

SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025
HELD AT THE SARDIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 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: Deanna Devauld (Vice President, Chair of the meeting), Rae-Anne Ricka (Super Reader Coordinator), Joanna Kasper (Principal), Justin Moore (Vice-Principal), Amanda Walsh (Treasurer), Victoria Kupp (Super Reader Coordinator), Meghan Shattock (Secretary), Jayme Hunter, Shayla Litwin, Belle Bakker, Amanda Kowalski, Leah Braun, Courtney Creelman, Sukhi Dhaliwal, and Brittany Wahoski.

INTRODUCTIONS: Deanna welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions took place.

AGM EXECUTIVE POSITION ELECTION: Joanna took over as Chair of the meeting for the purposes of holding the election for vacant PAC Executive positions, explaining the voting process. She called for persons to put forward their name for the election of the vacant President position. She called a second time. She called a third time. Deanna Devauld put her name forward for the vacant President position and was acclimated.

Joanna called for persons to put forward their name for the election of the vacant DPAC position. She called a second time. She called a third time. Brittany Wahoski put her name forward for the vacant DPAC position and was acclimated.

Joanna called for persons to put forward their name for the election of the vacant Vice-President position. She called a second time. She called a third time. Lubelle Tomakin-Bakker put her name forward for the vacant Vice-President position and was acclimated.

With the election portion of the meeting concluded, Joanna turned the Chairing of the meeting back over to Deanna.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *Motion to adopt the agenda by Jayme, seconded by Victoria. Passed.*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: *Motion to adopt the General Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025 by Rae-Anne, seconded by Victoria. Passed.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Joanna advised that there are 454 students enrolled so far this school year, which is eight less than last year. This number may grow, as the school usually gains students throughout the year. Joanna advised that staffing is now set, and enrollment is down in Kindergarten across the district. Sardis had some students transfer from other schools to keep all of the divisions at Sardis Elementary School.

The Chilliwack Chiefs hockey tickets are being donated again this year by Thomson Exteriors, and tickets have already gone out to students and families in September. Thank you, Thomson Exteriors!

The weather has been great so far, so the Terry Fox Run and Cops for Cancer events went really well. The Cops for Cancer participants said they felt that extra touch of care and welcome by having signs of encouragement with the rider's names being held by students at the school. The Terry Fox Run raised approximately \$1,000 in donations, and Cops for Cancer raised approximately \$950 in donations.

The District has completed the Strategic Plan, and David Manual presented to staff. Sardis staff will now put together school-specific goals which are collaborative and comprehensive, to consider the whole child.

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Feeding Futures is back, and provided a large commercial fridge for use. Weekly deliveries of fruit, bagels, mini pancakes, yogurt, cheese, eggs, etc have begun. Bowls of Hope provides lunch for those students who left their lunch at home or were not provided a lunch.

There is some money available through the Affordability Fund for school supplies, field trips, clothing, etc for those students in need. Joanna is not sure how much at this time, just that it will not be near the amount available in past years.

Soccer teams have started up, with Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Cavanagh volunteering. Ms. Layte and Mrs. Lacerte have started up the Cross-Country team as well. Go, Skyhawks! Thank you to the volunteers!

TREASURERS REPORT:

Amanda reported that the General account balance is currently \$32,632.59. The Gaming account balance is \$8,266.82, and PAC will hear in a week or so what the total donation will be from the Gaming Grant for the school year. She will be submitting a wrap-up report of last year's Gaming fund by the end of November.

The 2025 Carnival raised \$3,304.97 and the total funds to host the event were \$5,562.29.

The rollover of Grade 5 Celebration funds remains at \$1,352.45 from 2024.

CARNIVAL:

The date for the Sardis Elementary School Carnival has been set for Friday, June 5th, 2026 so mark your calendars early!

TEACHER REQUESTS:

Teacher requests will be discussed in consideration of budget and available funds at the upcoming October PAC Budget Meeting. So far, requests have come in from: Mrs. Hipwell regarding items for the outdoor learning area; and Mrs. Price regarding book resources for grade 3 teachers.

The Waterslides date for grades 2 through 5 is set for June 22nd, 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Rae-Anne inquired about the orange heart that was formerly painted on the cement by the front office. Joanna advised that the orange was peeling off, and the company that had originally provided the service is no longer in Chilliwack and the stencil is not available. Rae-Anne said that other schools are replacing the orange ribbons on fences with hearts that will last for longer periods, and suggested this be considered for the school.

Grade 5 Committee – Rae-Anne inquired as to what is required from the committee, as she is involved this year. Discussion followed regarding materials being provided from previous years committees to provide some framework for the following years committees.

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Soccer Nets – Jayme inquired as to whether the netting is washed at all, as dog feces has been mushed in to the fabric. Joanna advised that the netting is not cleaned by staff. Discussion followed regarding possibly removing the netting over the summer months.

Wonder Pups – An inquiry was made as to whether the Wonder Pups book series had been purchased as was approved in the 2024/2025 PAC budget. Joanna and Amanda will look into this.

Coupon Books – Discussion took place regarding the Community Values Coupon Books, available at the end of September.

Swag – Families looking for their Swag orders can reach out to Belle or Jayme on facebook or on School grounds.

Signage – Joanna advised that the big sign at the front of the school will finally have the Skyhawk added back to it in the near future.

Flag for Sporting Events – Jayme will look in to sourcing a flag for the upcoming events.

NEXT MEETING/AGM – The next PAC Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

***The Sardis Elementary School Carnival will be held on
Friday, June 5th 2026!***

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