

**SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025
HELD AT THE SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We are privileged to be working and learning on the Stó:lō unceded traditional territory of the Pilalt, Semá:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw.

ATTENDANCE: Erin Kelley (President), Deanna Devauld (Vice President), Rae-Anne Ricka (Super Reader Coordinator), Kendy Michaloski (DPAC), Joanna Kasper (Principal), Amanda Walsh (Treasurer), Victoria Kupp (Super Reader Coordinator), Meghan Shattock (Secretary), Jayme Hunter, Chistina Doerksen, Candice Lamote, Love Bailie.

INTRODUCTIONS: Erin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *Motion to adopt by Rae-Anne, seconded by Erin. Passed.*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: *Motion to adopt the General Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025 by Rae-Anne, seconded by Candice. Passed.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Joanna advised that there are some administration staffing shifts for the upcoming school year, but very few. Unfortunately, Sardis Elementary School will be saying goodbye to Lindsay Sanderson as Vice Principal as she moves on to FG Leary. In her place, Justin Moore will be joining the Sardis Elementary School team. Joanna advised of the few other shifts in staffing throughout the district, such as Cheryl Lidell becoming the Vice Principal of Indigenous Curriculum, and Kate Campbell joining Chilliwack Secondary School as Vice Principal.

The posting for the permanent grade four position will close April 25th. There are lots of field trips coming up for the school, and Joanna will send out the information on accessing the Affordability Fund for those families that need to. Joanna advised that she has had some questions as to why some classes go on field trips with other classes, and why not other classes. She advised that organization and planning of field trips are at teacher discretion.

The Vedder Middle School (VMS) transition activities for the grade fives is under way, and soon the kids will go over to VMS with their teachers for a tour. May 22nd will be the Kinder Fair at Sardis Elementary School. Four children with siblings already attending Sardis with families outside of catchment have been accepted for the upcoming school year. There may be around ten other children that will be accepted that are out of catchment. Currently, there are 48 kindergarten children accepted. There will be two groups for Kinder Fair, and PAC will have a table set up to welcome families.

Joanna discussed that there may be a belief among parents that she offered the school gym for use for the upcoming federal election as a voting location. She did not, she is told that the school will be used. Safety for students, staff and all other stakeholders is paramount, and voters are funneled through the doors where children are not permitted to be at lunch and recess. The gym washrooms will be open to the public but locked on the school hallway side, and children will use alternate washrooms for the day.

June 16th is intermediate waterslides day, and June 18th will be primary waterslides day. June 24th will be the talent show for intermediate grades.

DPAC REPORT: Kendy advised that Katie Bartel is back on DPAC as Chair, and there will be a hybrid meeting April 24th. Feeding Futures/Bowls of Hope attended the last DPAC meeting, where a letter of support was

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requested for the National School Food Program, where approximately \$34.4 million will be used to fund school districts over three years.

The AI presentation was really well attended and very informative. Rae-Anne attended and said it was worthwhile. The presentation will be made available to those that were interested but unable to attend.

Questions regarding DPAC business and DPAC related information for SES can be forwarded to Kendy via the PAC email address at sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca or via the Sardis Elementary PAC Group facebook page. Kendy will post DPAC minutes and information there as well.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Amanda reported recent banking activities such as Munch-A-Lunch payments to restaurants used for Hot Lunch, the materials for the STEM project led by Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Murphy has been paid, and there have been some Grade five deposits and payments. The current balance is \$33,066 and we are awaiting the gaming fund deposit.

Amanda applied for the BCEID for PAC in order to complete/receive the gaming grant funds. The Bingo funds (Knight Road) will be coming in the amount of \$14,000.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Carnival Committee – There will be a meeting on April 29th at 1:30 p.m. at the school, where items such as food will be discussed. Love offered her business, Popsicle Peddlers, to attend with partial proceeds being donated back to the school for future school Carnivals.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mason Cullen had another “Fiver’s” Birthday, where he raised money to donate to the Sardis Elementary PAC projects, where he raised \$80! PAC attendees all signed a thank you card to Mason and wished him a happy birthday. Thank you, Mason, we appreciate you!

Science World – Kendy researched and organized Science World to come to the school to provide presentations for all grade levels. The cost of the two presentations (morning for K’s to grade two’s, and afternoon to grades three to five) is \$1,026.38.

Motion to approve the \$1,026.38 for two Science World presentations at Sardis Elementary School on or around April 30th, 2025, paid from gaming grant funds, by Erin, seconded by Amanda. Passed.

Grade 5 Celebration Camp Update – Candice updated PAC attendees that they saved \$1,000 of their budget, and confirmed that their budget is now \$11,032 and they have raised 80 to 82 percent of this so far. The Pick A Perk fundraiser is upcoming so that will raise some funds. They have submitted a request to PAC for \$680 in funds to pay for the bussing required to get to and from the camp. Discussion followed, including the potential to use gaming grant funds for this expense, and using the funds in the Grade Five Celebration account from the previous year. The history of why the approximately \$1,000 additional funds were donated back to the account in 2024 was provided (the organizers were able to raise significant funds and in the end, did not require use of the full amount and felt those funds could be used for years to come if there ever was a shortfall or issue fundraising). It was also noted by a parent that helped organize the

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prior years Celebration that their intent was to help with future years Celebrations with budget similar to theirs at the time and benefitting the most amount of kids possible for years to come, not expecting the very next years budget to increase by approximately ten times what theirs was.

PAC has previously committed \$500 towards the Grade Five Celebration, and also needs to ensure funds benefit the most amount of kids possible. It was also discussed that future Grade Five children may expect a celebration like the current year is planning, and Joanna described that the children are encouraged year after year to make their celebration theirs and not be bound to what the previous years children did for their celebration.

Motion to approve the \$680 funding request for bussing fees for the Grade Five Celebration moved by Erin. Motion did not receive a seconder so did not proceed to vote.

Swag – Discussion regarding Swag for the upcoming school year took place, including new Orange Shirt designs, new Pink Shirt designs etc. Jayme agreed to head this up, with Rae-Anne and Meghan helping her out.

Planters at North Side of School – Discussion of the state of the planters at the north side of the school took place, such as planting bulbs and adding bark mulch to them. Joanna advised that Landon and Wendy have discussed taking this on.

Bike Racks – Rae-Anne inquired about security/surveillance of the bike racks, as bikes have been stolen. Joanna helped find a possible solution in moving them closer to Mrs. Dow's portable, which is a more common area.

Safe Bike Skills Training – A parent reached out to PAC about the school hosting a safe bike skills training for kids that are starting to ride their bikes to and from school. PAC will inquire with Community Policing/RCMP and the City of Chilliwack to see if something like this is possible as it's a great idea.

NEXT MEETING/AGM – The PAC Annual General Meeting is coming up on Wednesday, May 21st at 6³⁰ p.m. in the school library. Executive positions will be voted on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

***The Sardis Elementary School Carnival will be held on
Thursday, June 5th 2025!***

If parents or guardians of students would like to join Deanna's Carnival Committee team, please contact us at sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca!