

Savona Elementary Pac Meeting minutes

March 3, 2025 @ Savona elementary library

Present: Andrea Haywood-Farmer, Kirsten Pejril, Charmaine Atwater, Sara Green, Melissa Fitzgerald, Lily Friesen, Sue Colville, Stephanie Aura, Michelle Anderson, Janine Keely, Jennine Neu, Krystal Lambertson, Jo Leggett

Meeting called to order : 5:01 pm

Approval of Agenda : *Kirsten Pejril, Sue Colville*

Reading of old minutes: Presented by Andrea Haywood-Farmer, *Michelle Anderson, Melissa Fitzgerald*

Treasurer's report: Presented by Kirsten Pejril, See attached.

Principals report: Presented by Jo Leggett. See attached

- PAC has approved \$160.00 for cost for four students to attend regional science fair on march 31 and April 1st. *Kirsten Pejril, Michelle Anderson*
- No further rural busing available for remainder of year, pac may be approached for future field trips, eg-skeetchestn Ashcroft pool.
- PAC has approved funds for blinds for kitchen if there is a cost. Will know once Bridgeport is contacted. *Kirsten Pejril, Sue colville*
- PAC has approved to provide lunch for staff for teacher appreciation day May 6, 2025

Business

I: Upcoming fundraisers

- May long meet draw postponed for time being, will reevaluate for later date.
- Movie night- For school families with tentative date of April 17th
 - Movie with hotdog and popcorn for \$2.50, to be discussed further in executive group chat.
- Drew Drozda wedding- soft yes, needing 6 people to commit to helping for the full day Oct 4th 2025

To be discussed next meeting:

- Family fun Carnival- fall or spring?
- Meat Draw raffle- may long, end of year or wait until fall?
- Sea can to be discussed after visit from Jim McFadden

Next meeting: May 5th 2025 5:00pm @ Savona elementary library

Meeting adjourned: By Andrea Haywood-Farmer at 6:17 pm. *Michelle Anderson, Melissa Fitzgerald*

Principal's Report - Savona PAC Meeting

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1. Staffing Update

a. Principal Leave

- i. Mr. Galloway's medical leave is anticipated to end the week of March 10, 2025.
- ii. Thank you for welcoming me to your school community over the past few months. It has been a true pleasure working with such incredible students, staff, and families.

2. PAC Appreciation

- a. Thank you to the Savona PAC for your financial support in purchasing sports equipment and board games for student use.
- b. Thank you for offering to provide funding for the busing to Harper Mountain for the ski trip. The school district accessed the Rural Busing Fund to cover the costs, however, no more funds are available for the remainder of this school year. PAC may be asked to help support busing costs with other upcoming field trips (Skeetchestn Community School, Ashcroft pool, etc.)
- c. Mr. Galloway has been in touch with PAC about the purchase of new sports jerseys for the school. He hopes to place the order this week.

3. Presentation of Learning

- a. We had a great turnout for our Presentation of Learning on February 26. Thank you all family and community members for taking time to visit our school and support our students. Congratulations to all students who completed science fair projects! A big thank you goes out to parents and caregivers for their support from home with the experiments. Two projects have been nominated to advance to the Regional Science Fair Exhibition in Kamloops on March 31 and April 1, 2025. The cost of the Regional Science Fair is \$40/person.

4. PAC Funding Request

- a. If all four students attend the Regional Science Fair, the cost will be \$160. Would PAC be able to support this anticipated cost?

5. Storage area access

- a. We may be losing access to the crawl space which is accessed across the hallway from Mrs. Beresh's classroom. There could be discussion with PAC down the road about possibly purchasing a Sea-Can for additional storage. We are waiting for a visit from Jim McFadden, Manager of Facility Maintenance, to evaluate the space.

6. Basketball Wrap-Up

- a. We are looking forward to celebrating an undefeated basketball season at our basketball pizza party and skills competition this Wednesday at lunch. Thank you to parent drivers for your support in transporting students to and from practices and games. Special thanks to Mr. Friesen for all of his time in coaching the team this season.

7. Real Acts of Caring

- a. During the month of February, our school focussed on Random Acts of Kindness and Real Acts of Caring as part of a wider School District initiative. As you may have noticed, students worked within their Den Groups to create positive banners and messages that are on display around the school. Classes have also picked up garbage in the neighboring areas, and are planning on doing a beach walk/clean-up soon. We held a school-wide Assembly on Pink Shirt Day (February 26) to highlight ways we can all Be An Upstander each and every day.

8. Student Enrollment Update

- a. We have received 6 registrations for Kindergarten. We have four Grade 7 students leaving, with two other students having recently moved away. At this point in time, we anticipate our student enrollment for next year to be the same as it is currently - 58 students.

9. Opportunities for students

- a. Students continue to be able to access great opportunities in the school and wider community. We were very fortunate to be able to provide students with access to an after school sports program offered at no cost by the School District that runs one day a week for eight weeks (parent assistant Lily Friesen). Students are also submitting work for other opportunities like Young Authors (organized by Mrs. Regan) and Young Artists (organized by Mrs. Beresh). Students will be travelling to Skeetchestn Community School on three separate occasions for a variety of activities after spring break. Four students have the opportunity to participate in the Cariboo Mainline Regional Science Fair in Kamloops.

10. Roller Blind for PAC Kitchen

- a. The PAC Kitchen can become quite hot when the sun is shining. We are considering putting a work order in to have roller blind installed. If there is a cost associated with this, would PAC consider covering this expense?

11. School Fees 2025-2026

- a. Anticipated School Fees for 2025-2026 were shared with PAC executive members since our last meeting. These are fees that parents will be asked to pay to support field trips and other student enrichment activities next year. These fees do not include School Supply Fees.

Enhancement / Activity Description	Fee Amount <i>(per student)</i>	Notes <i>(if explanation required)</i>
Ashcroft Pool Year-End Field Trip (Gr. K-7)	\$10.00	Admission fee & busing costs
Grade 7 hoodies (Gr. 7)	\$25.00	PAC also provides support for remaining cost of hoodies.
Harper Ski Trip (Intermediate classes)	\$105.00	2 days of skiing (rentals & lessons)
Horstings Farm Field Trip (Gr. K-7)	\$10.00	Admission fee & busing costs
Yearbook (Gr. K-7)	\$5.00	Annual yearbook available for purchase by all students

Please Note:

- This form supports AP 505 – Fees, Deposits and Collection.
- School supplies are **not** fees.
- Fees cannot be charged for materials for projects necessary to meet course requirements.
- The maximum band instrument rental fee, set by the District, is **\$90.00**.

12. Update on school closure (Feb. 28)

- a. Information about the School District protocols followed on Feb. 28 when the CO2 detector went off will be shared. Principal will update the District work order requesting further investigation into what caused the alarm to trigger and produced the strong odour/haze within the school building.

Please continue to check the school website, read the monthly newsletters, or contact the office should you have questions about the school.

I have really enjoyed my time at Savona Elementary. I am sorry that I will have to miss the PAC and wish you all a wonderful Spring Break,

JOANNE LEGGETT (Acting Principal)
Savona Elementary
School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)