

TILlicum ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025- Hosted in person in library

In Attendance

Executive: Shae Mellors (Chair), Karli Reeve (Vice-Chair), Colleen McDavid (Treasurer), Karma Cuning (Secretary) Lisa Geling (VCPAC Representative)

Admin: Aaron Parker (Principal), Karen Higginbotham (Vice Principal)

- Parents: Celeste Slow, Lauralee Wood, Aneil Haere, Jill Adams, Ermias Gosako, Shannon Karner, Sara Powley
- Staff:

Regrets:

6:30pm – Open Meeting - Brought to order by Shae Mellors

- Motion: Cheryl Ferreira
- Second: Shannon Karner

Introduction – It was the first meeting of the year. Everyone introduced themselves and shared a bit about their families and involvement in the school and community.

6:40 pm - Meeting Minutes – Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Motion: Cheryl Ferreira
- Second: Karli Reeve

6:45pm - Administration Updates Principal/Vice-Principal Report – Aaron Parker & Karen Higginbotham

Principal Aaron Parker shared he is learning the ropes and having a blast at Tillicum so far. He is thankful for Karen Higginbotham who is helping a lot. He is enjoying meeting a lot of kids and families. Elementary is not his background, so there are a lot of new aspects to his job and he is eager to learn.

Dates of note coming up:

Meet the Teacher- September 16th

Senior Choir- starts next week

Soccer & cross country- start next week

Terry Fox Run - October 1st

Tour de Rock- October 3rd

The return of police liaisons to the school began this year and they came in today to introduce themselves.

A request for the PAC re: funding the Grade 5 Salish Sea tour came in. The trip will be earlier in the year, and they would love support for the trip. They are asking for the same amount of money as usual, but will need it earlier than in previous years. The allotted amount of \$1,000 was in the budget for the trip and a cheque will be written.

Outdoor learning space update: There has been lots of construction and tree/flora planting so far. There will be an Elder blessing and school wide presentation on September 29th and a school wide presentation. There are still a number of trees to come in and the students will help with planting them.

Vice Principal Karen Higginbotham shared that the students are settling in and there is a lovely feeling with Mr. Parker in the school and that it is full of lots of fun and smiles.

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7:00pm - Treasurer Report – Colleen McDavid

- **Account Balances:**

o Tillicum PAC High-interest Savings	\$91.49
o Tillicum PAC Chequing	\$20,241.77
o Tillicum Gaming Chequing	\$2,068.33
o General PAC Account in Office	\$18,184.00

Gaming SHOULD be \$2,118.34, however \$25.01 and \$25.00 were withdrawn in July and August respectively, and I anticipate another \$25.00 will come out in September.

Our Gaming account was used to accept raffle payments in support of the 2022 Tour De Rock in 2022 via a company called Bambora. The Bambora account was never closed, so they started charging inactivity fees in July. Jeff Duyndam has closed the account and is working to get that money refunded to us.

FUNDRAISERS:

Fairway Cards: \$65.50

Westcoast Seeds: \$490.76

FFF June: Revenue \$4099.10, Expenses \$2774.56, Net: \$1324.54

CURRENT NEWS:

Winter Market: \$2,265 table fee revenue

Meet the teacher: \$200 cheque will be written for 2x\$100 cash floats

Gaming Grant Estimate: \$20x465 kids = \$9,300

ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR START AND END 2024-2025

Chequing: \$14,189.19 → \$18,056.77

Savings: \$90.15 → \$91.49

PAC General: \$13,156.00 → \$24,894.53

June 2025 to September 2025 PAC General went from \$24,894.53 - \$18,184.00 = \$6,710.53

\$2,904 came out on July 28, 2025 for hockey nets. The remainder of that difference was paying back people for their shopping and other receipts.

7:25pm - VCPAC Update – Lisa Gelling

- Lisa shared there were elections and meetings that were rescheduled and cancelled. Summer events were not attended.
- There is a new executive that is bringing a new tone and the board seats are full. The meeting dates have changed (every second Thursday). If anyone wants to attend the meetings they are held at Learning Commons (they are all hybrid meetings so they can be attended online as well).

7:30pm - Upcoming Events/Fundraisers review:

- Monk's School Supply Fundraiser – It went well but, in the future, it would be nice to know the date and time the kits will be delivered. Thank you to Shannon for the extra kits bought for the school.
- Meet the Teacher & Pizza Night - Sept 16th - **volunteers needed**

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Lauralee advised 4-5 meet the teacher time, 5-6 pizza time in the gym. The numbers will be reviewed from last year to advise number of pizzas to order and adjustments of flavors. Water and drinks will also be sold.

- Comfort Kits – Colleen and Cheryl are preparing comfort kits (earthquake prepared kits) Lori and Megan will hopefully give supplies to them on Friday so they can be worked on over the weekend and sent to teachers Monday morning.
- Sun-Oka Fruit Farm Apple Fundraiser - Megan Thomas will be coordinating. Oct 21st will be the delivery day and pick up will be Oct 22nd.
- No Sort Bottle Drive #1 – Lauralee Wood will be coordinating. Date TBD, possibly postponed because of ongoing construction.
- Food for Fun – Lisa will be coordinating. First FFF will be October 17th. Future dates were confirmed as December 5th, January 30th, March 6th, April 24th and June 5th. Possible new menu items were discussed but Panago is overwhelmingly the most accommodating and accessible option. May try Subway for January FFF. Shae will shop for the first one, but volunteer is needed for subsequent shopping.
- Halloween Dance -Thursday October 23rd. Volunteer coordinator is still needed. There will be a concession stand.
Discussion of issues last year (i.e. phones out and videos being recorded, students hanging out in the bathrooms). Posters will have messaging not to bring phones this year. More volunteers needed.
- Winter Market – Shae and Shannon will be coordinating. Market will be held November 15th. Lots of interest. Vendors are full (39 inside, new outdoor vendors and possibly 3 food trucks). Gorge Tillicum Association may volunteer again, and Karli and her family have donated a face painter. There will be a raffle, admission by donation and a possible PAC photo booth. There will not be a concession.
- Royals Game Fundraiser- Looking for coordinator to take on this event. Discussion about logistics of the event. Ongoing.
- Hockey Nets - Ongoing, Mr. Parker will follow up with the work order.

Ongoing - Fairway Market Community Cards, Emily Press Labels, Bottle Depot

7:35pm – New Business

Construction – the construction is ongoing and problematic for families living near the school. More signage and parking in proper areas is needed.

Affordability Fund (the \$20 million BC education grant) has been phased out. The grant arose from the government to help with Covid relief and inflation. A discussion was had about what the PAC can do to help families in need?

Accommodation and Accessibility for further meetings – the need to have PAC meetings with main floor access was raised and all further in person meetings will be on the ground floor.

8:15pm – Meeting adjourned

Motion: Shae Mellors
Second: Celeste Slow