

Bastion PAC

Thurs Sept 11th

In attendance: Lorraine B.; Sylvia M.; Rita Tedesco (VP); Heather Gobbett (Principal); Aidan P.; Julie D.; Katy M.; Melodie S.; Astrid V.; Jen H.; Emma R.; Michelle E.; Sarah W.; Arpita D; Katie M.; Greg C.; Kirstie A.; Tyson G.; Shae G.; Matt H.; Gail F.; Camille K.; Melissa C.; Charanjeet (Ricky) S.K.; Richelle S.; Bronwen P.

Called to order: 6:31pm

1. Welcome & Introductions (Sylvia M.)

- Acknowledgement of our gathering on the unceded territory of the Secwepemc people on whose land we feel privileged to be learning, working, and playing.

2. Previous Minutes - May 26 2025

Motion to accept by Julie D. Seconded by Lorraine B.

3. Admin Report (Heather and Rita)

- Introduction of Mme Tedesco, our new Vice-Principal and Gr 4/5 FI teacher.

- a number of new teachers and CEA support staff. Also delighted to have Ms. Surateau as a TA from France; and Mme. Tremblay as a French CEA/literacy support, so our French reading program can start at the beginning of the school year.

- A great start to the year! There was a delay in putting students in their final classes until Mon Sept 8, due to more coming & going of students this year than usual, and class size/composition rules. This will likely be an annual thing – the district is requesting that this be the model going forward, with the finalizing of classes happening the Monday after the short week.

- Supt. Donna Kriger will be invited to a PAC or community meeting to discuss the reconfiguration. Date TBD. Suggestion to have the known plans/facts published to prevent misinformation and confusion.

- Enrollments are: FI 224 students and 130 English students; 47 staff.

- Upcoming Events:

- Terry Fox Run: Thurs Sept 25th

- Orange Shirt Day: Friday Sept 26th

- exciting French concert: Eloise touring throughout BC on April 24th 2026.

4. Fundraising (Lorraine)

- no established fundraising goals beyond the usual budget items (as of yet). Definitely still raising for funds though!
- plans: cheque-writing campaign (will come out next week); poinsettia (orders usually due mid-November); Best Seats in the House (preferred seating for holiday concert); West Coast Seeds (early January); Purdy's Easter chocolates; BioChar fundraiser in spring/Earth Day; Carnival (fun family event, but also raises funds for the school).
- other ideas welcome! Growing Smiles (which does poinsettias) also does a spring flower fundraiser, if anyone wishes to take that on.
- volunteers will be needed throughout the year for organizing, dispersing orders, etc.

5. Fun Food (Katy)

- last year, we partnered with Boston Pizza; Yan's; and Subway. This year, we've heard back from Booster Juice; Yan's; and Subway; waiting to hear back from Boston Pizza. Suggestions: Namaste, Pizza Pizza.
- SISS partners with SFAS to put on a cultural display of food; that could be an option as well if people are interested.
- happens once a month on Thursdays; about 90 minutes shift for volunteers – we need around 6 volunteers each month.
- Shuswap Food Action Society (SFAS) runs a soup program; if someone wants to take this on, please let us know! Katy can organize the computer program for online ordering and paying and train others on it.

Email: bastionpacinfo@gmail.com or Bastion PAC FB page

6. Nomination & Vote for PAC Treasurer

- one nomination: Melodie Smith for PAC treasurer for 2025/2026 school year
- all in favour, none opposed. Thank you, Melodie, for taking on the Treasurer role!
- Melodie Smith to be added as a signer; previous Treasurer, Karla Aguirre Silva, to be removed as signer.

7. Treasurer's Report (Melodie)

2024/2025 Year-End:

Budgeted \$19503 in fundraising; actually fundraised \$23,335.

Spending: budgeted \$25,975; actually spent \$17,723.48

Proposed Budget for 2025/2026:

Projected fundraising: \$20,045

Projected Expenses: \$21,775

$22782.88 + \$20,045 - \$21775 = \$21052.88$

- as we have unused funds available, please brainstorm projects/items for PAC funds to be used for and bring ideas to the October PAC meeting. Please research what the items are; how to purchase; and, if possible, a quoted cost.

- recess kits need refreshing; original cost was ~\$200/box times 16 divisions. *\$3000 added to proposed budget to account for recess kit refreshing.*

- increase classroom assistance increased from \$175 to \$225 = \$900 added to classroom assistance budget to \$4275

- may need more books for the school library? Will look at this for future PAC meetings.

Vote on budget: none opposed. Majority in favour of accepting proposed budget.

Motioned to pass budget by Aidan P.; seconded by Lorraine B. Budget is passed as proposed.

8. Next Meetings

Monday Oct 6th at 6:30pm in the Bastion Music Room

Monday Nov 3 in Bastion Music Room

Jan 5th: online via Zoom

Feb 2nd: online via Zoom

March 2nd: in Bastion Music Room

May 4th: in Bastion Music Room

June 1st: in Bastion Music Room