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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**ŠX<sup>w</sup>ƏX<sup>w</sup>AʔƏS THUNDERBIRD PAC**

**MINUTES**

[Nov 5th, 2025] 6-7 pm in the school library

THUNDERBIRD PAC EXECUTIVES <sup>[1]</sup>			
CHAIR	Laurie White	CO-CHAIR	Vacant
TREASURER	David Than	CO-TREASURER	Lindsay Hood
SECRETARY	Blake Frederick	FUNDRAISING COORDINATORS	Chad Iverson, Ruby Wong
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Bradley Toews		

ITEM      TITLE

1      **Call to Order** (Laurie)

**Land Acknowledgement**

- a. We acknowledge that we are gathering on the unceded traditional territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

2      **Review and Approve** [Nov 5th, 2025] **Agenda** (Laurie)

Moved Chad, Seconded Blake, passed.

3      **Review and Approve** [Oct 1st, 2025 minutes](#) (Laurie)

Moved, Seconded, passed.

4      **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5      **Principal's Report and Important Dates** (Bradley Toews)

(See below - bottom of agenda)

- Christmas dinner is Wednesday December 17th. (Principals report says Dec 18th but it's on Weds Dec 17th)
- Grant to purchase 30 iPads

6      **Chair's Report** (Laurie)

- a.    [PAC donations outreach](#) spreadsheet has been created, please utilize it.
- b.    PAC website has been updated to reflect the 2025/26 executives, as well as to include a request for attendees to RSVP if they would like pizza and child care, to help ensure accurate food ordering
- c.    Need to cash \$300 chq from general to refill petty cash box for the 2025/26 year
- d.    Petty cash does not have a log, would like to implement one to track spending moving forward.

- Website has been updated to reflect new PAC year
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7      **Fundraising Initiatives** (Ruby & Chad)

a. Community outreach for donations follow up

- Superstore and SaveOn were contacted by Chad last year, but no response so far. Chad may try SaveOn again.
- Brad has been successful at Superstore for \$250 recently.
- Ruby mentions reaching out to the PNE, Brad mentions they have previously given tickets, etc.
- Staples was mentioned as a potential.
- Trees has been reached out to.
- Laurie is going to reach out to a pediatric dentist
- Telus has historically given to the school and/or PAC
- Canadian Tire we are active with

B. The Card Project (Ruby + Emily)

[https://www.thecardproject.ca/prices.php?return\\_to=fundraising.php](https://www.thecardproject.ca/prices.php?return_to=fundraising.php)

- The Card Project is a local org that'll take kids art to put on mugs and cups, etc, per student and a percentage goes to PAC. Emily says it's adorable. Questions about turnaround time and when to participate. Emily mentions the company may require use of a template.
- Emily will take on the task to reach out for more information.

Direct Fundraising School Cash Online Request (Ruby)

- Ruby asks for feedback on her poster and type of printing needed (colour, half size, etc). Emily recommends full size. Laurie likes colour. Consensus to print out some colour for posting and email and then black and white for distribution. Consensus to not ask for cash. Timeline? Aim for end of November. Blake mentions to double check QR code, we check, it works.

Bike Fest (Ruby)

- Bike fest grant was approved, \$500 for the spring.

GENERAL: October 1 - 31, 2025			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	12,082.90		
Expenses	3.75	October 1, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	NIL		
Withdrawals	186.00	October 2, 2025	Chq#87 - Thunderbird Elementary - Meet the Teachers and PAC (split costs of Pizza and refreshments)
	2,000.00	October 2, 2025	Chq#88 - Thunderbird Elementary - Classroom funds \$250 x 8 (7 divisions + resource team)
	73.50	October 8, 2025	Chq#86 - Chad Iverson - PAC Meeting Pizza dinner
Closing Balance	9,819.65		

GAMING: October 1 - 31, 2025			
	Amount	Date	Note
Opening Balance	672.43		
Expenses	6.00	October 1, 2025	Monthly fee
Deposits	3,740.00	October 3, 2025	BC Gaming Grant Deposit
Withdrawals	N/A		
Closing Balance	4,406.43		

### Account balances

- Gaming: 4406.43
- General: 9819.65
- VSB Cash Online : \$300
- Return-It :281.80
- Cash Float: \$53

*All balances as of [Oct 31st, 2025, PER BELOW]. Details below.*

- Laurie would like to replenish the cash float in the amount of \$300.
- Chad will be reimbursed for the pizza today.

- Laurie has improved the petty cash notes process with a proper paper log in the cash box.

9 2025/26 PAC Meeting Schedule (Laurie)

a)

Wednesday, November 5, 2025  
 Wednesday, December 3, 2025  
 Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
 Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
 Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
 Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
 Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
 Wednesday, June 3, 2026

**Other Business:**

- 11 OTHER: Proposed closure of VSB school Carelton, needs support through engagement - see [website](#) for details.

- 12 Programs that reach out to the PAC via email, promoting events and/or workshops - what is the interest in following up (ex. STEM programs for kids, workshops for parents etc).

13. Other Business:

Ruby asks about scooter policy. Brad mentions this is a topic being discussed at the district.

Laurie asks about winter clothing drive and Brad mentions this does happen at the school yearly.

Ms. Gill asks about the \$250 per classroom transfer and whether it also includes field trip costs. Answer is no, it's just the \$250. Ms. Gill mentions that teachers are always in need of field trip funding.

Emily asks to put on the agenda next meeting an item to discuss field trip funding.

Emily will reach out to local child care re bus costs.

Wendy mentions a contact to reach out to: [michelel.moore@watsongloves.com](mailto:michelel.moore@watsongloves.com)

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday, Dec 3rd, 2025 (Laurie)

15. Call to Adjourn Meeting (Laurie)

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

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## Thunderbird šxʷəxʷaʔəs Elementary School

2325 Cassiar Street, Vancouver, B.C. V5M 3X3  
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**November 5, 2025**

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

### School Organization

- 170 Students
- 7 Divisions

### What's New

#### Christmas Dinner:

- Wednesday, December 18, 2024: TBCC Christmas Dinner
- Not a school event, but our community is invited
- Held in our gym
- Led by the community Centre
- Info to come

#### Christmas Store:

- Student will have the opportunity to buy up to gifts for their family.
- By donation – suggested donation \$1 per item (\$5 maximum)
- Community volunteers help wrap.
- DATE: December 11, 2025

#### Kindergarten Registration:

- Kindergarten registration for children born in 2021 opens on November 1 and goes until January 31, 2026
- Families interested in Choice Programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) can apply during the Choice Program and Cross Boundary window, which runs from January 6 to February 3, 2026.

#### One to One literacy workshop:

- All parents and caregivers of students from kindergarten to grade 3 are invited to attend a reading workshop hosted by One To One Literacy Society. Adults will spend about 60 minutes in an interactive workshop learning positive reading strategies to support their young readers at home. After the workshop, adults may have some time to read and practice some of the strategies with their child. Participants will receive a resource package of literacy games to take home. Please return the paper form to the school by Monday, Nov. 10 OR scan the attached QR code to register digitally OR via this website <https://tinyurl.com/5n8df59v>

#### Donations/Grants:

- Received a donation of \$15,000... Will purchase 30 iPads
- Through the Microsoft Settlement -received \$4500... we will purchase 9 iPads

#### School Logo

- We are currently in the process of updating our school logo
- Current logo is not a representation of our three host nations



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### November 5, 2025

- Will have a local artist help us in this
- Students will receive education around symbolism of our new logo

Robin Roberts was born in Prince Rupert, BC, and is a member of the Skidegate Band Council of the Haida Nation. He also descends from the Ts'msyen, x'məθk'əyəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). Robin has both a Master and Bachelor of Education from UBC, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emily Carr University. He is an Indigenous Education Teacher in the Vancouver School Board, where he supports implementation of Indigenous pedagogy and curriculum starting from the local, while encouraging and supporting Indigenous students' successes. Robin leads Professional Development Day sessions on Indigenizing content, helping teachers lean into land-based eco-pedagogy. He has been a guest speaker for UBC in Art Education, and the Philosophy department to share Indigenous ways of knowing, doing, and being – art and cultural protocols in relation to land. As an artist Robin mostly carves, paints, and draws Haida/Ts'msyen design and is also researching his Coast Salish roots.

### Important Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, November 11, 2025: *Remembrance Day Stat Holiday – No school*
- Friday, November 21, 2025: *Professional Development Day – No School*
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025: *PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in the library*
- Thursday, December 11, 2025: *Student Christmas Store*
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025: *Thunderbird Community Centre's Christmas dinner*
  - *Report Card #1 Go Home*
- Friday, December 19, 2025: *Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day - Last Before Winter Break*
- Monday, January 5, 2026: *First Day Back from Winter Break*