



CHEAM PAC Meeting
Date: October 6th, 2025
Time: 7pm
Location: Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Welcome & Acknowledgements

- We live, work and play on the traditional and unceded land of the Sto:lo Coast Salish Peoples

1.2 Attendance

- Megan Melnyk, Ashley Klaassen, Iain Gardner, Kaitrin Vit, Rachelle Pinch, Alyssa Blondin, Tanya Cannon, Manpreet Gill, Stephen Jackson, Carla Rozendal, Abby Van Schagen, Nicole Choi, Alicia Kauffman, Yu Woon Fung, Nadine Mackay, Kee Kan, Emmy Kerr

1.3 Ensure Quorum

- All execs present, quorum established

1.4 Approval of Agenda:

- Motion –Rachelle Pinch
- Seconded - Alyssa Blondin

1.5 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:

- Motion – Ashley Klaassen
- Seconded – Rachelle Pinch

2. REPORTS

2.1 Principals Report

- Thank you to everyone who donated to our Terry Fox Fundraising! The current count is close to \$3100. Erin Fox, who spoke at our school last week, informed us that Cheam Elementary has raised \$43,000 over the past few years! So now I'm going to run a marathon around Chilliwack. The route is mapped out, and I'll continue training with Mr. McDonald. The tentative date for the run is Nov 14th.
- Eat & Greet - a great turnout, lots of new families. The weather was great and the poutine was delicious.

2.2 Treasurers Report

- Gaming grant has been received. Hot lunch payments have started to come in and some fundraising money. Eat & Greet hot dog fundraiser generated \$395. Treasurer to investigate how to receive the school district grant (\$150.00).

2025-26 Year to Date				
ITEM	APPROVED		ACTUAL	
INCOME				
Gaming Grant	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 4,940.00	
Hot Lunches + Milk Program	2,500.00		1,681.94	
Fundraising	2,500.00		1,083.84	
SD PAC Grant	150.00			
Total Incomes		\$ 9,950.00		\$ 7,705.78
EXPENSES				
			Spent	Remaining
Athletic Department	800.00			800.00
Classroom Support (\$250/division + EA)	3,250.00		99.81	3,150.19
Field Trips	4,000.00			4,000.00
Library	700.00			700.00
Special Events Committee	750.00			750.00
Staff Appreciation	300.00			300.00
BCCPAC Membership	850.00			850.00
World Book Day (books for families)	1,250.00			1,250.00
Yearbook software	200.00			200.00
Munch-a-lunch fee	370.00			370.00
Miscellaneous costs	300.00			300.00
Grad Fund	850.00			850.00
FoodSafe Certification (Level 1)			-	-
Fruit Program			-	-
		13,620.00	99.81	13,520.19
Net Income/Loss		-\$ 3,670.00	\$ 7,605.97	

2.3 DPAC Report

- First meeting of the school year – welcome and introductions.
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mentorship program is looking for volunteers to help mentor students in younger grades.
 - Link: <https://fraservalley.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/>
- Chilliwack DPAC has a new website: www.chilliwackdpac.ca as well as a Facebook and Instagram page to keep you informed.
- DPAC offers free Canva Pro/Microsoft Office to all PACs. DPAC Rep to investigate this further and how to access it.
- DPAC has created a Sexual Health Lesson Plan that is age appropriate for students K-12, which was part of their strategic plan for this year.
- New Cyrus Centre on Wellington. For youth, 12-24 years. Mental health support, food, and outreach services.
- DPAC is requesting permission from PAC to publish our email address on the DPAC website for companies to easily reach us for fundraising collaborations and other events. We do not have an issue with this, as our email is already public.
- DPAC Strategic Plan includes anti-bullying, more support for EAs, combatting “bathroom issues” (bullying, vandalism)

- Regarding the building of the new Rosedale Elementary School that is scheduled to open in September 2027:
 - it was restated by DPAC that there is no formal plan regarding the closure of Cheam Elementary, the location of the French Immersion program or how students/staff will be distributed across the district.
 - Last year's townhall discussion was an opportunity for the board to informally engage the Cheam community in preliminary discussion regarding the eventual closure of Cheam Elementary.
 - The board is scheduled to begin its drafting phase of the project this fall, and there will be future opportunities for formal community engagement with the board regarding this project.
 - The Vice Chair reiterated that board meetings are open to the public, and there is always a question period within the meeting for the public to ask questions.
 - <https://sd33.bc.ca/board-meetings-2025-26>
 - Mr. Gardner is aware of community concerns and will communicate updates as they become available.

2.4 Committees Report(s)

Special Events:

- Trunk or Treat is moving along nicely. We have 12 families signed up to decorate their trunks and a few more parent volunteers to help with concession and other areas on the day of the event. Please email PAC if you're able to help!
- Cheam parent Alicia Kauffman has graciously offered to set up a "games area" this year, to keep the kids entertained after they have collected their candy.

Hot Lunches:

- A huge thanks to Carla Soutar (and Kaitrin Vit for hot dog days) for organizing and setting up all the Hot Lunches until the new year!
- Oct 15th – Hot Dog Hot Lunch

Fundraising:

- Neufeld's: Oct 17th – Nov 4th (Pick up will be November 13th)
- Coupon Books: open until October 15th
- Mabels Labels: ongoing
- Art Cards by Kids:
 - A new fundraiser for this year was presented by the Secretary. This company will use your child's artwork to create Christmas cards and other merchandise. Parents can purchase these items directly from their website. PAC agreed this would be an interesting fundraiser and to go ahead with organizing.
 - www.artcardsbykids.com

Yearbook:

- Please continue to send your pictures of school events to the yearbook committee! If the photos are from a classroom, please indicate which classroom and the teacher's name.
 - Cheamsyearbook@gmail.com

Grade 5 Grad:

- Grad Hoodie Deadline is October 8th
- Camp Charis has been booked for June 22nd

Bulletin Board:

- The Bulletin Board looks amazing!
- A huge thank you to Chelsea Brown for September, and Colleen for October.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING**3.1**

- Approval of June 2025 AGM Minutes
 - Approval – Megan Melnyk
 - Second – Rachelle Pinch

4. NEW BUSINESS**4.1**

- Movie Night:
 - date confirmed for November 28th, 2025. A Christmas themed event.
 - Chair to organize the renewal of licensing to show the movie.
 - Movie Night concession to be run by Grade 5 students/parents to raise funds for their Grade 5 Grad Celebration.
- Grade 5 Grad Funds:
 - \$850.00 within the PAC budget for Grade 5 Grad, which includes 1/3 of the concession funds from the 150 Celebration.
 - \$185.00 was left in the account from last year.
 - Bottle Drive Funds from last year came in late and parents had already paid (\$420).
- Chair brought up the need for new Athletic Wear (jerseys, t-shirts or pinnies) as currently Cheam Elementary athletic wear is in quite low supply and needs to be quickly washed in between activities.
 - Discussion around whether it makes sense to purchase new athletic wear given the possibility that Cheam Elementary may close soon.
 - DPAC Rep expressed her opinion that it is important for the morale of the student body to have proper athletic wear. Further, it may be possible to sell or auction off these items if the school closes as some families may wish to have these as sentimental items.
 - Vice Chair wondered how many items would need to be purchased, Chair stated it would likely only be 15 items.

- Chair and Mme Williams to research pricing and present a quote at the next meeting.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Date for the Stay-at-Home Safe Course?
 - Confirmed for April 24th, 2026.

6. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Nov 3rd, 2025. Virtual (Zoom)

7. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Quote for new Athletic Wear
- Pancake Breakfast organization

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- Motioned - Ashley Klaassen
- Seconded - Rachelle Pinch

Time: 8:12pm