

Ecole Oceanside Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026
School Library



We would like to acknowledge that School District 69 exists within the territories of the Coast Salish People and with the shared traditional territories of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations.

In Attendance: Raani, David, Leanne, Zach, Kristina, Vhari, Jen Nichols (Principal)

Regrets: Richard, Hannah, Carlie, Jessi, Jan, Julie Austin (Trustee)

1. Meeting Called to Order at 5:34 pm

- Do not have a quorum but will not be voting on any financial items.
- Acknowledgement of the Tumbler Ridge tragedy that is weighing heavy on our hearts and mind and the message from the Minister of Education and Child Care that links to resources for support.

2. Introductions made

3. Approval of [Agenda](#) - approved by all

4. Approval of [January Minutes](#) - approved by all

5. Principal's report

- ICBC Road Safety presentation was given to students
- Keystone that celebrated Black History Month: highlighted some famous Canadians
- Grade 6 and 7's moved into their new Exploratories
- Carnival was a huge success – thank you to all the parents for running the crepe station; Kids had an amazing time!
- Grade 7 parent sign-up was emailed out: we have a number of parent volunteers: will start working on this right after the break; still looking for a clean up crew for Grade 7 Grad Dinner/Dance
- Lunar New year Colour Group activity: learned about Lunar new year in China and made paper lanterns; Next Colour Group Activity: St. Patrick's Day!
- Keystones/Colour Group Activities coming up: World Water Day, Gratefulness/MindUP, Care of our Earth: Seed Bombs/Indigenous Plants, Acts of Kindness
- Next week is our Pink Shirt Day assembly and Pink shirt day: Some plays being put on by Ms. Cochran/Mr. McInnes' class
- We are excited to welcome Fred Penner – thank you to CPF (Vicki), Invitations went out to new K families, will put in newsletter, around school
- Attended the Traffic Safety working group, next meeting in March
- We have three student teachers with Mme. Jansen, Ms. Smith and Ms. Singh
- Working on K reg: 32 FI – 2 on waitlist, PLC is full – 1 on waitlist, so far 10 English
- Freezie Day and Hot Lunch coming up for Grade 7 – Thank you Michelle!
- Course Selection meeting for Grade 7's and K hearing testing on Feb 24
- After Spring Break:
 - i. French Speeches: Grade 6/7 on April 9

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- ii. Class Photo Day April 14
 - iii. Carole Fullerton (Math Specialist) coming for 2nd time to work with FI teachers
- Letter about Tumbler Ridge
 - i. Counsellor addressed staff, met as a staff, monitoring children
- We are having a lock down drill before Spring Break – This is not because of the Tumbler Ridge incident, it's because we have a schedule to stick to (Do 2 LD drills a year – October and March). Also: Earthquake drill on Feb 26. The newsletter will give parents a heads up about this and some talking points.
- 6. Trustee report** - Julie sends regrets
- 7. Chair's report**
 - Road Safety Update - joint agency meeting on February 4, [PQB News article](#), next meeting March 4, looking for solutions to road safety issues
 - PAC elections at our May 28 Meeting - we are looking for people to join our team!
 - Please fill out the [Food Program Survey](#)
 - Please fill out the [Budget Survey](#)
 - School Catchments - The district approved elementary school catchment changes that expanded the catchment for EOES. The high school catchment boundaries decision was deferred until January 2027.
 - DPAC is hosting an [Inclusive Classrooms parent session](#) - March 8, 4:00-5:30 pm, the session will be recorded
 - Coffee with PAC - Friday, March 13
 - Fun Day - moved to Friday, June 5
- 8. Treasurer's Report**
 - Gaming Account Balance as of Feb 15: \$8,731.32
 - General Account Balance as of Feb 15: \$33,235.92 (\$2,324.26 in uncashed cheques)
- 9. IEP Information Session**
 - Watched the live IEP information session.
- 10. IEP Session Debrief**
 - Unfortunately the IEP session was not recorded as it had been communicated to DPAC that it would be.
 - i. Since the PAC meeting we have learned that the district will be putting together videos that will be available for families who are working through the IEP process. We will share these once they are available.
 - The session was valuable, however a lot of information was communicated quickly. Parents would have appreciated the opportunity to go back and rewatch it and pause to read the slides.
 - EOES PAC would like to request that the district record another session to share with parents that were unable to attend.
 - There was discussion around the difficulty in getting assessments done, the high cost of private assessments, lack of counseling and mental health support, differing views on

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the value of a formal assessment depending on who you talk to, that parents can reach out to PAC or DPAC to request a support person who can be there to take notes during IEP conversations, and whether there is adequate funding for learning supports and EAs in the district.

11. Next Meeting - April 16 at 6:30 in the library.

- There will be a presentation from the international student program on an opportunity to host international students for a few days next year at our school
- There will be a food program discussion with our Principal where results from the Food Program survey will be shared

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm