



Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Date	Thursday, September 11, 2025
Time	7:15 – 8:45 PM
Location	Library Learning Commons
Details	General Meeting
Executives in Attendance	President Andy Capesinio Secretary Winsome Rauch Treasurer Brigitte Wimmer Treasurer Rehan Siddiqui Grade 9/10 Rep Phong Hoang Grade 11/12 Rep Stacey Parson Grade 11/12 Rep Barbara Landa McAuliffe
Staff in Attendance	Principal Jennie Bell
Parents and Guests	Amanda Thiessen, Urmila Surabathula, John Surabathula

1 Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Andy Capesinio, who began with a Land Acknowledgement.

2 Principal's Report – Jennie Bell

Principal Jennie Bell reported enrollment at 1,363 students, with new registrations daily. Many students have high needs, creating service challenges. Staffing is generally stable with a couple of exceptions – Socials and PE. Jennie expressed appreciation for having the same administration team back this year. Financially, the budget is set, and a new computer lab is in place. The Ministry of Education has withdrawn Affordability Funding, which many families relied on. Assistant Superintendent Bruce Cummings will help apply for grants. Grade 9 students participated in a half-day orientation, which was a positive start to the year.

3 Questions & Discussion:

- Tables and chairs: 70 chairs found in storage.
- Appreciations expressed for keeping ISP program.
- School Cash Online discussed for larger ticket items (e.g., prom, grad cruise) with payment options and schedule to be sent.
- Student Presentations to come: Modern Languages, PE, Math/Science. Jennie will send PAC the schedule.

4 Approval of May AGM Minutes

Secretary Winsome Rauch reviewed the minutes from the May AGM.

MOTION: That the minutes of the May AGM be approved as presented.

MOVED: Winsome Rauch, SECONDED: Barbara Landa McAuliffe, CARRIED

5 President's Report – Andy Capesinio

The transfer of signing authority for Andy and Rehan is scheduled for September 12.

6 Treasurer's Report – Brigitte Wimmer

Treasurer Brigitte Wimmer reported that no cheques have been written recently. Gaming Summary Report is due on September 28 and will be completed by then. Secretary Winsome Rauch noted that there was still an amount due to Stacey Parson from the General Account for Staff Appreciation reimbursement.

Account balances

6.1 General Account Summary

Opening Balance as of August, 2025	\$2816.41
Add: Abbotsford Bingo	\$979.50
Less:	
Closing Balance as of September 11, 2025	\$3795.91

6.2 Gaming Account Summary

Opening Balance as of August 2025	\$2007.50
Add:	
Less:	
Closing Balance as of September 11, 2025	\$2007.50

7 DPAC Report – Winsome Rauch

Winsome Rauch reported the following

- DPAC will be doing a Constitution and Bylaw review
- Bussing remains an issue for the district
- New executive elected at the DPAC May AGM

8 Executive Positions

8.1 Treasurer and DPAC Representative positions

Since the May AGM, the executive appointed Winsome as DPAC Representative and appointed Rehan as another Treasurer. Both appointments were checked against PAC bylaws.

MOTION: That the membership ratify the executive's decision to appoint Winsome Rauch as DPAC Representative and Rehan as Second Treasurer.

MOVED: Winsome Rauch, SECONDED: Stacey Parson, CARRIED

8.2 Grade 9/10 Parent Representative

Urmila Surabathula nominated John Surabathula and was seconded by Barbara Landa McAuliffe. John Surabathula was declared Grade 9/10 Parent Representative for the 2025/2026 school year by acclamation.

8.3 Vice President

After a call for nominations, the position was declared vacant.

9 New Business

9.1 Staff financial requests

Staff have started to submit requests. These are due September 26.

9.2 Parent Schoolcash contributions

MOTION: That the Abbotsford Sr PAC set up a School Cash option for parents to contribute to the PAC

MOVED: Stacey Parson, SECONDED: Brigitte Wimmer, CARRIED

9.3 Staff Appreciation:

Scheduled for November 7. The planning will take place at next meeting.

10 Open Floor

Amanda Thiessen introduced herself as the President of Abbys' Music Society, supporting Abby Middle and Abby Senior music programs. Upcoming fundraisers, including Neufeld's, will be shared with families, and PAC was invited to help promote them. Meetings are held monthly with about six attendees. The Society has supported Dry Grad and continues to assist music students, including through individual fundraising accounts and scholarships. They can be reached at abbysmusicsociety1@gmail.com

11 Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn, MOVED: John Surabathula, SECONDED Winsome Rauch. CARRIED
The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 7 pm