

Franklin PAC Meeting
Thursday, 10 October 2025 @ 6:00 PM in the library

AGENDA

I. Chair's Introduction — agenda, approve minutes of PAC AGM Wednesday 11 June 2025

(5 min)

- Minutes approved

II. Franklin School PAC Business

• **Principal's Report — Principal Knibbs**

Building Related:

- Thank you to the Alvarez Family for watering the Garden Beds over the summer
- Repairs to the play structure

Staffing Related:

- New Staff
 - i. Ms. Rachel Geatros – Grade 2/3
 - ii. Ms. Simona Cuzzetto – Grade 2
 - iii. Ms. Sisley Killam – Grade 5 (Friday)
 - iv. Ms. Heather Welwyn – ExSEL Program Teacher
 - v. Ms. Judy Ashcroft – SSA
 - vi. Ms Danya Gareau - SSA
 - vii. Ms. Anne McCleod – Wednesdays
 - viii. Mr. Amar Buchha – SSA ExSel Program
 - ix. Mr. Emilio Dalmacio– Night Custodia

School Related:

1. Enrollment – 228 students in 11 Divisions

- Several spaces spread out through the organization
- 1 Kindergarten classes of 20 students

2. Bell Schedule

- Recess – 10:30 – 10:50 am
- Lunch – 12:10 – 12:55 pm
- Dismissal – 2:58 pm

3. School Start-up

- Thank you for your patience.
- Franklin Website – still being updated
- Emergency Measures Drills
 - i. Fire Drill – 6x Year
 - ii. Great BC Shakeout (17 October) Stay tuned for further information.
 - iii. Earthquake Drill – Big One in May – evacuation and reunification
 - iv. School Lockdown Drill – 2/year

4. Meet the Teacher Open House

- Thank you to all families who were able to make it out!

5. Informal Learning Conferences

- Coming up on Wednesday 15 October and Thursday 17 October
- Information home Monday 6 October
- Information returned to teacher by Thursday 9 October
- Confirmations home Friday 10 October/Tuesday 14 October

6. Fieldtrips

- New field trip protocol for parent opt-in
- Financial Hardship Policy: No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in this program because of an inability to pay the fee, as per VSB Financial Hardship Policy. Bursaries are available

7. Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan

- Protocols – updated on the VSB website/link from the Franklin School website
- Last updated: June 2024
- Remind parents to keep their children home when they are not feeling well

8. Recess/Lunch Procedures

- Mix of Primary/Intermediates in the lunchroom
- Kindergarten and one other 2 Primary classes – eating in classrooms with grade 7 monitors
- Supervision in lunchroom and classrooms – Supervision Aides
- Dress for the weather

9. School Extra Curricular

- X Country (2-7) - Ms. Balzarini/Ms. Ritchie and Ms. Sirsis/Ms Durward
- Band/Mr. Friesen (Gr. 5,6,7)

10. Mural

- 6 October start date

11. Code of Conduct

- Review C of C
- **Be Safe - Be Kind - Be Fair**
- "Racism will not be tolerated in our school."

12. FSA – Open

- Grade 4 & 7 Students
- Opened – 1 October, closes 10 November
- Results to be sent home in late November/Early December

13. Terry Fox Run

- Took place on Thursday 29 September

- Primary students ran around the big block of the school
- Intermediate Students ran at The PNE Hosted event
- Thank you to all the parents/guardians who were able to help out

14. Orange Shirt Day/National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

- Assembled on Monday 29 September
- Thanks to Div. 4 students for leading the assembly

15. School Learning Plan

- Numeracy Focus** - How can we develop a mathematically literate student body who are able to use mathematical skills and reasoning to solve real-world problems
 - Focus on Equity:** - we are deeply committed to advancing student achievement in both literacy and numeracy. This dedication is evident in our daily instructional focus and our ongoing efforts to strengthen teaching practices across all grade levels.
 - District-wide Aboriginal Goal:** The Vancouver School Board will continue its Reconciliation journey with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit by increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions.
- **Goal 1:** To improve math and literacy achievement for all students and to build positive attitudes towards math, focusing on promoting mathematical literacy among students, which involves not only developing students' skills in math but also their ability to apply mathematical reasoning to real-world situations by developing an approach to teaching math that will help ALL students:
 - Reason and analyze.
 - Take initiative to understand and solve problems.
 - Communicate mathematical thinking.
 - Develop greater flexibility, particularly, but not exclusively, in number.
 - See relationships.
 - Seek to understand why and want to make sense of ideas.
 - Look forward to figuring things out and thinking.
 - See that Math should be engaging, creative, and about making sense of the world.
 - Incorporating the **First Peoples Principles of Learning** in all curricular areas, with special attention to how it lends itself to math instruction.
 - **Goal 2:** our commitment to equity means recognizing and supporting the diverse needs of all learners, those who are thriving academically and those who may require additional support. Throughout the 2025–26 school year, we will continue to embed Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles into our classrooms. These strategies ensure that all students can access learning in ways that are meaningful to them.
 - **Goal 3:** Continue our reconciliation journey with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit by:
 - Increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions.
 - Aligning its policies and practices in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

- c. Engaging and gathering with the x^wməθk^wəy' əm (Musqueam), Skwxwu7mesh (Squamish) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday 3 October: Photo Day
- Saturday 5 October: World Teacher Day
- Monday 13 October 13: Thanksgiving Day Stat
- Wednesday 16–Thursday 17 October: Conferences – students dismissed at 1:58 PM
- Friday 24 October Non-Instructional Day
- Wednesday 29 October 29 PAC Halloween Howl

• Chair's Report (Luisa)

- a. Recap work so far:
 - i. Welcome To K
 - ii. Meet the Teacher
 - iii. Direct Drive - started, will get reporting end of month; some time next week
 - iv. Email Consent
 - v. PNE Grant - didn't get it this year. Got 2 years in a row previously. Try again next year.
 - vi. Snack Shack Open - Jaye taking that on this year, thank you Jaye
- b. School Grounds - upkeep over summer
- c. DPAC & BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)
 - i. vancouverdpac.org <https://bccpac.bc.ca>
 - ii. Don't have to be on the School pac to join
 - iii. District: They have working groups for issues in the district
 - iv. Always looking for people to join

• Treasurer's Report (Cheryl)

- Teacher Stipend – disbursed
 - Need to account for 3 more kids (\$20 per child pro-rated for resource teachers)
- Gaming grant received - \$4,540
 - Going to equity speaker and online safety series and STEAM.

• Events & Updates (Luisa)

- a. Hot Lunch
 - Former hot lunch provider sold his assets and didn't reimburse us/payed out, lost approximately \$300 trying to follow up with the person who sold the assets. Could ask other dozen schools if they also experienced a loss
 - Need a new hot lunch provider but not a lot of turnkey providers
 - Luisa contacted Mel from Lunch Ladies — waiting to hear back if we can start late. Otherwise we will have to start in the new school year. Huge undertaking without fulfillment people. Must meet VSB requirements. Have to do an application that is approved by VSB.

b. Costume Drive

- Student council and grade 7 would like to lead
- Do need 4 adult supervisors during the actual sale on conference days (Wednesday 15–Thursday 16 October)
- 2-6 PM 2 shifts
- Keep at \$5 per item

c. Hallowe'en Howl - Wednesday 29 October 6-8pm

- (Tickets/Volunteers/Promo/Run of Show, DJ, Food, First Aid, Decor, Games,
- Caricature Artist, Haunted House, Concession, Clean-up)
- Call for volunteers will go out soon.

d. Purdy's Winter Fundraiser

- Amber Williamson Volunteer Lead
- Runs for 3 weeks from 3–21 November.

PCI Developments, 3553 East Hastings, Vancouver – Luisa (5 mins)

- Community service/public relations person wanted to ask how school felt about the building proposal for 19.5 storeys 90 meters from the school
- Regulations around shadows on school grounds — PCI created a shadow report to show that it would not cast a shadow. Equinox and solstice. Report did not include winter months in which there will likely be shadow.
 - Can we see the shadow report?
 - Second opinion?
 - What are the repercussions of there being a shadow after the fact?
- PCI discussed funding crossing guard for the duration of the construction if they could find the company or people (parents?) to do it.
- COV public hearing?
- Rationale for building height is to add variety.
- PAC to respond to request for feedback

• Unfinished Business, New Business

- No items

ADJOURNMENT

- 7:13 PM

NEXT MEETINGS

Meeting dates are subject to change:

- 6 November
- 8 January
- 26 February

- 9 April
- 28 May — AGM

ATTENDEES

- Cheryl Archer
- Luisa Rino
- Dan Knibbs
- Emma Worbeck
- Jaye Fanjoy
- Helen Muthoni
- Tania Jurado
- Danielle (guest parent)