

Eugene Reimer Middle School

DRAFT PAC Meeting Notes Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025

18:11 hrs start, Meeting in library commons only.

Attendees: Jaskirat S., Sam S., Gurpreet B., Sandeep B., Sukhwinder K., Jacqui W., Hayley G., Nere A., Parampreet G., Gurpreet K., Stephanie S., Gurpreet S., Sherry D., Rovi Sandhu (VP), Michelle Meyers (VP).

1) Welcome and approval of Agenda

a) Welcome In - attendance from PAC - Stephanie Setala, Parampreet Grewal, Nere Abraham, Hayley Groves, Jacqui Wiens

b) Land Acknowledgement - Treasurer Hayley G.

c) Approval of Agenda - Approved - 1st Nere A. 2nd Hayley G.

2) Approval of minutes from Sep 17/25 - Approved - 1st Hayley G. 2nd Nere A.

3) DPAC Report from Sep 25/25 meeting

a) technology renewal plan has placed 2000 new computers into schools

b) transportation challenges: 2500 bussing students (of 20,000 students)

c) 13,500 work orders completed for maintenance such as surfaces, painting, etc.

d) Survey of students - 76% feel safe in the schools and a sense of belonging

e) Number of graduates has exceeded provincial average - 90%

f) BCCPAC AGM update with proxy voting forms

g) New DPAC website and Facebook page abbotsforddpac.ca

h) ATS update regarding new community housing with safe consumption site within 60m of school. Petition to limit site to 300m of the school. Action at the provincial level.

i) Francophone school announced, opening in a few years. Priority registration to French speaking parents or students born in Quebec.

j) DPAC will cover PAC registration fee for BCCPAC if application completed by Nov 15, info on abbotsforddpac.ca

Next DPAC meeting Oct 23/25 in person at school board office

4) Principal Report:

- Current enrollment = 697 ■ Gr 6: 233 ■ Gr 7: 234 ■ Gr 8: 230 ■ 24 Divisions
- **Terry Fox Run raised \$2000**
- Grade 8s & one pod of Grade 7s went to Corn Maze
- Cross country has wrapped up
- Volleyball continuing – season goes til end of October, then Basketball will start for Gr 7 &8
- Lunch clubs continuing (Dungeons and Dragons, Lego, Chess, Culture Club) or starting (Bracelet Making & Drama coming in November)
- With cooler, wetter weather upon us, students are encouraged to dress warmly (layers – coat, hat, mitts, boots, umbrella) as we go outside for Nut Break and Lunch every day.
- Yearbooks now on sale (\$40 on SchoolCashOnline)– deadline to order is Feb 12, yearbooks delivered in June
- Grade 7s writing Foundation Skills Assessment this month
- Upcoming field trips: Grade 8s to Trades Expo, Grade 7s to Project Climb
- Oct 16 – Great BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill
- Oct 21 - Diwali celebrated at ERMS; students encouraged to dress up; pre-order lunch on SchoolCashOnline
- Lost and Found is overflowing – please check for missing items
- Oct 22: Students dismissed at 11:36; Parent-Teacher Interviews 12:20-2:20 and 5:00- 8:00 (online sign-up information in our website)
- Oct 23 - Students dismissed at 11:36; Parent-Teacher Interviews 12:20-2:20 • Buses will run early on the early dismissal days, but students are encouraged to stay at ERMS until about 11:50 (Hansen dismisses at about 12pm, buses will not come before this)
- Next Professional Development Day is Oct 24 - students not in session • Oct 31 – Halloween – students encouraged to dress up but are reminded that **costumes must be appropriate for school (no masks that obscure identity, no blood/gore/weapons; no fireworks, firecrackers, lighters, matches etc. are permitted in the school or on school grounds at any time. If students see any of these items on school grounds, please do not pick them up but report to their teacher or an admin right away.**

- Nov 3 - Photo Retake Day; students who do not have signed photo releases will NOT have their photo in the school Yearbook (see SchoolCashOnline to sign)
- Nov 7 – School-wide Remembrance Day Service • Nov 10 – Pro D Day - students not in session
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – schools closed

Question: recent shelter in place - discussion on reviewing procedures with students on what to do if you are outside the school building during a shelter in place - for example: Field trip, lunch time, city bus, it is ok to go into Rick Hansen.

Question: photos - release form must be signed on school cash online before photos will appear in the yearbook.

Question: donations of outgrown soccer gear. Suggestion to ask Soccer Academy teacher Mr Francisty.

Question about Chess club - every Friday at Learning Commons at lunch.

Question about Youth Unlimited - outside partner group that works with the school. Drop in every Wednesday till November. www.youthunlimited.com

5) Treasurer Report

- a) Service Charges with New Bank \$2/month
- b) additional signers at bank - Jacqui Wiens
- c) Gaming Grant application was approved by the Ministry of Education. ERMS received \$13,820.
- d) General Account - \$23,468.48 Gaming Account. \$16,476.25
- e) discussion on items PAC has purchased - swingset outside was donated by the PAC

6) President Report

- a) A. Teacher Funding request due Oct 17. Discussion regarding the Nest (canteen), previous source of PAC fundraising. Teachers can use the PAC gaming grant money for their classroom depending on if the items qualify for the gaming fund request.

B. PAC Executives to meet prior to the next PAC meeting to approve teacher funding requests and then present to principals. Teachers are not required to be present at the PAC meeting.

C. Funding requests decision expected by Nov 12.

b) zoom links have been granted by DPAC. VP Michelle Meyers will run the Zoom link at the Nov 12 PAC meeting

c) Action item: updating DPAC of new execs

d) Action item: signing up for BCCPAC with DPAC reimbursement

7) Hot Lunch - Next hot lunch Oct 30

a) Food Safe - Parampreet G. will take the course online. Motion put forward to approve two food safe courses up to \$200 - Approved. 1st Hayley G., 2nd Parampreet G.

b) invoice for \$336.00 paid by cheque. PAC will reimburse Stephanie S. \$36.92 for purolator since Canada Post is on strike

c) classes, room numbers and divisions have been checked and updated

d) Discussion of Oct 30 Hot Lunch Mandarin Garden menu. Chow mein, fried rice, veg egg rolls, question about a veggie option

e) Next Hot Lunch planned for Wednesday, Nov 19 Wednesday (changed date) using an existing vendor - White Spot. Existing contacts are Wok Box, Boston Pizza, Mucho Burrito, Red Robin, Cobs Bread, Zaika's

f) Discussion: December hot lunch or treat day. Idea: Booster Juice or boba

g) Discussion of Hot Lunch logistics:

- Homeroom teachers issued paper slips with Student Name and Items ordered. VPs will ask leadership students to help out with handing out hot lunches. Suggestion: ask teachers to let students go a couple minutes early to grab their lunch.

- 10:45 am: Set up tables in foyer

- 11:00 am - 11:10 am: Food delivery to foyer

- 11:36 am: Students bring paper slip to the foyer to collect their lunch. Students' paper slip goes into a bowl. Students have until 11:46 am to eat in homeroom prior to outside lunch time.

- 11:46 am - 12:30 pm volunteers clean up tables in foyer

8) Questions - Why is there no snack shack anymore? There is a job posting for this teamsters position. It is a 2 hour position 5 days a week. Used to be a PAC hired position.

Meeting adjourned at 19:19hrs Next meeting Nov 12, 6pm, zoom available