

September 15 2025, PAC Meeting

Juniper Ridge Elementary School
Parents Advisory Council Meeting
6:15 in JRES library

JRES PAC Minutes

Attendees:

Executive PAC	School Representation	Parents in Attendance
Kristi Schlaepfer- Chair	Blake Buemann - Principal	Vicky L
Tara Penner – Co-Treasurer	Ashley Moore - VP	Jessie
Lisa Sears – Co-Treasurer		Kerrie Fraser
Jenna Young – Secretary		Ksteph.fraser@gmail.com
Kevin Sweeney– Co-DPAC rep		
Hari Andersen– Co -DPAC rep		
Sarah Masek – Vice Chair		

Meeting start: Library 6:15pm

Welcome and Introductions

- **Introductions & Approve agenda**
 - **Approve agenda**
 - **Motion:** Accept the agenda (Kevin, Tara - carried)

Old Business

- **Review and adopt old minutes**
 - **Motion:** Adopt previous month's minutes (Lisa, Kevin -carried)

PAC Operations and Communication

- **Treasurer's Report – Lisa**
 - *In gaming account - \$2,747.38*
 - *Left to spend - \$2,747.38*
 - Chequing account - \$85,803.48
 - Left to spend - \$7,714.19
- **DPAC Report - Kevin**
 - Tomorrow is the first meeting (Sept 16th)
 - May meeting minutes
 - to not renew BCPCP – challenges with that organization and we are not part of.
 - Movie license has been extended – same link

- Zoom – is available
- **Fundraisers/Events**
 - Coupon Books – already going, selling and available on muchalunch and to sell at fall fair. Jenna & Vicky can sell these with the Girl Guide Cookies at Fall Fair
 - Tumbleweed Toys booked for October 25 2025 – shifts to hand out code?
 - Can anyone volunteer for shifts in front of the store to provide codes
 - Other possibilities:
 - National Popcorn Day Monday Jan 19 – Skippy’s popcorn?
 - Wildlights fundraiser – we sell wild lights tickets at reg price and then we get 20% profits from the sale. Nov sale for Dec 1st start
 - Spirit Wear – ASAP
 - Coffee day – in the winter possibly
 - Growing Smiles Xmas & spring – shipping charges are coming up higher, we can revisit spring plants in the spring
 - Pop-up concessions – did one last week and do one possibly once a month. Blake approved of idea
 - Movie Nights? Did DPAC renew the license? Yes, it is renewed
 - One goes to PAC – Dates TBD
 - One goes to Grade 7 grad – Dates TBD
 - Purdys
 - Spring - grade 7
 - Christmas – for PAC
 - Mitchell’s Soup Company – possibly winter
 - Rotary Cards – scrap or do in the fall
 - Indigo Love of Reading Foundation
 - How it works - They ask if you want to round up your total to give to the school.
 - We would like to do this for 2026 if possible.

Ongoing Business

- **PAC initiative**
 - Meeting with Quinten re: top field playground space
 - Front garden space - Spring garden pots at front of school
 - Possible next initiative – alternative learning environments/tools? What would staff want as the next initiative? Are there first steps that can be taken?
 - Inclusive learning
 - Vigit stools, alternative seating needs, quiet corners in classrooms, sensory tools....
 - Ask staff what their wish lists are for this
- **Grants**

- Kamloops Sport Legacy Fund for outdoor equipment – applications Sept 1 – Oct 31
- Westjet
- SD73 Legacy Grant – library shelving, Sept 30 deadline
- BC playground grant – Ashley to provide more info

New Business

- **Annual Spending Votes**

- Staff allotments: \$300x FTE- per teacher, \$150– per admin & prep (\$300 pot), Library \$300 – Motion Tara, vote – passed
- Grade 7 grad: \$500 – Motion Lisa – vote – Passed
- Battle of the Books, Young Authors, Young Artists, Science Fair: \$750 – Motion Tara - vote – Passed
- Outdoor equipment: \$1200 (is this sufficient? increased from \$1000 past years) Motion – Lisa – vote – Passed
- Pre-approved fundraiser expenses: \$1000 – Motion Tara, vote - Passed
- Let's Read program – already done in June – and ready to go.

- **Funding Requests**

- Picnic tables x2 – (Table this for next meeting to discuss funding additional two tables to the already two purchased by the school).
 - \$4500 a table and cement pad - (\$9000 total).
 - Action: do a 2025/2026 budget of spending plan before deciding at next meeting.
- Funding Request – Jennifer Davis – Science Supplies for grade 6/7 students. (Motion Hair – Vote Passed. \$260 Approved).
- Library shelves
 - \$1000 ish from sale from pre-used books
 - \$2000 for the ones already done and \$8000-\$10,000 for the next phase

- **Info Sessions** – *Marlyse* discussed:

- Drugs talk – potentially bring in an officer or someone from MHSU to speak to the kids about these. Action: Talk to the teachers to see if they want this as a teachable
- Cell phone safety talk
 - RCMP officer for this in the past. Action item: bring this from the teachers as well.

Principal's Report

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School Goals

- Literacy - Students will develop competencies to meet or exceed literacy expectations for each grade.
- Numeracy - Students will develop strong foundational number sense skills.
- Wellbeing - Every student will feel welcome, safe, and connected to our school.

This year we will be using staff meeting time and in-service days to work on our school goals. I will also work to support staff with other learning opportunities and by purchasing resources that support our goal. First though, I will need to learn more about our goals and where we are at.

Mrs. Moore and Mr. Buemann would like to thank the school community for providing us with a warm welcome. Students and parents were fantastic despite a few hiccups in the first week. We were very fortunate this year to be able to have students in classes by Friday of the first week.

Our current student population sits at 350 students. Although we were sad to say goodbye to some of our staff in June with the retirements and surplusings, we are very fortunate to have some very talented members join our team this year: Custodians – Mr. Dick & Mrs. Lapierre, Secretary – Mrs. Sandeman-Allen (Ms. Kristin), Teachers: Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Leonard (on leave but expected to join us in October), Mrs. Halland, & Mrs. Turner, Student Teachers – Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Topolovec, Mrs. Jowsey, Mr. Greenwood

We would like to extend a big thank you to our returning parents who volunteer every lunch hour to help supervise the students. They fix owies, solve conflicts, entertain kids and anything else that is needed. Thank you. We have one of our supervisors from last year back but welcome a second parent to join as well!

We were excited to see the new swings and fresh mulch. These were planned by and paid for by our fantastic PAC.

Extra-curricular activities have already begun with x-country starting up this week. We have 78 students signed up to run this year. Thank you to staff coaches Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Mayer & Mrs. Klassen.

September 26 is our school Terry Fox run which we will be running in the community. We will also be collecting a “Twoonie for Terry” in the weeks leading up to our school run. Thank you to Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Mulholland and Mrs. Sandhu for coordinating the school run.

The entire school district will continue to use the online cash payment system, School Cash Online, for parents but will begin to accept cash or cheque as there is a new processing fee for online payments.

Our first evacuation drill takes place next week. We will announce ahead of time when the drills happen so there are no surprises. It is a requirement that we have six evacuation (fire) drills, 2 lockdown drills, 1 hold and secure drill, and 1 earthquake drill each year. We are sure the drills will go well and everyone will be accounted for. Your children are safe with us.

We had two parents join us for lunch supervision last year but only 1 so far this year, if you want to join us for 1 lunch hour a week, reach out to Ashley Moore.

Finally, we have ordered two new round picnic tables to be installed on the grass at the front entrance to the school. One will be installed to be wheelchair accessible. Eventually, we would like to install two more tables to create a space where a class can go work outside. If this is something that PAC is interested in supporting financially, please let me know.

We encourage you to check the website, read our weekly posts or contact us should you have questions about the school.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next Meetings: 6:15pm

Oct 6th
Nov 3rd
Dec 8th
Jan 12th
Feb 2nd
March 2nd
April 13th
May 4th
June 1st