Chilliwack Senior Secondary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 5, 2026
Location: Chilliwack Senior Secondary

Attendees: Amber Hayden, Kavina O'Brien, Deb Ercanbrack, Siri Shivakumar, Zabrina Main-Laughlin, Rachel Symington, Charlene Findlay, Candice Massy, Kim Bradshaw, Chuck Lawson, Tanya Rath, Jackie Elander, Jen Hooge, Leslie Nerheim, Fitore Hajrizi, Josh Sandberg

1. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting opened with welcomes and introductions. New student representative Siri Shivakumar and Vice-President Josh Sandberg were introduced.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Moved by C. Findlay; seconded by J. Elander. Carried.

3. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by K. O'Brien; seconded by K. Bradshaw. Carried.

4. Student Council Report: September events, including Tug of War, the BBQ, and Seniors Sunrise, were successful. Pizza sales are going well. Upcoming activities include the October 15 corn maze, Fall Festival, and Grade 9 Snow Cone Day. Student Council continues to work on grad hoodies and the Storm newspaper.

5. Administration Report – Indigenous Education Update Enrolment: CSS has 1,660 students, including 350 who identify as Indigenous. Staffing: Indigenous Graduation Coach: Adam Graham; Indigenous Education Assistants: Amanda Donovan, Ethan Meneses, and Jennifer Terana; Halq'emeylem Teacher: Pedro Zullo; Indigenous Student Leadership Teacher: Jenny Miller

Programs and Events: Halq'emeylem: Two Grade 10–12 classes are offered, with 18 students in Period 1 and 30 in Period 2. Students are practising conversational language. Indigenous Student Leadership: This locally developed course is offered at CSS and GW Graham. Ten students are enrolled in the Period 4 class at CSS. Truth and Reconciliation Assembly: Held September 29, featuring a guest speaker and the Good Medicine Band. Students participated in dancing and Halq'emeylem conversations. Community Powwow: Activities ran Friday evening through Saturday, with approximately 500 guests attending the Saturday evening dinner.

Upcoming Events: October 6: Canadian University Event; October 7: School photo retakes; October 8: Fall Festival

6. Treasurer's Report: General Account Balance: $19,583.28; Committed funds: $6,000

Term deposit: $10,795.16

Gaming Account Balance: $7,674.46; Committed funds: $443.60

Additional gaming deposits are anticipated. The gaming grant was discussed. Teachers will be invited to submit funding applications, with a deadline anticipated in November. Questions regarding bursaries - members were directed to the school website's Grad tab for bursary and scholarship information.

7. DPAC Report: At the September 24 DPAC meeting, guest speaker Corinne McCabe outlined the role of school trustees, including governance, strategic planning, financial oversight, accountability, and advocacy for all students. Members were encouraged to research trustee candidates through the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce Election Hub, Chilliwack Teachers Association, CUPE, and the DPAC website.

Additional updates included: Monarch Lions may provide funding for school projects. BCCPAC has a new website, with membership renewals available. The BCCPAC Fall Summit is scheduled for November 21. New trustees are expected to be sworn in November 10, followed by the inaugural meeting on November 24.

Questions were raised about the Feeding Futures breakfast program, including protein options and food quantities.

The next hybrid DPAC meeting is November 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at NLC.

8. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

9. New Business

Gaming Grant: Application deadlines and teacher funding applications were discussed.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Executive Elections: The following members were elected:

Chair: Kim Bradshaw

Vice-Chair: Charlene Findlay

Treasurer: Deb Ercanbrack

Secretary: Amber Hayden

DPAC Representatives: Jen Hooge and Rachel Symington (Secondary)

Motion: C. Massy moved to remove Jackie Elander from all Chilliwack Secondary accounts at Envision Financial Credit Union. Seconded by L. Nerheim.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next PAC meeting will be held November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the same meeting area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.