

Franklin Elementary School PAC Meeting
Thursday Nov 6, 2025 6:00pm, Franklin School Library

Present:

Dan Knibbs, Principal
Luisa Rino, Chair
Cheryl Archer, Treasurer
Jaye Fanjoy, Snack Shack Manager &
Member-at-Large
Tania Jurado, Member-at-Large
Ariella Eini

Regrets:

Emma Worbeck, Secretary
Jen Burville, Communications
Marta Murray and Helen Muthoni,
Members-at-Large

A. Call to Order -- 6:00pm

- Chair's Intro – adopt agenda, approve minutes of Thurs Oct 2, 2025

B. Principal's Report

Building Related:

1. Facilities
 - a. District completed work on exterior wall of lunchroom
 - b. Fire Escape rebuild continues
 - c. Playground equipment repair continues

School related:

1. Halloween Howl

- a. Thank you to PAC for another wonderful event bringing the school community together

2. Mural

- a. Complete!
- b. Thank you to our PAC

3. One to One Readers Parent Workshop:

- a. parents & caregivers of students in Grades K through Grade 2 were invited
- b. program was well attended with over 17 in attendance
- c. The workshop took place on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Franklin Elementary Library.
- d. Adults spent approximately 60 minutes in an interactive workshop learning positive reading strategies to support their young readers at home.

- e. After the workshop, adults had time to read and practice some of the strategies with their child.
- f. Participants received a resource package to take home.

4. Remembrance Day

- Holding our assembly on Monday, November 10 – Thank you Mr. Doucet for organizing!
- Assembly is student-led
- Parents are welcome to attend but we do have very limited seating

5. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Grade 4 & 7

- The Assessment will close on Monday November 10.
- Booklets will be sent for assessment on Nov. 15 and 16.
- Once books have been returned parents can expect to receive them in the next couple of weeks., late November/early December

6. Cross Country

- a. Thank you Ms. Balzarini and Ms. Ritchie
- b. We had almost 60 students participate this year
- c. 48 students attend the District Meet at Trout Lake
- d. Thank you to all parent drivers who helped out for this event

7. Band Club

- a. Thank you Mr. Friesen
- b. Grade 5,6,7 Students
- c. Meet Jr. Band Tuesdays/Sr. Band Thursdays after school

8. Volleyball

- Inter-School volleyball season has started.
 - i. Sr. Volleyball CoEd- Grade 7s - Thank you, Mr. Doucet

9. Covenant House – Hope for the Holidays

- The students in Division 4 are spearheading this Covenant House fundraiser again this year
- Stay Tuned for more information

10. Winter Concert

- Thursday, December 18
- 2 shows – afternoon performance – 1:30 pm/evening performance – 6:00 pm
- Stay tuned for ticket/drop off information.

11. Field Hockey Program:

- a. Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club
- b. December 1 – 5
- c. Programming for Grades K through 7

12. Emergency Measures Drills

- a. Lockdown Drill – Nov. 19
- b. Fire Drill – Week of Nov 24

13. Snow Closure

- *In the event that schools are closed due to weather conditions, the Vancouver School Board will contact the following radio and television stations to make an announcement by 6 a.m.*

<i>CKNW (980 AM)</i>	<i>CKWX (News 1130 AM)</i>	<i>CJVB AM1470</i>
<i>CBC Radio (690 AM, 105.7 FM)</i>	<i>BCTV/Global TV</i>	<i>City TV</i>

14. When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School (Vancouver Coastal Health)

- Things to consider if your child feels unwell:
 - i. The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
 - ii. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
 - iii. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
 - iv. The protection of other children.
- Please keep your child home if they:
 - i. Have a fever.
 - ii. Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
 - iii. Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles)
 - iv. Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Thank you for keeping everybody healthy at Franklin.

15. Lost and Found

- c. Please come and check out our lost and found!
- d. Please note that we will be donating unclaimed items over the winter break

Since our last meeting:

Earthquake Drill - Great BC Shakeout Oct. 16

Informal Learning Update (Conferences) Oct.15/16

Halloween Howl – Thank you PAC for organizing an amazing event!

Photo Retakes (Oct. 27)

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 21 – Pro D Day

Dec. 1 - Field Hockey Program at Franklin

Dec. 16 -Written Learning Updates (Reports) Home

Dec. 18 - Winter Concert

Dec. 19 – Winter Sing-a-long

Dec. 19 – Last day for students - Winter Break – Happy Holidays!

C. Chair's Report

1. Recap work so far – **Costume Drive** – raised approx. \$200 (direct to Student Council account), **Halloween Howl** – raised just over \$1k at Howl, Haunted House (direct deposit to Grade 7 account) \$577, Snack Shack Proceeds \$268 – total net proceeds fund raised from Howl approx. \$1,900.

D. Treasurer's Report

Our PAC continues to be in a healthy financial position --

- Account balances as per budget sheet:
 - PAC General \$1,272.09
 - PAC VSB-Managed \$10,651.05
 - PAC Gaming \$2,448.46
- We have fundraised \$12,403.67 YTD (plus the gaming grant of \$4,540.00)
- We have funded approx. \$15,000 in school activities, supplies, projects YTD
- Remaining allocated funds - these spends are in process but have not yet left PAC accounts.

E. Events & Updates

a. Purdy's Winter Fundraiser – Amber Williamson Volunteer Lead - Nov 3rd to Nov 21st → runs for 3 weeks

b. Mitchell's Soup Fundraiser – Jaye Fanjoy Volunteer Lead – will run Jan 20 – Feb 12, 2026

c. Public Schools Forum -- Saturday, November 29, 4 to 6 pm, Britannia Community Centre in the Canucks Family Education Centre.

Melanie Cheng, Vancouver DPAC Chair will be one of the special guests. Other guests will include representatives of Teachers, Teacher Educators and School Board Trustees. The topic of the event is how to maintain and improve the quality of Public Education.

F. Other Business

- a. PCI Developments, 3553 East Hastings, Vancouver

We appreciate you sharing the PAC's comments to the City regarding the 3553 East Hastings proposal.

The City does not require winter solstice shadow studies since the sun is so low and daylight hours so short that all buildings, houses and even trees would cast extensive shadows. Like

most North American municipalities, the City typically focuses on summer solstice and spring and fall equinoxes to provide a consistent baseline for comparison between proposals. As demonstrated in the shadow studies provided in PCI's application, the proposal does not shadow the school or the school grounds.

Two loading stalls and one passenger stall are located in the rear off the lane, and another loading stall is provided on P2, complying with City requirements. Although minimum parking is no longer required for residential or commercial uses, 7 stalls have been designated for commercial use. On the residential side, PCI is providing 0.32 parking stalls per rental home ratio, which — based on statistics from the Aster & Yarrow rental buildings across the street as well as PCI's other rental projects — are above the previous parking uptake numbers. PCI is actively reviewing and enhancing the plans during the ongoing design phase, focusing on improving parkade efficiencies to boost the proposed parking ratio.

As for construction trades' parking, since the project has not yet been approved we haven't finalized our construction management plan. However, please be assured PCI is a reputable, experienced builder and will take the PAC's comments into account when the time comes. This also applies to the provision of a crossing guard for schoolchildren.

Yes, you are correct that there are a few more steps before construction starts. The proposal has not yet been approved and is undergoing review by City staff prior to an eventual Public Hearing in 2026. If approved at Public Hearing, development and building permits need to be obtained, which can sometimes take around a year.

Thanks again for your comments and engagement in the process. We would be happy to meet with you and PAC members if you'd find it helpful. Please let us know.

Best regards,
Patricia

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b. New Snack Shack Fridge

On Nov 26/27 there was an email vote called to disburse up to \$300 for a new Snack Shack fridge. Motion carried and a new fridge was purchased for \$191.51 from Costco. It has since been installed and the old fridge has been donated to the EXCEL class on the 3rd Floor.

Adjournment – 7:30pm

Next PAC meeting Thursday, Jan 8, 2026 at 6:00pm, Franklin Library.