



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Sept 23, 2025

Hybrid meeting: in-person in school library, and online via Zoom

Meeting Chair: Surita Bains

Zoom moderator Andrea Dowd-Dever

Meeting called to order 6:37

Round the room introductions

1. Discussion & approval of minutes from Sept 2025 AGM - Surita
Motion to approve. Majority

-check-in with virtual attendees

Round the room introductions

2. Land acknowledgement - Principal Trevor Wrinch

2. Principal's report - Trevor (6:10-6:20)

This year there is a focus on literacy and a focus on numeracy.

The school is fully staffed in French with 25 divisions, 19 in English, 9 French for a total of 556 students

There are no open spots for 1-7, but a few spots remain in the new kindergarten class which was added this year.

There are 3 new support staff this year and the school is looking to hire more. There is also a new resource teacher on staff.

Things upcoming – leadership is the first week of school while classes are still being sorted out. The Terry Fox Run. Cross country is starting up for grades 4 through 7. There will be mini meets each week leading up to the big meet at Trout lake.

In October there will be the Foundation Skills Assessments happening for grades 4 through 7. These exams can be contentious because they are used to determine the school rankings. Admin believes they are helpful in determining where students are at for the school in addition to providing data to the province.

Coming up to Sept 30th, indigenous peoples day, the school will participate in Orange Shirt Day on Sept 29th

Parent question: What are the focus of the pro-d days' this year? Trevor: They have selected to focus on Numeracy and literacy

Pro-D schedule:

Nov 21- Kate Wynn literacy screeners. To be expended reading assessments

Jan 12 – Heather Whilms literacy intervention

Feb 13 district day – teachers will be able to select their own education items

5. Chair's report - Surita (vice-chair)

-check in with virtual attendees

Last year was a great year at Hastings and for the PAC, we accomplished a lot of fun things at the school. Most notably we spent a grant we had received from the Vancouver Port Authority in the amount of \$20,000. We spent this on a much needed portable speaker system for the school, new sports jerseys and an art module for each class.

6. Thank you 2024/2025 PAC Exec members – Surita

A big thanks to all outgoing members

Chair – Claudia Gawryluik

Treasurer – Laura Keating

7. What is PAC?

Each Hastings parent or caregiver is a member of the Hastings Parent Advisory Council. The General PAC gathers 5 - 6 times per year to discuss upcoming initiatives at the school, to support the school in helping to achieve their goals and to advocate for students. The Executive team is a smaller group of parents who come together to help establish the budget, determine fundraising initiatives and approve funding requests for student clubs as well as teacher-led projects like the silk banners and movement modules like Bollywood dance.

8. Committee Updates

- Active Travel – Rose
 - Meg's kids participate in the walking school bus. Ideal is to have a Gr. 6 or 7 student to lead the walking school bus. There should be discussion with Rose about bike to school week.
- Spring Fair – Cheryl
 - Last year's fair was a blast, we brought in a DJ for the first time which really made the event feel like a party and we raised over \$13,000!
- Fundraising – Andrea
 - This year's key initiatives are Art Cards, Purdy's, Poinsettias, Burger and Bevvie, Mabel's Labels.

- Indigenous Reconciliation – Meg.
 - In the Spring of last year they did a bursary for Hastings alum who were graduating. Last year there was also a button blanket project completed and presented to elders, it is hanging in the foyer of the school. They are looking forward to this year. They've had an initial meeting.
 - Sarah, a parent at Hastings has been involved in a project which includes ; raising a totem pole in the spring at Burrard view park. It has been arranged that students will have an opportunity to learn from the artists carving the pole and they will be able to participate in the carving in the spring.

- Garden - Tasey
 - The gardening committee has been around for many years; started with raised beds in the back of the school. Last school year they removed some dead trees. Ali took it on with her class to set up some different themed containers and installed mason bee condos. This year they are talking about how they can maybe increase the garden.

- Hastings Reads Committee – Lisa
 - They would like to continue this discussion this year, and Hastings Reads.

6. Budget overview - Treasurer Laura Keating

Last year in June we approved our annual budget for this school year.

Annually we receive \$20/student for the BC lotto gaming grant, which will be around \$20,000 this year.

We spend these funds through funding requests that come in from the school, kids clubs, teachers clubs, etc. Example initiatives . Black history, maple man, lion dance, reconciliation. Cube club was requested.

This year we have reduced our field trips budget to \$70 per class from \$150. We were finding this wasn't always being spent and some teachers find leaving the school to be a challenge.

Our Operating account budget is income from fundraising. Expenditure – allotment for each teacher, silk banners, grade 7 camp funding, staff appreciation event.

Question: If someone comes in throughout the year with a request, how is that handled? PAC has a funding request form that is shared in our newsletter and with teachers to pass to students. Once the form is filled out the executive committee will review to ensure it meets certain criteria and from there the request is brought to the general PAC at a meeting and voted on.

8. PAC exec elections - positions available:

- Chair, two-year term - Andrea DD.
- Treasurer, two-year term – Laura
- member at large, two-year term - Andrea Bell
- member at large, one year term – Lisa Gibson
- member at large, one year term – Reese
- member at large, one year term – Dana
- Member at large, two-year term (one year remaining) - Meg Roe

Non-exec position available:

- VAN DPAC representative, one year term – Lily Han

Open floor:

There is an artist who has expressed interest in designing a logo for merch. They are tattoo artists and so this could be an opportunity to have a more unique set printed.

Suggestion was raised around having the option to buy a shirt for someone else on school cash, which could then be donated to the school to have them distribute.

There was a Question about Slocan and Franklin and crosswalk safety. This is an ongoing that PAC has discussed before. Open to suggestions on how to improve.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, all in favour.