



David Oppenheimer Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, Jan 19th, 2026 @ 6:15 p.m.

Attendees: Taunya Florko, Conroy Ing, Meredith Kullman, Kathryn Stewart, Tyler Hanson, Kirby Hanson, Betty Seto, Roy Seto, Mandeesh Atwal, Makyna Pylinsko, Yee Law, Saltana Arian, Jessie Wilkes, Meghan Byrne, Angela Song, Eric Chow, Pame Munoz, Lana Chan, Gladys Yeung, Shannon Burke (Principal), Lesley Lopez (Staff), Hope Rapp (Lunch Lab), Dana Liem (Lunch Lab)

6:16pm meeting starts

I. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order – Betty

Signup sheet

Adopt Agenda

Motion: Mandeesh Atwal

Second: Meghan

Adopt Minutes from Nov 17th, 2025, PAC meeting

Motion: Betty Seto

Second: Conroy

II. School Report – Ms. Shannon Burke, Principal

- Lunch Lab
 - Guests about lunch program to implement Dana and Hope
 - Pop up sessions done in November
 - Growing Chefs
 - Lunch lab is students preparing lunch with chefs
 - Aim to create welcoming space for kids and their peers
 - Oppenheimer is their 5th school
 - Cook up to 200 meals twice a week (Tues and Thurs)
 - Grade 6 and 7 students cook and serve to peers
 - Learn kitchen skills and cafe models. So they learn different roles and responsibility
 - Serve yourself salad bar and hot entree (cooked by students and chef)
 - Students chef move through 5 sessions. Kids can create cafe name and decide on roles within the cafe (e.g. chef, server, etc.)



- Benefits: build colour in plate and interest in food.
- Feedback from parents: see interest in cooking by kids after the program, willing to try new foods
- Year before they join, at grade 4, lunch lab will prepare kids for the cafe
- 56% interest in kids cooking and 65% interest in food. 85% kids are willing to try new foods at lunch lab
- Lunch lab welcomes volunteers. They will be background checked. Online sign up for shift
- More information at <https://www.growingchefs.ca>
- Non-profit organization. When you register you child as an “eater”, it is a pay as you can. They ask for \$6 per meal, but you can pay whatever you need. No one knows what you pay, so it’s discreet.
- This will be a residency (not pop up)
- More information will be given to parents

III. Treasurer’s Report and Budget Review – Conroy

- Raised \$10K, on par to last year
- Walkathon, shopfunds, spirit wear
- Pickleball/tennis Feb 17 for 2 weeks
- Gymnastics in April (after spring break)
- PAC will subsidize the two programs

IV. Past Events – Betty

- Giftcards / Poinsettia / Spirit Wears / Grade 7
 - December had 4 projects. Thank you to all the organizers and parents for the support!

VI. Committee/Upcoming Events

- MunchALunch - Sultana
 - 2 recess snack and 3 meals Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 - Volunteers are a little sparse
 - First time 3 days a week. Will see how it goes with volunteers and demand
 - Monday is alternating between sushi and butter chicken
 - Wednesday is bittersweet. They are less profitable but large menu and easier to maintain
 - If you have any additional vendors, feel free to contact Saltana
- Grade 7 Grad Committee – Anna & Sara
 - Going well. Thank you to all the families and students for all the support!
 - Upcoming fundraising events:
 - Feb 10 - Bake sale
 - Feb 18 - clothing sale at the undercover area



- Mar 3 - talent show
- May - Bake sale
- Spiritwear – Taunya (PINK SHIRTS)
 - Pink sweatshirt (hoodie) and t-shirt
 - Should be same sizing as the blue and grey
 - Feb 25 is pink shirt day
 - Pricing to be determined

Upcoming:

West Coast Seeds

- Defer to next year

SpiceAid

- Spice mix to add to yogurt or sour cream. 30% proceeds to go back to the PAC

Krispy Kream

- Plan to run this in April.

Movie night fundraiser

Welcome any fundraising ideas!!

V. Other Business

- Meghan
 - BCTF and govt are trying to get a negotiated contract
 - Asking parents to get gov't back to bargaining table
 - At the moment, the government is offering teachers the same raise they gave the other big unions, but we have to agree to some concessions:
 - All non-enrolling teachers would have the same ratio, for example
 - What that means is instead of a ratio of 1:342 for special Ed, or 1:693 for counseling, all those teachers get moved to the highest possible ratio (around 1:715)
 - For Oppenheimer, that would mean instead of a special Ed teacher there every day, we would likely be funded for 3 out of 5 days.
 - This will be the same for library staff
 - Encouraging parents to write letter to gov't and their MLAs
 - Asking gov't to go back to the table with more funding
 - Ask gov't to remove the concession with the higher child ratio
 - BCTF website: <https://act.bctf.ca/take-action/>
 - Ask Meghan for any information
- New PAC initiatives
 - Plans for the walkathon funds raised (total \$10K):



- Primaries: plan to spend \$4300 from literacy place to supplement the book library
- Intermediates: plan to add 5 more laptops (lenovo)
- VSB does provide laptops, but they are usually refurbished from teachers' old laptops.
So these laptops don't last very long
- VSB laptops comes installed with MS office

Meeting ends at 7:06pm

Next meeting date: Monday, Feb 23th, 6:15 pm @ the library