

# École Qayqayt Elementary

## PAC Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: April 9, 2025, 7:00 pm

Location: VIRTUAL - Zoom

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### 2024/2025 Executive

Chair	Shawn Sorensen	Secretary	Brett Griffiths
Vice Chair	Theresa Lomas	Treasurer	Marina Alonso
DPAC Rep	Laura Kwong	CPF Rep	Grace Steyn
Members at Large	Elynn Chen, Jeff Yahton, Alison Ytsma	Regrets	Marina Alonso, Grace Steyn, Laura Kwong, Maya Russell

### Invited Guest Attendees

Principal	Suzanne Cameron	Vice Principal	Carly Eirikson
Community Schools	Rick Bloudell	SD40 Trustee Rep	Marc Andres

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### Call to Order and Welcome | Shawn Sorensen

- Land Acknowledgement
- Introductions of everyone in the room
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### Approval of Minutes and Agenda | Shawn Sorensen

- February - [Minutes](#)  
Motion Shawn - Second Brett - Moved
- AGENDA - Motion Shawn - Second Elynn - Moved/Approved
- Hot lunch report added

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### School District Liaison Report | Maya Russell

- Regrets
- Shawn - Maya as well as, Vice Chair, the Superintendent, and representative from the teachers union, as well as Laura DPAC Chair, all flew over to Victoria today to do some advocacy work for our district. They met with Minister Lisa Beare and

Minister Bowinn Ma, the conversations sounded productive. We will get a report and some feedback from Maya next month.

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## Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudell

### After School Programming

- **Spring After School Programs:** Five programs at full capacity
  - Red Fox Society active play sports
  - Coding with Scratch
  - New Westminster Soccer Club
  - Get Crafty
- **Participation:** 78 students (grades 1-5)
- **Recognition:** Special thanks to Carly and Suzanne for supporting programs, making space available, and providing daily on-site oversight
- **Future Plans:** Similar programming to continue in fall

### Welcome & Wellness Centre

- **Location:** New Westminster Secondary School
- **Function:** Serves as a community/neighborhood learning center
- **Services:**
  - Community navigator (Sony Park) available to assist newcomers with settlement, employment, childcare, and city events information
  - Open to anyone new to the community
- **Upcoming Event:** Virtual Sexual Exploitation Parent Education Night
  - Date: Wednesday, April 30th, 6:30-8:00 PM
  - Presented by: Exploitation Education
  - Sponsored by: Deepak
  - Purpose: Address district incidents of online sexual exploitation at middle and high school levels
  - Goal: Provide comprehensive education to students, parents, and staff to prevent future incidents

### Questions

- Alison - year long programs how to waitlists work - waitlists is reset in September - EOI draw - 2025 students for Red Fox
- Alison - possibility of music after school programs - RB formerly did ukulele program, Rick reached out to another local music company but not able to make it work - if people have any leads Rick is happy to explore.

- Shawn - will there be a survey on hot lunch - RB done in november last year, hoping to do another round in the spring hopes to do 3 more schools - targeted 4-5 students with ranking scale in the last year - should be in minutes from last meeting
- Alison - given size of school, is there the ability to add more spaces for after school programs - unfortunately due to space limitations and Rick's resources it's something he hopes to expand but cannot promise anything - Suzane WCAS and Seamless Daycare taking up extra space - so Qayqayt is at capacity at the school for these program
- Questions can go directly to rick at rabloudell@sd

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#### **Principal & Vice-Principal Report | Suzanne Cameron & Carly Eirikson**

- We do have another portable - will be increasing by one division next year puts us at 36 divs - next year number is 750ish
  - Shawn and Laura brought in a bunch of materials they will be using for outdoor learning thanks to the PAC for purchasing
  - April 16th pro-d day will use this material to develop activities outside
  - Please look at the lost and found as when the weather gets better lots more lost & found
  - Welcome to K is afternoon of May 1 - doing in afternoon to reduce congestion
  - Lots of stuff happening in April 4-5 bike hub program - french immersion off to a movie this month as well
  - Thanks to PAC for supporting field trips
- Question  
Shawn is the maximum portables 9 - Suzanne - yes that is the max

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#### **Chair Report | Shawn Sorensen**

- Outdoor Equipment ordered and delivered. \$5881.01 spent of an amount that was up to \$7000. Wagons, outdoor educational materials, compasses, clipboards, rain ponchos, collapsable mushroom stools.
- Booked Learn to Curl for June.  
<https://www.curling.ca/about-curling/getting-started-in-curling/rocks-rings/>
- Welcome to Kindergarten May 1 - looking for another volunteer for this

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#### **DPAC Report | Laura Kwong**

- **Recap of the Rally for New West Schools:** huge thank you to the families, kids and community members who came out to support us. An enormous thank you to DPAC exec as we pulled this together in about 48 hours! We had three city councilors and the mayor there, plus three school board trustees. Two media outfits also came to interview us, and we did a follow up interview with the Vancouver Sun which made its way into the province. The result of this action: we got the attention of our elected officials in Victoria and the Ministry of Infrastructure has said that Simcoe Elementary is now in their fiscal plan for the year. Our takeaways: this is a win for showing the power of our collective voice, but this is a wholly unacceptable way for critically needed new schools to be moved forward by the ministry.
- **Delegation to Victoria:** On Wed April 9th Laura went with Superintendent Davidson, Board Chair Russell, Board Vice Chair Sluis, P/VP Association president Ken Millard,

NWTU president Kristy Oxley and CUPE president Carrie Andrews to advocate for SD40 regarding our capacity crisis and the critical underfunding of public education as a whole, and for specific areas in our district (child care, StrongStart, employee benefits, portables, life cycle cost analysis of aging infrastructure, climate adaptation and resilience, etc).

- **Upcoming meetings and parent ed:**

- Virtual Parent Ed on Healthy Food & Body Relationships (by Caya Health) on Thursday April 17 at 6:00 pm. Zoom link registration on our website front page [nwdpac.ca https://forms.gle/NZ128a71s5j6ttYn9](https://forms.gle/NZ128a71s5j6ttYn9)
- April DPAC meeting Thursday April 17 at 7:00 pm \*virtual only\*. Zoom link is the same as the parent ed, or can join for just one or both.
- SD40, sponsored by DPAC, Cybersafe from Exploitation (by Exploitation Education Institute) Wednesday April 30th 6:30 to 8:00 pm, zoom link registration <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/CPQ2xWLaSVKL-UCHpEFPyQ>
- Board meeting with draft budget for 2025-2026 school year: Tuesday April 29th, 6:00 pm. Public encouraged to attend and provide any comments or feedback \*stay to the end of the meeting for the opportunity to speak\*
- DPAC is attending a Coordinating Committee meetings on April 23rd

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### **CPF Report | Grace Steyn**

- No chapter meeting was held in March. Next meeting will be on April 15.
- French movie for all EFI classes coming up on April 23 at Landmark Cinema
- We will need volunteers to join our CPF NW Chapter next year. Treasurer and co-chair positions. If anyone is interested in joining this great little team and promoting French Education, let Grace know.
- Grade 7/8 Quebec trip over Spring Break - huge success. Fun had by all. Next Quebec trip will hopefully be in 2027. Grade 5 parents stay tuned for more information and we will need volunteers on CPF board next year to start planning for the trip.

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### **Treasurer Report | Marina Alonso**

- [2024-2025 General - Revenue and Expenditures - Feb 25 - April 07, 2025.pdf](#)
- [2024-2025 Gaming - Revenue and Expenditures - Feb 25 - April 07, 2025.pdf](#)
- [2024-2025 - General - Treasurer's Monthly Report Feb 25 - Apr 07, 2025.pdf](#)
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### **Old Business**

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### **New Business**

- Hot lunch - Alison
- Subway coming up for April orders close on Friday
- Boston Pizza for May hot lunch
- Treat day in may Kernals
- Looking for ideas treat day in June - let Alison know

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**Open Forum & Questions**

- Sam - what is status of PACs - Laura spoke with pro-bono legal services- we (PAC) are not a legal entity
- Sam - what stops someone from using bank account - Laura - bylaws operate as non-profit even if we are not registered
- Shawn Gaming account requires 2 signatures for transactions - same checks and balances for regular account
- Discussion ensued about why PAC is not a registered non-profit

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**Adjournment at 8:02 pm**

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Next PAC meeting: May 14th 7:00pm AGM