

# Baker Drive PAC Meeting

November 5, 2025, 7 PM Zoom Call

## PAC Update – Daniel Heimdahl (Co-Chair) and Rachael Spronston (Co-Chair)

- Daniel Heimdahl called the meeting to order, read the Land Acknowledgement, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Corinne Hansen voted to approve the agenda and past meeting minutes from September 23, and Marianna Perez-Garcia seconded.
- We have three fundraisers coming up/happening now: Neufeld's, Purdy's chocolates, and Community Value Books. Purdy's fundraiser is now live, and closes on November 29<sup>th</sup>, with pick up on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Neufeld's fundraiser will launch November 9<sup>th</sup> and run until the 24<sup>th</sup>, and items will be picked up on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Holiday market: Please start putting aside donations for the upcoming holiday market. Donations can be dropped off at the school lobby under the stairs from November 24-28. We will need plenty of volunteers to make the market happen. This is a fun event where families donate items, and children 'shop the market' with their classes during school hours. Proceeds are donated to the SHARE society. Items for teenagers and fathers/grandfathers are in high demand, so please consider donating these in particular. The market will take place on December 3,4, and 5. There is more information about the holiday market in the community bulletin from Mr. Jamieson.
- Coming into 2026, as a PAC we are planning to focus on clear communication, and having PAC meetings on a regular schedule.
- We are looking for one volunteer to lead planning for the block party in June. We are hoping to have someone step in to lead relatively soon so they can begin applying for grants. There is plenty of information from past block parties that make it quite straightforward to organize. This is a community event rather than a fundraiser, so we are not trying to make money with it, but to break even.
- We will be discussing the readathon at a future PAC meeting, as there are already numerous fundraisers happening. The readathon will take place sometime after the winter break.

## DPAC Update - Christie Nelson

- The DPAC recently held a PAC 101 meeting, which provided information about how PACs are run.

- There was a regular DPAC meeting last week. There was a guest speaker who spoke about prevention of concussions, using appropriate safety equipment, and how to recognise and treat concussions. The meeting minutes from the DPAC meeting will be available soon.

## Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- As a school, we are doing themes of the month; September's theme was Kindness, October's theme was generosity, and November's theme is compassion. There is a focus on providing students with a positive message every morning. There will be a display this month with pictures of students showing generosity and compassion. We are helping students understand that generosity does not have to involve gifts, but can involve something like sharing your time as well.
- Interim reports went out in mid-October. This is a quick snapshot to give an idea of key skills that are focused on. This data is also collected in order to look at how the entire school is doing, as well as each individual grade. Overall, our students are faring well as a whole. Students are growing in their abilities to follow routines and demonstrate self-regulation. Students are developing skills to manage stress on a daily basis, and making positive choices.
- We are continuing to focus on active listening, as a lot of the conflict between students begins with a lack of active listening. Another area where some students could grow is in the ability to stay focused. The staff tries to look back on their days to see when students were engaged with the activities, and where they were struggling to engage and stay focused, in order to improve delivery of instruction.
- Every school in Coquitlam has an action plan for learning. We have three school goals, and one of the goals is self-regulation. This data helps explore areas we may explore in the future.
- Another process the staff is going through is class reviews. Mr. Jamieson and Ms. Tong meet with each teacher and discuss strengths and stretches of the class, goals the teacher is exploring, as well as how they can be supported in this. For example, one teacher said their class works well on group projects, but struggles with independence. In a situation like this, the focus would turn to teaching strategies for independence.
- We also have a literacy goal each year. The focus this year is helping students organize ideas. This can be done by looking at paragraph organization and expanding ideas. Last year there was an activity where everyone explored an idea in the fall, and repeated the process in the Spring. This year, we will focus on doing this in the new year.
- The Remembrance Day assembly will be happening on Monday, November 10. Families are welcome to join the assembly.
- The winter concert will take place in December, and more information will be shared within the next few weeks.
- Weather reminder: We are entering snow season, and we usually get a few big snowfalls. The school district decides about closures by around 6:30 am, and this will be posted online. Sometimes there are delayed openings rather than closures. If you feel it is unsafe to drive your children to school, you are welcome to keep your children at home during a snowfall.

- The community bulletin will be going out soon by email.
- There was a question regarding the playground equipment that has been removed as it was deemed unsafe due to deteriorating metal. The district attended and condemned this part of the playground and removed it. Right now, the space is open, and there has been no decision made about upcoming equipment to be put in place of the removed piece. Playground equipment is extremely expensive, and some time and thought will be needed before a decision is made.

## Treasurer's Report - Mariana Perez-Garcia

- Total revenue for October/November is \$19,511.94. Total expenses are \$9,283.65. Net profit is \$10,228.29. Some of these numbers may change, as some of the revenue is for things like Grade Five hoodies, which will be spent when the hoodies are purchased.

## Adjourn

- Daniel Heimdahl made a motion to adjourn, and Colleen O'Connor seconded the motion.

## Attendees:

Amanda Ralph, Anna Proctor, Christy Dirks, Christie Nelson, Colleen O'Connor, Cooper Ashley Heibloem, Corinne Hansen, Daniel Heimdahl, Eric Liu, Joe Jamieson, Lil H, L. S., Mariana Perez-Garcia, Maryam, Maryann Weaver, Nikki Shekhtman, Noreen, Olga Gogokhia, Omara, Rachael Sproston, Tamara D.

## Board Members:

Daniel Heimdahl, Co-Chair | Rachael Sproston, Co-Chair | Corinne Hansen, Past Chair | Colleen O'Connor, Past Chair | Mariana Perez-Garcia, Treasurer | Christy Dirks, Secretary | Cooper Heibloem, Communications and After School Programs | Kimberley McCarthy - Hot Lunch | Christie Nelson, DPAC Representative | Joe Jamieson, Principal.