



École George Elliot Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes
Monday, January 19th 2026 at 6:30pm

In Person: Foods Room

1.0 Call to Order 6:30pm

Attendance/Introductions: *Jim L, Rob A, Marnie B, Liberty & Carter (G12, COP30), Craig C, Ros H, Ian L, Linda I, Bretta L, Mark H, Cynthia L, Jodie*

Regrets:

2.0 Agenda: Previous Agenda Additions/Approval – *Approved: Bretta, Seconded: Ros*
2.1 No items put forward for the Agenda

3.0 Minutes: Previous Meeting Minutes Additions/Approval – *Approved: Ian Seconded: Mark*

3.1 Presentation by Carter and Liberty on the COP30 trip to Brazil. Thanks to PAC for our help and donations. Amazing presentation and congratulations to both.

3.2 Welcome to Rob Aviani as new principal. Thanks to Jim for his time and service to GESS.

3.3 Motion to change the Capstone attendance day; currently, G9 & G10 go home, G11 & G12 stay; the motion was to change to have G11s and G12s to go home but come back to their Capstone time as scheduled. Motion carried by ALL

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

5.0 Reports:

5.1 President – Craig Catton: Nothing to report.

5.2 Treasurer – Ros Hazen: *See Accompanying Report.* Gaming funds are IN THE BANK!

5.3 COPAC – Ros, SD23 is revamping the strategic plan for the District. The meeting on January 26th from 6-9pm will be important.

Feb 2nd Online Zoom meeting, 6:30pm. COPAC meeting regarding how the District distributes funds and why.

Link to register for Feb 28th meeting. See attached Flyer

Science Fair UBCO is returning to the Okanagan, March 10th – 11th

<https://region.youthscience.ca/okanagan-shuswap>

CARE (Climate Action Ripple Effect), <https://climateactionrippleeffect.org>

6.0 Old Business:

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Outdoor Club – First Aid Kits x 2, Headlamps \$400 Approved: Ros , Seconded: Bretta Carried

7.2 Physics Olympic Team – \$1000

7.3 Capstone Lunch – \$750

7.4 Athletics Uniforms – \$2000

7.5 Cooking appliances for Grad – \$900 Wait til Feb! motion carried

7.6 Guitar “Academy” – NO COST TO PAC!

8.0 Adjournment: 7:47pm

Next meeting: Feb 23rd , International Ed Room 201

George Elliot Secondary School PAC Income Statement

Year: 09/01/2025 to 08/31/2026

Bank Account Status

General Account	\$ 1,475.59	Gaming Account	\$23,342.23
Cash or Other	\$ -	-	-
As of December 31, 2025			

Fundraising

Items	Deposit	Expenses	Profit	%
Interest from Membership	9.17		9.17	100.00%
	-	-	-	0.00%
	-	-	-	0.00%
	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTALS:	9.17	-	9.17	100.00%

Gaming Funds

Year	Grant	Approved	Remaining
Prior Year Remaining	6,274.04	6,185.50	88.54
2025-2026	17,260.00	-	17,260.00
TOTALS:	23,534.04	6,185.50	17,348.54

Gaming Fund Expenses

Item	Requested	Approved	Issued	Expenses
Bank Fees				199.81
Oyama Zipline Grad 2026	3,685.50	3,685.50		
Soccer Team Bus	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Outdoor Club				
Physics Olympics Team	1,000.00			
United Nations Climate Change Conf		750.00		
BC Student Leadership Conf	1,000.00	750.00		
Capstone presentations lunch	750.00			
Athletic Team Uniforms	2,000.00			
Cooking appliances for GRAD	900.00			
Cookie Club	248.79			
Grad lanyards	868.00			
Open Mic Club	337.93			
TOTALS:	11,790.22	6,185.50	-	199.81

Date as of: January 19, 2026

École George Elliot Secondary PAC: Principal's Report

- Monday, January 19, 2026



- **Thank You!**

- Thanks from all of us for being involved in PAC, our school, and in your child's education. We are very appreciative of parents/guardians who volunteer and make a difference.
- From me personally, I couldn't have asked for a better PAC to work alongside. Thanks for your support, patience, and kind words year after year. Together, we were able to collaborate to make GESS a better place, and I am grateful.
- And a huge thank you to Liberty and Carter for coming to present to PAC tonight!

- **Principal Change**

- Rob Aviani will be taking over, starting February 2nd
- Rob will introduce himself 😊

- **Community Engagement re: District Strategic Plan, Lake Country Edition**

- Our Board's current strategic plan is on its last year, and they will be seeking feedback and ideas from our families
 - Lake Country's session is on **Monday, January 26th from 6-9pm** in our Library Learning Commons.
 - It sounds like it will be an interview matrix structure (we will find out more tomorrow from Jon) which is an amazing way to gather detailed, themed info from parents. Please register via the link that was emailed out so they can plan accordingly for numbers.

- **Enrollment Application Dates for 26/27**

- Jon has asked principals to share the following information with PACs
 - *At the December 10, 2025 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education approved the initial enrollment application dates for the 2026/2027 school year as February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am through to March 13, 2026. The closing date of enrollment applications, to apply the Board's enrollment priorities as established in Board Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) was set as August 27, 2026. Enrollment application information will be advertised and distributed through local newspapers, District and school websites, newsletters, and at school PAC meetings.*

- **Calendar Drafts (26/27 & 27/28) Slight Adjustment**

- Feedback came from staff (and students through staff) about the Capstone early dismissals and changing them to a full early dismissal (ie. 9-12).

- We kept the grade 11s on site, supervised last year as it will be this year, but students and staff have found it challenging
 - Supervision/attendance as teachers are changing all the time for Capstones
 - Students having “catch up time” with adults they don’t necessarily know didn’t feel like a good use of their time from their perspectives
 - We are planning a slight adjustment to 26/27 and 27/28 to make the early dismissal for all 9-12
 - 11s and 12s would be scheduled for capstones at certain times as they do at other schools who early dismiss.
- **Timetabling Season Is Upon Us Once Again**
 - There are important timelines and evening events for families and students
 - For students, the team is starting the process of getting our course selection books ready and the background build in MyEd (Jen is hard at work on that)
 - Student assemblies are:
 - Grade 8s (next year’s 9s) tour/info: Friday Feb 6
 - Grade 9s (next year’s 10s) and Grade 10s (next year’s 11s) info: Monday Feb 9 (am)
 - Grade 11s (next year’s 12s) info: Tuesday Feb 10
 - For families, the evening meetings are on Wednesday, Feb 11th in the theatre:
 - Grade 9-11 (next year’s 10-12) 6-7pm
 - Grade 8 (next year’s 9s) 7:15-8:15pm
 - As you know, schools use these numbers to plan for the coming year, which classes to offer, which classes we cannot offer, etc. and the timelines provided are incredibly important so the team can get things built for 26/27
- **Magical Mystery PAC Tour**
 - Next room for February?

I wish you all the best! Thanks for an amazing 3.5 years supporting the Lake Country community. It’s been an absolute pleasure.

COPAC Parent Conference



Who should attend

- Any parents and caregivers of students in Central Okanagan Public Schools
- Parents & caregivers interested in learning how to better support their students in SD23
- Current PAC executives or those interested in getting more involved with their school PAC



**Saturday
February 28, 2026**

9am - 3pm

In Person at the new Learning Center at Hollywood Road Educational Services



Register Now: FREE



Parent & Caregiver Learning Sessions

9am - 12pm



Lunch & connections

12pm - 1pm

PAC Learning Sessions

1pm - 3pm

Coffee, snacks & lunch will be provided



What to expect

- Parent education sessions on current learning topics
- Insights into digital literacy and AI in SD23
- Lunch and networking with SD23 Trustees
- Practical PAC learning sessions
- Opportunities to connect with other parents

