

Kent Elementary October PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2026

Attendance: Stephanie, Monique, Brina, Carrie

1. Call to Order & Welcome Start time: 6:42 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Monique Second: Stephanie Vote: Motion carried

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the previous PAC meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Monique Second: Brina Vote: Motion carried

Updated - Spent \$83 on September's teacher gift

Motion: Stephanie Second: Brina Vote: Motion carried

4. DPAC Report

Last meeting September 24

5. Treasurer's Report

Gaming: \$6,483.93

General: \$5,352.47

We received \$6,160.00 from our Gaming grant this school year.

a) Do we need to adjust the budget?

6. Principal's Report - Jessica McKerrow

It has been a busy and positive start to the school year at Kent Elementary. Students have settled into classroom routines, are building friendships, and continue to demonstrate kindness and respect throughout the school.

Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

This week our school recognized Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students participated in learning activities that helped them deepen their understanding of the impacts of residential schools and the importance of reconciliation. We also gathered as a school community for an assembly and were honoured to include drumming and Indigenous perspectives in our learning.

In addition, classes have begun working with Tanya Zilinski and Melanie Victor as part of our ongoing Halq'eméylem language learning program. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue strengthening Indigenous language and cultural learning throughout our school.

Student Leadership

Student Leadership applications were received and reviewed in September. We had an excellent response from students interested in contributing to our school community. Leadership opportunities this year include school ambassadors, recess leaders, athletics support, learning leaders, arts and culture, beautification initiatives, green team activities, library support, lunch monitors, and community service projects. Students will begin taking on these roles throughout the year.

Athletics

Soccer season is underway, and we were pleased to host one of the district soccer tournament days at Kent Elementary on October 1. Thank you to the staff who have supported our athletes and provided opportunities for students to participate and develop teamwork and sportsmanship skills.

Literacy and Numeracy

Staff continue to focus on strong literacy and numeracy instruction. Fall numeracy assessments are underway, providing valuable information that will help teachers plan instruction and monitor student growth throughout the year. We are excited to continue building on our literacy and numeracy goals as outlined in our school growth plan.

School Climate and Student Well-Being

We continue to focus on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all students. Staff have been working closely with students to build positive relationships, develop problem-solving skills, and support respectful interactions during both classroom and playground activities. We have also continued our kindness initiatives and are seeing many examples of students demonstrating empathy and care for one another.

Terry Fox Fundraiser

Students have shown tremendous community spirit through our Terry Fox fundraising efforts and kindness challenge. Thank you to families who supported this initiative. We appreciate the opportunity to honour Terry Fox's legacy while fostering generosity and community-mindedness in our students. At last update, students had raised approximately \$170 toward our school goal of \$1,000, with donations continuing through October 2.

Appreciation

Thank you to our PAC Executives and all parent volunteers for the ongoing support you provide to our students and school. Your fundraising efforts, volunteerism, and partnership are greatly appreciated and help create enriching opportunities for our learners.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica McKerrow
Principal, Kent Elementary School

7. PAC Business

a) Teacher Gift – Person(s) in charge: Stephanie Max \$75.00

b) Activity check in:

Halloween Dance oct 29

We're asking families who are able to please bring one non-perishable food item to our Halloween dance. It's completely optional, but every donation helps!!

Halloween sensory station in hallway - Stephanie

Post needed asking for parent volunteers.

c) Fundraisers check in: Neufeld Farm: sales so far \$5,227 funds raised for PAC: \$928 (need to be over \$3500 to avoid delivery fee of \$50)

Order end date Thursday, October 1st 2026, 11:59 pm

Delivery date Wednesday, October 7th 2026, 2:00 pm

Delivery address 7285 McCullough Rd, Agassiz

d) Munch a lunch

Welcome Families to the 2026/2027 school year!

We're excited to start the school year and to announce that Hot Lunch ordering is now open for the school year!!

Here are the upcoming hot lunch dates to look forward to:

Oct 16, 2026 – Yummy Slice Pizza Nov 20, 2026 – Subway

Dec 18, 2026 – DQ Dilly Bars Jan 15, 2027 – Cheam Sushi

February 11 - PAC treat day!(no cost to families) Feb 19 – A & W

Mar 12 - Mucho burrito Apr 16 - Subway

May 14 – Mac n Cheese

All ordering must be done online unless arrangements have been made with PAC or the office

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

If you have any problems, please contact PAC at kentelempac@gmail.com

e) Social Media & Community Engagement:

Discussion around expanding PAC's social media presence to reach families through different platforms and types of content. PAC plans to incorporate fun, short videos and interactive content to help promote events and highlight what PAC is up to. Volunteers will be invited to participate and help bring these ideas to life!

8. Next months agenda: Nov 5 @6:30pm

- Growing smiles : Christmas plant sale
- Festive lunch plans (food, juice, dessert)
- Social media ideas

9. Adjournment. End time: 7:21pm

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Brina Second: Monique Vote: Motion carried