

Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Date	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Time	7:00– 8:30 PM
Location	Library Learning Commons
Details	Annual General Meeting
Executives in Attendance	President Andy Capesinio Secretary Winsome Rauch Treasurer Brigitte Wimmer Grade 9/10 Parent Rep Phong Hoang (zoom) Grade 9/10 Parent Rep John Surabathula Grade 11/12 Parent Rep Stacey Parson Grade 11/12 Parent Rep Barbara Landa McAuliffe
Staff in Attendance	Jennie Bell, Principal

1 Welcome and Introductions

Chair Andy Capesino called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and delivered the Land Acknowledgement. The Chair expressed gratitude to outgoing executives Stacey Parson and Barbara Landa McAuliffe for their years of service. Quorum was confirmed.

2 Principal's Report – Jennie Bell

Principal Jennie Bell reported that the school is in a strong position and is wrapping up the year positively, with increased department budgets and a modest accumulated surplus. Several staff retirements are anticipated, and planning is underway for staffing changes next year.

The group discussed ISP staffing and funding. Jennie noted that student needs are increasing and becoming more complex. Concerns were raised about limited district supports and staffing allocation, particularly for high-needs students. While student success rates remain above the district average, funding and staffing pressures continue.

Jennie also discussed parent volunteering opportunities and noted that confidentiality requirements and unionized roles limit volunteer involvement in classrooms. Alternative volunteer opportunities may be explored.

The Dry Grad account was reviewed, including expenditures and reimbursement practices. Jennie offered to create a one-page guide outlining eligible Dry Grad and PAC expenses, including online purchases and donation policies, to provide greater clarity for future fundraising activities.

3 Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April general meeting were approved as posted.

4 President's Report

President Andy Capesinio has attended the Abbotsford Bingo AGM on April 18 on behalf of our PAC and collected our annual membership cheque.

5 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Brigitte Wimmer read the financial reports for May.

MOTION: That the \$810 received from the Canucks for Kids Fund, the \$100 donation from Gavin Hooper, and the \$100 donation from MVN Investments be deposited into the PAC Dry Grad Fundraising Account and designated as restricted funds for Dry Grad expenses.

MOVED: Winsome SECONDED: Stacey, CARRIED

6 DPAC Report – Winsome Rauch

DPAC is undertaking a Constitution and Bylaw review and is inviting members to submit suggestions via email.

7 Dry Grad

The Dry Grad Committee reported that the event was overall very successful, particularly from a fundraising perspective. Recommendations for future planning included liaising with PAC, prioritizing local vendors and entertainers, and creating a planning binder to support future committees.

8 Staff Appreciation

Members discussed a staff appreciation sandwich luncheon for June 12, funded by remaining available staff appreciation funds. Further details are to be coordinated via WhatsApp.

9 PAC Executive Nominations and Elections

Nominations and Elections Committee Chair Stacey Parson oversaw the elections.

The following individuals were elected for 2026-2027:

President: Andy Capesino (elected by acclamation)

Secretary: Winsome Rauch and Karen Murphy Corr (shared role by acclamation)

Treasurer: Brigitte Wimmer and Rehan Siddiqui (shared role by acclamation)

DPAC Representative: Winsome Rauch (elected by acclamation)

Parent Representatives:

Grade 9–10: John Surabathula (elected by acclamation)

Grade 11–12: Phong Hoang (elected by acclamation)

Vacancies remain for the Vice President position, one Grade 9–10 parent representative, and one Grade 11–12 parent representative.

There are no changes to the signing authority of the PAC bank accounts.

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10 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Next meeting: The next PAC meeting is scheduled for September 17 or will be aligned with the school open house.