

Grindrod Elementary January PAC Meeting

Location Grindrod School Library

In attendance:

Mrs. Mazur	Britney deDood
Chelsea Hadland	Deja Bourke
Bandy Pacheco	Kirsten Mazur
Hayley Halvorson	Ashley Lancaster
Meta Attlesey	Caitlin MacIntosh
Sarah Estabrooks	

1. Meeting called to order @ 12:00

2. Introduction- Very nice turnout. A few moms brought their little ones to the meeting and enjoyed some snuggles and giggles as the adults discussed the topics at hand. Thank-you to all of the parents who attend these meetings as it helps the children gain access to more opportunities and experiences. We know that not everyone can be present at the meetings due to time constraints or a plethora of other obstacles, but we encourage you to reach out to us at our email address or join social media accounts to keep up with the news. Most suggestions are welcomed.

3. Secretary's Minutes from last meeting – Thursday, November 27th, 2025

All meeting minutes are posted on the Grindrod Elementary School Website (<https://gri.sd83.bc.ca/>) under the PAC tab up at the top. They are also posted on our Facebook Group – please sign up to stay connected. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GrindrodPAC>) And lastly, a paper copy is also pinned up outside the office on the bulletin board. Secretary's previous meeting minutes

Motion to adopt -Hayley and Brandy

4. Principal's report:

A) School Learning Plan (Located on Grindrod Elementary Website under the HOME tab

<https://gri.sd83.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/grindrod-school-learning-plan-2024-25.pdf>) -The school is consistently working on improving writing skills, focusing on sentence writing, punctuation, and spelling.

-Improving computation math facts

B) Come Read With Me for the Grade 1 students/parents-

-There was a good turn out. Creating a safe environment about books. There

were literary games and parents said to continue it for next year.

-PAC donation to LASS-Thanks so much Literary Alliance of the Shuswap Society.

C) Student Learning Survey-Link will be made available for parents in Gr 4 and Gr 7

D) Staffing

- There will be a few new faces in the school.
- Student CEA, Eryn, 8 weeks. Student Teacher, Jessica Betcher in Div 1 for 8 weeks starting in February, and Kristy Lucas Speech and Language Assistant will be at the school 3 half days a week.
- There will be an increase in teaching time/principal teaching time reduction. Mrs. Mazur will be more available to the teachers and students.

E) Grade 6/7 have been doing a bottle drive blitz (\$160) and are aiming to do a bake sale soon to help raise money for the end of year camping trip. There was discussion about how to set up an account at the bottle depot so that the families can just hand the donations in to the depot.

F) Christmas Concert Feedback- Basket Raffle raised a decent amount of money. (\$1586)

G) Unplug and play pamphlets went home this month. The pamphlet gives dates and times for activities happening in the community for the week (January 24th-31st). The goal is to encourage less screen time and help the children find more active ways to stay unplugged, spend more time with family and maybe even spend more time reading. Please remember to hand your completed Challenge Sheet into the office by Friday February 6th, 2026, for a chance to win some great prizes. (LASS)

H) Art Fair- select children from Gr 5/6/7 will be attending an art workshop at Picadilly Place Mall on February 11th.

I) Donations were given to the school recently-very amazing and generous.

- Garlic Festival Association-\$500
- Twice But Nice-\$1000 for food programs
- Santa's Anonymous Society- \$1000 now and \$1000 September

J) Leadership Plans for February

- Kindness Month
- 5/6/7 Dance on February 12th

No school February 13th and 16th

Kindergarten Sign-up went well: 9 new students so far

Chealsea, Brandy, Hayley, Meta and Sarah all approved Mrs. Dodd's request.

5. Important Dates:

January 23-Larch Hills #3
January 24-31: Unplug and Play week
January 27- Skating k-1
January 29- Pizza Day
January 28- Larch Hills #4
January 28-Weiner roast at Grindrod Park
January 30-Pirate Loppet/Month End Assembly
February 4-Silver Star #4
February 3-Soup Day- Chicken Noodle
February 10-Soup Day-Lunar New Year
February 11- Art Workshops/Art Fair
February 12-5/6/7 School Dance
February 13- No School
February 16- Family Day-No School
February 17-Soup Day-Mac and Cheese
February 18-Hot Lunch-Subway
February 19- Lockdown Drill/DEPAC Meeting 7pm-9pm/Grindrod PAC meeting in Library 12pm
February 24-Soup Day-Stone Soup
February 26- Pizza Day
February 27- Pink Shirt Day/Month End Assembly/Popcorn Day
March 9- Hot Lunch
March 12- Ready Set Learn for Children aged 3/4/5
March 16-27 Spring Break

6. Treasurer's Report

PAC was busy with numerous fundraisers since our last meeting. There was profit from Poinsettias, Hot Dog Day, Popcorn days and concession, Gift Cards and the DeMille Food Boxes. Thank-you to all of the families that donated and to all the volunteers who helped.

Chelsea provided the current numbers:

Operating Account: \$18,898.84

Gaming Account: 6,271.48

Motion to Adopt: Britney and Hayley

7. Old Business

- LASS-How many students-how much to pay?
- Library Donation-\$1000 -Status: Books are being ordered, receipts to be handed in.
- Feedback on Christmas Concert: How it went in classrooms/teacher's/ concession feedback- money was raised from concession (\$259.95) great job Sarah and Chelsea! There was talk of maybe adding concession next year during the earlier rehearsal time as well. The classroom parent volunteers seemed to help keep some of the chaos from spilling into the hallways but there were still reports of a few kids getting up to shenanigans.
- Tire Structure- Any other ideas for fundraising, or anymore information about how we can get the tire structure built up to code. Lay them horizontal?? More info needed.
- Roadside letters- Hayley will bring the letters into the office so everyone can see their broken state.

8. New Business

-DPAC (District PAC) Next meeting is February 19th. DEPAC has decided to help fund one-to-one reading. There is also talk of having a PAC training session. Sarah asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to attend the online Zoom meeting from 7pm 9pm once a month. The volunteer would need to take notes and report back on what was learned. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact Sarah.

-Roadside Advertising- there is some potential businesses interested in advertising on the sign.

-Muncha Lunch feedback so far, any concerns? None were brought up at the meeting. It was mentioned later in the meeting that we could possibly lessen workload of order taking in another fundraiser, so that is a nice perk.

-Fundraising Goal? Tires/New playground? Tires were talked about, possible location, but more info is needed. Catalogue for playground equipment was passed around again. We talked about a possible structure to be built near the kindergarten room that is geared towards younger students. Another new bench? Or removing the less used structures (Zipline and larger hanging bars) to be replaced by a more stimulating structure?? Suggestions are welcome.

-New sign-up sheet for Soup Days filled up exceptionally fast-please keep in mind that there were a few soup days where we had only one volunteer that was able to do the shift due to unforeseen circumstances. Please keep an eye out on the social media for posts about volunteers being needed if one falls through. Thank-you in advance. We will try to post the

upcoming months on social media to remind the volunteers closer to the date.

-More garbage cans were requested near the kindergarten side of the building.

-Some parents asked if there was an option for the school to get cameras around the outside common areas, as there have been lots of litter left on the property after hours. Not an option due to cost/privacy issues. Could the neighbourhood keep their eyes on the property and report any suspicious activity?

-PAC email account needs to be monitored. Meta will oversee the forwarding/answering of any inquiries.

9. Hot Lunch

-Booster Juice (Nov) Profit-\$245-Britney said the process of picking it up went well-kids happy

-Hot dog day Profit-\$257.63-Ashley said it went smoothly and was a nice profit

-February/March Hot lunch dates set. February will be Subway(Ashley and Chelsea) and March (Rebeccas) is still yet to be determined.

10. Events

-January 28th wiener roast at park.

-January 30th Pirate Loppet

-Numerous upcoming Winter Recreation (downhill skiing, cross country skiing and skating). (See Important Dates Part of Meeting Minutes)

11. Fundraisers

- Gift Cards-\$11,795-Profit \$443

-DeMille's food box-21(Dec), 11(Jan)\$ 546.00

-Poinsettias-Went smoothly-profit \$589.35

-Hanging Baskets-motion to not do the hanging baskets was adopted by the whole PAC, Caitlin will investigate other companies, ones that maybe offer herbs, and possibly have better prices and more options as well as better ways for submitting paperwork.

-Laura's Pies? Jess- More info is needed.

- Fun Fair- June 5th-Sarah

Fun Fair Volunteers needed:

- Online Auction- Meta Hayley-Hand out donation letters
- Tickets- Possible pull-tab board
- Bake Sale- Britney
- Cake Walk
- Concession/BBQ

Extra Ideas – There are so many fundraising options out there. Our PAC is open to new ideas! If someone has an idea, please get the information and let Sarah know and she can put it in the next meeting minutes for discussion. From there, we would need someone to take the lead on that idea.

12. Budget

Budget Request Update 2025 / 2026

Reimbursements	Paid/Not Paid (NP)
Library	\$1000 approved NP
Each Class/LRT	\$100 each-voted:need more info
Hoodies	\$753.48 Paid
Soup Program	\$500 Paid
LASS	\$180 Approved
Winter Raffle	\$100 Askew's G.C. \$25 Food Box Paid
Mrs. Dodds	\$116.54 Approved
Play Kitchen (outdoor) Cement	\$495.27 Approved

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19th, @ 12:00. Meeting adjourned @ 1:51 pm

