



Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 08, 2025

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Abby Senior Library Learning Commons

Details: General PAC meeting

Executives in Attendance:

President: Winsome Rauch

Vice President: Andy Capesinio

Treasurer: Brigitte Wimmer

Secretary: Kiran Harry

DPAC Rep:

Grade 9/10 Parent Rep: Phong Hoang

Grade 11/12 Parent Rep: Stacey Parson, Barbara Landa McAuliffe

School staff in Attendance: Principal Jennie Bell

Guests/ Parents in Attendance:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Winsome Rauch

1.1 Land Acknowledgment and Welcome: Winsome called the meeting to order at 7:05 with land acknowledgment

2. Principal's Report and Discussion

2.1 Budget and School Plan Update

The school budget arrived this morning and will be shared with staff and the PAC. There is also a new School Plan update that will be sent for consultation.

2.2 Student Assessments & Preparation

New tools like Power EI and Insight are being used to assess the effectiveness of changes, especially for Indigenous and at-risk learners.

Preparation for Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy, and Grade 12 Literacy exams is evolving.

Mary Pearson (Learning Commons) is supporting students with practice exams and access to past assessments.

2.3 School Planning & Data

Assessment data will be incorporated into the school plan.

Students can retake assessments to improve results.

UBC and SFU are beginning to consider these assessments in admissions, prompting a shift in how the school communicates their importance.



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2.4 Staffing & Space Constraints

Enrollment will increase to 1,330 students next year, adding two more teachers.

Physical space remains a major constraint; only one empty classroom is available.

2.5 ISP Program (Integrated Studies Program)

The ISP room and staffing remain unchanged for next year.

The program is school-based, not district-wide, and depends on space availability (assessed by mid-October).

Class sizes are capped at 26 with one teacher and one EA.

Grade 12 ISP includes English and Careers classes, and access to the Help Centre.

2.6 Middle School Coordination & Assessment Readiness

Ongoing efforts are in place to coordinate with middle schools to ensure students are prepared for high school assessments without overwhelming depth early on. FSA not done in high school

2.7 Student Feedback on Math

A student expressed a desire for more challenging math; the school offers multiple streams including Foundations, Workplace, Pre-IB, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus.

2.8 Summer School Updates

Summer school hosted at Abby Sr. causes facility wear-and-tear. Replacement of 45 chairs recently cost \$7,000. Ms. Bell has asked district to allocate \$5,000 every three years for maintenance.

Summer school for Grade 9 only includes Math. For Grades 10–12, most subjects are available (excluding PE, Foods, and electives). Students can graduate early by attending summer school annually.

Registration opens next week; sessions begin July 2 and run for 3.5 weeks (8:00–1:30 daily).

2.9 Student Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities include Canada Day events (June 29–July 2), elementary school fun fairs, Special Olympics, Starfish, Archway, etc.

Stacey will send volunteering information to Phong.

2.10 Abby Bistro Closure

The café is closed Mondays and during the last two weeks of June.

Suggested time for staff appreciation: Second last week of June.

Final day of classes is June 20; all staff still present on June 23.

2.11 Feeding Futures Program

Funded quarterly by district application.

Last year's spend: ~\$39,000; this year: ~\$48,000.



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Serves 77–78 students daily with lunch, plus bi-weekly breakfasts and snacks.

Dietary options include vegan, halal, gluten-free, and no pork.

Meals are prepared by a chef at Yale and a specialized caterer.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Brigitte. Carried

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 General Account balance – \$3302.74

Gaming Account balance - \$26,374.37

Treadmill Funds Reallocation:

4.2 Original treadmill budget: \$2,500

Floor model purchased for \$1,346.06

Motion to reallocate remaining \$1,153.94 for weight room equipment repair/replacement.

Moved by Stacey, seconded by Barbara. Carried

5. DPAC Report

5.1 Please refer to DPAC fb meeting minutes for detail information.

6. President's Report: Winsome

6.1 BC Gaming Grant – Apply for BCeID accounts until June – each school PAC need to apply for BCeID accounts to further apply Gaming Grant

6.2 BCCPAC Resolutions Review

Members reviewed the proposed BCCPAC Resolutions Booklet. The group agreed to vote "yes" on all resolutions except the following:

2025.13 – Amendment of Bylaws: Member Oversight Committee (Special Resolution): Agreed to vote "no".

2025.15 – Action to Address Misogyny and Gender-Based Violence (Ordinary Resolution): With 3 in favour, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions, members agreed to defer the decision to DPAC to vote on our behalf.

Minister MCFD – Ensuring access to Education is available for all children – Resolution – Voted Yes
Resolution – Parent engagement practice for inclusion – Decision Making – Equitable
Parent Engagement - Voted - YES

6.3 New Business:

Family Smart – Barbara explained about this program, there are workshops, webinars – support for parents when children are struggling any mental health issues – this is free program, it has prerecorded themes.



6.4 PAC Elections: Stacey Parson lead elections for the 2025-2026 year PAC committee members

President – Nominee Andy Capesinio - nominated and accepted by acclamation

Vice-President – Vacant

Treasurer – Nominee Brigitte Wimmer – nominated and accepted by acclamation

Secretary – Vacant

DPAC – Vacant

Grade 9/10 Rep – Nominee Phong Hoang – nominated and accepted by acclamation 1 position vacant

Grade 11/12 Rep – Nominee Stacey Parson – nominated and accepted by acclamation

Grade 11/12 Rep – Nominee Barbara Landa McAuliffe – nominated and accepted by acclamation

Secretary position – Nominee Winsome Rauch – Executives appointed Winsome as Secretary

6.5 Changes to signing authority – Motion moved by Brigitte Wimmer, Stacey seconded - Approved

1. motion moved to remove Kiran Harry as signing authority for and adding Andy Capesinio
2. motion to approve update of signing authorities for Abbotsford senior all bank accounts
3. motion that Abby Senior PAC approve the following changes to the signing authorities for our Envision financial bank accounts

- All Financial accounts
- Abby Senior PAC – General Acc#6819403002 (Abby Village)
- Abby Senior PAC – Gaming Acc#6819411002 (Abby Village)

Changes – Remove Kiran Harry (outgoing secretary) as a signing authority

Add – Andy Capesinio new President as signing authority

Retain – Winsome Rauch and Brigitte Wimmer as signing authorities

7. Open Floor:

- Staff appreciation – June 23rd date is fixed for staff appreciation for approx. 120 staff
- Stacey will find quotes for food
- Barbara will pick food from Costco

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:35

9. Next Meeting – Sep 11, 2025

- Sep 11, 2025
- Oct 09, 2025
- Nov 13, 2025
- Jan 15, 2026
- Feb 19, 2026
- Apr 09, 2026
- May 14, 2026