



**École George Elliot Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes
Monday, October 20th 2025 at 6:30pm**

In Person: Wood Shop

1.0 Call to Order 6:30pm

Attendance/Introductions: *Jim L, Colin M, Craig C, Ros H, Tanya L Ian L, Linda I, Bretta L, Mark H, Brian Z, Tatiana M, Michele S, Leah V, Stephanie L, Doris Steijanberger*
Regrets: Don F, Cynthia L

2.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval – Approved: Ros , Seconded: Bretta

2.1 Presentation by Deirdre Lucas on The Outdoors Club

2.2 The first Cash Raffle License for the Grad Committee, update on the application

2.3 Revisit BCCPAC Annual Fees; Update from Ros

2.4 We would like to discuss with Jim the situation regarding the SD23 response to the unfortunate events that led to the loss of a young member of our community who attended HS Grenda Middle School.

2.5 After last month's discussion on washrooms, we would like to discuss a situation that has arisen where ALL washrooms were closed throughout the school.

3.0 Minutes: Previous Meeting Minutes Additions/Approval – Approved: Bretta Seconded: Ros

3.1 Deirdre's presentation.....Grade 9 Social Studies. Thanks, and we will discuss donations at the next meeting.

3.2 Tanya spoke to the situation; she is in discussion with the Gaming Commission to get this rectified. This will not affect the Grad License and it's looking promising that it will be OK. Ros has received notice that it IS given!

3.3 BCCPAC budget wasn't passed! Could be a problem. BCC Summer Games in Kelowna 2026. Each PAC is asked for a \$75 fee. Agreed for us to hold on until we know what's happening, we have until December 2025. We will discuss next meeting.

3.4 Jim discussed our school's response, the district PCIR (Post-Critical Incident Response) Team, and how this district-led, interdisciplinary, collaborative team supports schools in times of need. As a PAC, ideas were shared with how to support families in managing grief, such as getting support from the Hospice Society and exploring future presentations to COPAC or the PAC.

3.5 Jim spoke to the fact that if ALL washrooms were closed, the school would have to close. He categorically said that this didn't happen! Whilst there may have been a situation where multiple washrooms were closed, it definitely wasn't all of them.

3.6 Welcome Colin Mayer VP (A-K)

4.0 Principal's Report: Jim Laird – See Accompanying Report

5.0 Reports:

5.1 President – Craig Catton: Update on potential Lake Country Hot Lunch Program. There has been little to no interest in getting this off the ground; Craig is shelving the idea. Shame!

5.2 Treasurer – Ros Hazen: Tanya and Jodi will need to go to the bank to allow the signatures to be changed. (see minutes 3.2) – *Also See Accompanying Report*

5.3 COPAC – Ros, Guest presenter from Restorative Justice; young offenders get them back on track. SD23 enrollment down 0.8% Lake Country only area that was up.

6.0 Old Business:
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7.0 New Business:

7.1 Welcome to newcomers Tatiana, Michele S, Leah, Doris and Stephanie L. More “new blood” and we hope to see you again.

7.2 Ros proposed \$750 to UN and \$750 to BC *Approved: Bretta, Seconded: Stephanie L*

8.0 Adjournment: 7:51 pm
Next meeting: November 17th 2025, Art Room