

**Ecole Alberni Elementary School (AES) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**  
**AGM Minutes**  
**September 25, 2025**  
**AES Library 6:35pm**

**In Attendance:**

Skyler Manglesen, Brandy Sanders, Lindsay Sharpe, Robin Mearns,  
Anne Whitley, BH Pieterse, Heather Little, Yanny Poilievre, Rob Souther

- Brandy moves to adopt the minutes, Lindsay seconds

**Principal's Report**

- 381 students enrolled (up 4 from last year)
- Enrollment is down 7 in French Immersion (FI), up 11 in English (Eng)
- New Gr 4/5 English teacher Em McGibbon (she went from P/T to full-time)
- New Gr 1/2 English teacher Peggy Tatoosh
- Half the school's Teaching Assistants are new to us, but we are still ~3 short of full staffing
- Currently no Indigenous Support Worker (ISW) but one is starting on October 6<sup>th</sup>
- We practically have a new small gym, with new floors, refinished stage, new appliances
  - Trying to get new curtains
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation is being observed tomorrow September 26<sup>th</sup>, and all students will be going to the Hupacasath welcome figures and the Nuu-chah-nulth language pole (at the Victoria Quay) to hear Tseshah First Nation and Hupacasath First Nation speakers
- Next Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Professional Development Day, which will be focused on school planning
- Terry Fox Run was successful. Students raised just over \$400!
- Picture Day is **October 16<sup>th</sup>**
- A Diwali (festival of lights) celebration is being planned for ~~October 20<sup>th</sup>~~ Friday, **October 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Mme. Megan is working with one of the local Sikh temples, with plans to feed all the students a traditional meal and share a traditional dance performance

**Treasurer's Report**

General account:       \$23,383.<sup>06</sup>  
Gaming account:       \$1,170.<sup>90</sup>

- We have not received word on whether our Gaming Grant was successful
  - We typically receive ~\$25/student
- Approximately \$3000 in the General account is allocated for the garden club
- Mme. Megan has asked for up to \$700 for the Diwali event in October
  - Approximately \$400 for food costs (with temple members generously donating their time to cook) and about \$300 for the dancers. It would come out of the General account
  - AES administration is willing to share the cost of the celebration with the PAC

MOTION:       Skyler moves to pay for half the costs of the event, up to \$350  
seconded by Robin →       PASSED

- We decided not to purchase orange bracelets for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (as discussed on the PAC FB Messenger thread) because some PAC members were not aware that the school handed them out to students last year

### **District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report**

- Applicable highlight is that SD70 is up next (in provincial funding) for two new buses, which would have seat belts
- DPAC minutes are available upon request. Lindsay Sharpe is our representative

### **Executive Nominations**

- PRESIDENT:               Skyler Manglesen → Vote PASSED
- VICE-PRESIDENT:       Brandy Sanders → Vote PASSED
- TREASURER:             Robin Mearns → Vote PASSED
- SECRETARY:             Yanny Poilievre → Vote PASSED

Welcome to our newest member of the AES PAC Executive Committee, Robin!

Thank you, *Lindsay Sharpe*, for your dedication and support in PAC efforts and events!

### **New Business:**

- For alternative to swimming lessons, consider approaching Red Cross for home alone or Stay Safe course instead of Parks & Rec
  - Given the age requirement, it may need to be offered to fourth graders instead of third graders
  - Last school year gr.3s did martial arts classes because Parks & Rec said they didn't have the capacity to do swimming lessons

- For hot lunch fundraisers, do we want to stay with MunchaLunch or go back to HotLunches?
  - Many parents had bad experiences with MunchaLunch, and some didn't participate in fundraisers to avoid using the platform
  - We will go back to the HotLunches platform
- School administration requests that hot lunch fundraisers not be scheduled for Fridays because there is too much food waste
  - Mondays work best for many PAC members in attendance, so we will plan them for Mondays this year
  - First PAC hot lunch will be **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, the second will be **November 17<sup>th</sup>**
- Lindsay is our Hot Lunch and Dance Coordinator
- PAC will send out a monthly email to parents, rather than just relying on social media posts, to share important dates
  - To be added to this mailing list, please submit your email address to Yanny [barneypoilievre@yahoo.com](mailto:barneypoilievre@yahoo.com)
- Upcoming PAC meetings are on Thursdays: **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>**
- Growing Smiles (poinsettia) fundraiser has already been set up
  - ONLINE ordering ONLY
  - **November 5<sup>th</sup>** @ **6pm** is the deadline for orders
  - **November 19<sup>th</sup>** is the delivery date
  - **November 20 & 21** are the pick-up dates
- Other fundraising ideas are always welcome!
- Fall & Winter dates to note: **December 8 & 9**      Holiday Concert  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>**      Winter Wonderland  
 December 1&2 or 15&16 – Rob will gauge what  
 dates staff would prefer for Santa Shop  
**December 19<sup>th</sup>**      last day of school in 2025
- We will do our PAC budget next meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:42pm

*Next AES PAC meeting is **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025** @ 6:30pm*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [albernipac@gmail.com](mailto:albernipac@gmail.com)