic plan – anti-racism/inclusion/equity
 - b. Opportunity for Grade 7's – identity/cultural identity- October 7 and 21 presentations
 - c. Week long dance – pickleball lessons/art lessons

5.0 Presidents Report:

1. Hot lunch & Treat Tuesdays: started today. Flyers will be going out to students. Volunteers needed and sign-up link is on Instagram.
2. Fundraisers:
 - Hosting movie night – looking at October 23

- Readathon
- Possibly a Jog-a-thon to tie into track and field
- Dec 19 - Pancake breakfast

6.0 Treasurer's Report:

PAC accounts for 2025/2026 School Year:

Fundraising Account

RBC

- Opening balance - \$26,131.53
 - \$6,621.62 pending cheque from last year's Mac Airbook purchase (1 bundle of 5)
 - EST balance: \$19,509.91

BEEM Credit Union

- Opening balance - \$4,198.26

Gaming account:

- Opening balance - \$3,646.78

1. Transfer of banking account from RBC to Beem Credit Union.
2. Gaming account pending to be approved. Funds can be allocated to activities like Zumba, etc. once the grant is approved we will have another update.
3. Proposed spending for 2025/2026 school year:
 - i. \$5,500 for school spirit days – dates TBD
 - ii. \$5,400 for classroom allotment (\$300 per division) based on 18 divisions
 - iii. \$300 for Music class allotment
 - iv. \$600 for LST & IST allotment - \$300 each
 - v. \$325 for school buses for each division (18 divisions). Total of \$5,850 proposed from gaming account
 - vi. \$500 for Grade 7 graduation

Note: classroom allotments are paid out in 2 payments

Pending approved spends from 2023/2024 & 2024/2025 school year

\$2,000 WWE tent for PAC and sports events

\$500 for PAC printer

7.0 Old Business:

1. Reminder of social media:

Please ensure you are following @wwepac (IG) and William Watson PAC (FB) for PAC correspondence. Parents can also sign up for the school calendar through the school website.
2. Fundraising

Ongoing year-round fundraising

- Return It
- Mabels Labels

2.0 New Business:

1. Treasurer position was not filled last year. An email was sent out to request volunteers and Parveen Hastings volunteered to fill the role.
2. Aman C. motion for approval for Parveen H. to be Treasurer for the current school year, Jyoti 2nd the motion, no objections, approved.
3. Traffic – last year incident with child hit, please be mindful of designated spots and driving rules. Please message PAC with any concerns. ICBC was here on Monday to campaign. Ongoing conversation with district related to cross guards.
4. Proposed Budget with Funds that are currently available:
 - a. Nishi motions \$5,500 for school spirit days. Aman 2nds, no objections, approved.
 - b. Nishi motions \$5,400 for classroom allotment, Parveen 2nds, no objections, approved.
 - c. Nishi Use gaming budget for buses, 1 per division, total of \$5,850. Parveen 2nds, no objections, approved.
 - d. Nishi puts forward \$500 for grade 7 celebrations, Parveen 2nds, no objections, approved.
5. Movie night – October 23rd.
6. Zoom meetings are possibly options. 4 meetings per school year required.
7. Next PAC meeting will be in November, date TBD.
8. E-scooters – district messaging elementary level, kids are not allowed to have them. Age is 16 for use. Use education and awareness to promote safety.
9. City will do a review from the beginning of the school year to June to see what they can change and do regarding traffic in the area.
10. Reaching out to Skyline to see if they can fund crossing guards. Will get information to reach out.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 pm