

PAC Meeting- École Itl'ò
Minutes of Meeting
May 14, 2025 at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Jessica Cortez (co-chair), Jessica Bourassa (co-chair), Yensy Jivkov, Katie Johnson, Bronwyn McPhail, Heather Ruptash, Heidi Boudreau, Christina O'Reilly, Michelle Peters (online)

1. **Welcome and call to order:** 6:30pm

2. **Approval of previous minutes:** Moved by Jessica C., seconded by Katie

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Heather, seconded by Katie

4. **Old business:**

- a. No further updates on the Communication Board. Kenny Ruptash will install it once it arrives.
- b. School Logo: Grade 5's have started designing a logo, but it likely won't be finalized by the end of the year. The PAC decided they could design a t-shirt for Pink Shirt Day, as the school has blank pink and various coloured t-shirts. Ordering a Raven mascot for the school was discussed again, and the PAC agreed we could look into, research then purchase a mascot in the future.
- c. 80 Sports, Track and Field, and "Coaches' jerseys with the updated school raven logo, have been ordered and will arrive before Track and Field starts on June 4 in Hay River.
- d. Grade 5 gift update: Heidi or Christina will let the PAC know which 1 gift the grade 5's chose: either a T-shirt, keychain, or hat. Then the PAC and Laura can help to source the gift from a local business, such as a keychain with the school logo and name.
- e. Date for Spring Dance. Bruce the DJ is more than willing to come back. The date was chosen: Friday, May 30. The volunteer Sign Up sheet from the PAC will be sent out in the weekly school newsletter to parents. It will be a Summer/beach theme. Popcorn, water bottles, bake sale, juice boxes. Proceeds will go towards the playground Reforestation Project. The PAC reflected that the last dance went really well and was less congested, and having a coat check helped for the winter season.

5. **Finances:**

- a. Finances: There is \$38,000 in the account, and \$4,472 of revenue has been made since April. Roughly about \$1,372 was spent. Heidi said up to \$20,000 was spent on outdoor play equipment etc. More sand was delivered to the playground. Jessica C mentioned incorporating non-sports equipment, such as a wooden performance stage area to encourage acting and performance at recesses, as an alternative to trucks/sports themed outdoor toys, which take up a lot of space and become the focus. Yensy's husband could possibly build a stage. Katie mentioned she could help build simple garden boxes for the students. Hula hoops, tea cups, bowls, spoons and little shovels were also suggested, along with investing in some higher quality long-lasting toys. **The PAC moved a motion for the school to spend up to \$5,000 on additional outdoor equipment.**

Review Parent Feedback Form. Parents want more Music in school. Itlo can only have 16 FTEs for the school. Bringing in more music education after school such as a choir club could be an option. The PAC could send a new form out to parents to engage those who wish to sign up to volunteer for PAC/school related events or music related volunteering.

6. **Principal's Report:** Heidi Boudreau.

- Working on the school jerseys and ordering those is now completed
- The school participated in the Super Soccer tournament. The final grade 5 boys' game became very heated and players were getting carded, Heidi put in a request for a more experienced referee in the future tournaments for the final game, as the referee was not experienced enough. The school/soccer coaches had a party for all the soccer teams, and bought them ice cream cake.
- Interviewing has begun to fill 5 positions next year
- 61 Junior Kindergarten students are already registered, and the school was approved for a third Junior Kindergarten class. We still don't know what is going on with Jordan's Principle.
- Indigenous People's Day will be celebrated on June 20th. Planning a fun day again with indigenous activities again, including a fish fry. Parents will be invited.
- June 25th will be our community BBQ, including hot dogs, veggie dogs, juice and music. Jess C has a bubble machine she can bring.
- June 26th is the last day of school. Lots of field trips are planned before the end of the year.

7. **Trustee's Report:** Michelle Peters thanked Heidi for inviting her to join at Jah Day, a lot of preparation went into the day and it was very special. She enjoyed the station with the Muskox.

-Highlights from the monthly board of trustee meeting on May 13:

- 1) School inclusion plans, and commissioned school reviews are complete. Schools have determined their focuses based on their school review.
- 2) Sacred Feather Awards were presented to the board, there will be 35 recipients of the awards this year, which highlights exemplary celebration of the Dene Laws. They will be handed out at school based events. Names will be given out next week to the schools.
- 3) Ratepayers meeting is tonight, where we talk about the budget and share the outlet for our budget Offering transparency. YK1, much like other school districts, has a funding formula that is 80% from GNWT and 20% from a municipal rate. Given where they are for their finances and the increase of the cost of everything, the municipal rate will increase for the public. The minutes should be made available to the public.
Bronwyn suggested more advance notice about the Ratepayers Meeting, to make it more visible to help more people attend and plan for that.
- 4) Trustee's attendance at PAC meetings for 2025-2026 may change, and they may not attend meetings. The trustees welcome the PAC members and parents to bring forward the types of programming they want for their school.
- 5) We are racing along towards the end of the year, and it gets very busy leading into June, requiring stamina to support our teachers.

8. **Any other business:**

- a. Our goals as a PAC until the end of the school year. Not having a motto for the school was mentioned by Heidi and Christina. Katie suggested a Communications person could help with a motto for the school, as a possibility.

9. Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm

10. Motion to Adjourn:

7:42pm