



called to order by Chelsea Rice, President at 6:02PM

Welcome. We acknowledge we are privileged to meet on the Stó:lō unceded traditional territory of the Pil'alt, Ts'elxwéyeqw and Semá:th tribes.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chelsea R. Rebekah D. Kristina J. Brent J. Brittany C. Danielle P. Jessie K. Stef A.
Brooke J. *Principal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

- Motion to adopt agenda as circulated.
 - Danielle P. motioned, Kristina J. seconded, vote unanimous - Approved
- Motion to approve general meeting minutes for September 26 2023
 - Brittany C. motioned, Danielle C. seconded, vote unanimous - Approved

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Please refer to the school calendar or Tiger News for all news and upcoming events: <https://tyson.sd33.bc.ca/calendar>

- Staffing
 - Mrs. Sjogren - new Indigenous EA until Christmas
 - Isabelle Dyer- Practicum EA done Friday Oct 27
 - April Heideman – EA
 - Permanent EA position has been posted and closes this week for a permanent position
 - We had 3 emergency EAs and lost 1, 1 will turn permanent and we keep 1
- School
 - Entire staff and district went to professional development day about truth and reconciliation. Amazing speakers, lots of information and a powerful day. A panel of 4 local chiefs were present and answered lots of questions.
 - School had our own Truth and Reconciliation Assembly with drumming, a video and stories shared. An indigenous student of our school created an art piece on the fence and all the students did a walk – it was a powerful day for the Tyson community.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences went well last week. Nice to see parents in the building again.
 - FSAs for Grade 4 students are almost done. This is a test of 30 questions to gauge the foundational skills of kiddos at the Grade 4 and 7 level and ensure the ministry is allocating resources where needed. If numeracy is really low, for example, we would look at adding more professional development in that area, etc. This is not against report cards and is used as a data point to ensure schools are achieving literacy, numeracy and comprehension goals.
 - Parents of Grade 4 students can ask for their child's booklet back after processing
 - Earthquake Drill, Lockdown Drill – kids did great. Next time we'll have a constable come around and rattle the doors of older classrooms. It's actually really fun and the kids enjoy the challenge of it.
 - We have had some Indigenous Education presentations - math beads, fishing, drumming
 - Field trips to Greendale Acres, Corn Maze, Blue Herron, Library
 - Break the Rules day coming up on November 17
 - \$1 per rule broken or all 6 rules for \$5
 - Forms will be sent home in the coming weeks
 - Absence reporting is going well, thank you parents!

- If you are unsure about using the app, login through the browser instead or call the automated **phone system: 1-833-698-6567**
 - To sign up: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/signup>
 - To login: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login>
- Sports
 - Soccer for Grade 4/5 girls and boys - Tournament next week and then it's finished
 - Cross Country - The next race will be in May (Grades 1-5)
 - Curling finishing up next week
 - Swim Program for students in our resource program starting up – happens on Fridays
 - Bowling Kit will be here for 2 weeks
- Upcoming Calendar dates
 - October 25 - Celebration Assembly
 - October 27 - Hot Lunch, Kinder Make and Take & Neufeld Farm Delivery
 - October 31 - **Halloween Costume Parade (NO blood, cuts, gore, or weapons)** Welcome to wear Tyson colours - Orange and Black!
 - **Nov. 1 - Cozy Wear (chill day after Halloween)**
 - Nov. 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly
 - Nov. 10 & 13 Remembrance Day, Schools Closed
 - Nov. 17 - Break the Rules Day

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

E-mail Tyson-pac@sd33.bc.ca with questions, concerns or ideas; or message us directly on [FB](#) or [Insta](#).

- Nothing to report – it's all in the other items below

TREASURER'S REPORT

E-mail Tyson-pac@sd33.bc.ca with questions, concerns or ideas; or message us directly on [FB](#) or [Insta](#).

Treasurers Report			
PAC General Account			
Opening Balance as of Septmeber 24th, 2023			\$ 8,422.27
Income:			
Mables Lables			\$ 51.83
Income from coupon books			\$ 2,100.00
Income from Jims hot lunch			\$ 1,552.75
Income from Wok Box hot lunch			\$ 881.75
Income from Neufeld Farms fundraiser			\$ 1,640.00
Total:			\$ 6,226.33
Expenses:			
Quick links poster			\$ 43.65
Copy costs 2022/23			\$ 56.70
Jims hot lunch cost			\$ 1,330.97
Wok Box hot lunch cost			\$ 633.73
Coupon books cost			\$ 1,080.00
Food safe cost			\$ 25.58
Munch fees for reporting period			\$ 134.35
Total:			\$ 3,304.98
Outstanding expenses:			
Wok Box sides		\$21.18	
Popcorn Maker		\$652.31	
		\$673.49	
Ending Balance as of October 21st, 2023			\$ 11,343.62

PAC Gaming Account			
Opening Balance as of September 24th, 2023			\$ 2,381.18
Income:			
BC Gaming Grant			\$ 5,260.00
Total:			\$ 5,260.00
Expenses:			
Meet the teacher treats			\$ 322.03
Total:			\$ 322.03
Ending Balance as of October 21st, 2023			\$ 7,319.15

- Still some cash to deposit for the neufeld and coupon fundraisers
- Copy cost is from last year, so was covered by last budget.

- Munch fees for reporting period is going to be all the stripe and munch fees together on a separate line this year. This will help show the revenue from munch and makes it easier as there's no other way to clearly see the costs per fundraiser or hot lunch
- New popcorn machine has been paid for and is on its' way.

Tyson PAC Budget 2023/24						
	Budget 2023/2024			Actual 2023/2024		
	Gaming	General	Total	Gaming	General	Total
Opening Bank Balance	\$2,381.18	\$8,444.65	\$10,825.83	\$2,381.18	\$8,444.65	\$10,825.83
			\$0.00			\$0.00
Revenue			\$0.00			\$0.00
BC Gaming Grant	\$5,260.00		\$5,260.00	\$5,260.00		\$5,260.00
Annual PAC grant		\$150.00	\$150.00			\$0.00
Hot Lunch		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$448.62	\$448.62
Fundraising		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		\$1,071.83	\$1,071.83
Total Revenue	\$5,260.00	\$5,650.00	\$10,910.00	\$5,260.00	\$1,520.45	\$6,780.45
Expenses						
School Wide Functions	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$322.03	\$22.38	\$344.41
Bussing for field trips	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00			\$0.00
Staff Appreciation		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$0.00
Munch a Lunch fees		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$134.35	\$134.35
OSOB		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$0.00
Year End Celebrations	\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00			\$0.00
Bank/Admin Fees		\$50.00	\$50.00			\$0.00
Teacher Asks		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$0.00
Misc Expenses					\$721.54	\$721.54
Total Expenses	\$5,600.00	\$5,550.00	\$11,150.00	\$322.03	\$878.27	\$1,200.30
Notes:						
Orange numbers are our proposed gaming budget numbers						
Misc Expenses - quick links poster, food safe, popcorn maker						

- Current numbers in the "actual" columns is for all recent hot lunches and fundraising.
- Gaming account – received gaming grant. Gaming budget proposal:
 - School wide functions including \$350 for meet the teacher in Sept. Extra money could be used for a hot lunch for every kid on sport day, or a \$5 treat for every kid, whatever we want.
 - Bussing for field trips covers Terry Fox and we suggested water slides as well at the end of the year. This is direct money parents don't have to pay at the end of the year
 - For year end celebrations - \$5 per student plus \$12 for every grade 5 grad (55 this year)
 - This is a bit more than we brought in, but we have left over from last year we need to spend anyway
 - Questions:
 - Quick links poster cost? What is that?
 - This is a poster made with PAC links that we can use year over year for new parents at the school. We like to have this poster up for any events during Sep/Oct so parents can add bookmarks and join the social groups.
 - School wide functions - what is this based on? How did we come up with it?
 - These are things we've done in the past. We could do up to \$500 for a complimentary lunch on sport day for example, but we can use the money however we want really and we don't have to decide now necessarily. Approving this proposed budget allows for these things, but we can always change our mind
 - How much is left over from last year?
 - \$2381.18 - we have 2 more years to spend this leftover amount. The \$5260 that came in this year now has to be spent this year or next. Motion to approve Britt. Kristina second. All in favour.
 - Motion to approve proposed gaming budget
 - Brittany C. motioned. Kristina J. seconded. Vote unanimous – Approved

DPAC REPORT

Email dpac@sd33.bc.ca. [Facebook](#). [DPAC Meetings](#) (all meetings are hybrid).

Next DPAC Meeting is this week already – October 26th at 7PM. November's meeting will be **Nov 30th at 7PM**.

- What do PACs want from DPAC this year? Email them! dpacsecretary@sd33.bc.ca
- Affordability Fund from last year is now strictly for school supplies only. The new Feeding futures fund is 1.8M for Chilliwack with a minimum 3 year commitment. Chilliwack hired a full time coordinator to help manage and spend the money.
- Emergency preparedness committee is looking for volunteers to help with this initiative. Meeting on **November 6 at 7pm**. <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/65463526759?pwd=UzZPcG9kZFVxc2pPTXVBZlcvbDVXQT09>
- The district is going to retrofit every portable for two A/C units. Principals have to request A/Cs from the District as the District will only order as needed.
- EA Hiring & Standards advocacy ongoing. 80 new EAs this year most without formal training. Concerns regarding hiring practices and lack of training. Meeting on Sept 28th will help shed light on this for our current district situation. Advocacy to Kelli Paddon MLA and Dan Coulter letter pending.
 - Brooke clarified that the newly hired EAs are deemed with equivalent training upon hiring. At Tyson, we have had a phenomenal experience this year with newly hired EAs.
- FSAs <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment/#fsa-updates>
 - Chilliwack has the highest completion rates in the Province. FSA with care expects a teacher to come in and create a safe space and remove anxiety.
 - The testing is a ministerial Order ((Authority: School Act, sections 81 and 168 (2) (gov.bc.ca)) under the School Act. CTA has made a request that the board get involved with this and direct principals to listen to parents' choice without interference. Parents should be able to exempt students from FSAs.
 - DPAC Executive supports parents in advocating for parental authority in deciding whether their student writes the FSA or not. We support that the legislated "extenuating circumstances" reason to not write the FSA is up to the parents and caregivers, not the principal. If this is an issue in your school please reach out to DPAC at dpac@sd33.bc.ca. DPAC Advocacy letter is outstanding and will be sent to Dan Coulter and Kelli Paddon, MLA.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Email us with your fundraising ideas or to volunteer your time: TysonPacFundraising@gmail.com

- Our hope is for the funds we raise to be directed to installing a new accessible playground item and/or shade
- 144 coupon books sold
 - they were more expensive but we made \$60 more than last year even though we sold less.
 - We made 7.50 per book so it was a great fundraiser!
- Neufeld farms ordering is closed.
 - Delivery is this Friday at 2PM! Frozen items – be sure to come to the gym and grab your order right away. \$1115 raised. \$5 less than spring last year.
- Purdy's will be the next fundraiser.
 - Nov 1 to 20. With pick up on Dec 6 at the school. More info coming.
- **Holiday market is happening Dec 8! Back by popular demand.**
 - Donations will take place Nov 17 and 23 before and after school.
 - Flyer will get sent out with the items we need and when to drop off.
 - Need lots of volunteers!! 10 people wrapping the day of. Please sign up and book your calendar.
- Movie night Feb 23rd.
 - Not sure what movie yet. We have a list to choose from.
 - Get your tickets early as there is a capacity limit! Will be hosting a 50/50 draw and more!
- Applied to West Coast Seed fundraiser again but they have to vet and choose who can run their fundraiser so we are waiting for confirmation first.

HOT LUNCH REPORT

Email TysonPacHotLunch@gmail.com with any ordering questions or concerns and especially if your child is absent and you would like to pick up their hot lunch (otherwise it will be donated to another kiddo).

- We've had a good amount of volunteers helping out each hot lunch – thank you! Keep signing up.
- Apologies for the deadline miscommunication with the last run. Hopefully everyone was able to get their order in and taken care of in the end.
 - For Friday hot lunches – deadline is always midnight the Thursday before
 - For Thursday hot lunches – deadline is always midnight the Wednesday before
 - Even if the deadline has passed, login and try to order anyway as we do leave it open past the deadline until we place the order with the vendor. If you're too late – email us!
- We now have munch a lunch open for hot lunch and popcorn days which run through the end of December.
- All hot lunch days for the rest of the year are in the school calendar – check it out!
- We will be working to setup vendors for term 2 and will open all of term 2 on munch a lunch in December.
 - Some vendors we are interested in: Subway, Bannock, SinAmen, Taco Del Mar or Hugo's, White Spot and Mary Browns.
 - Other suggestions – PitaPit, GoodTaco
 - WokBox was well received – the kids loved it - so we'll do it again if we can.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Popcorn Machine
 - Ordered 16oz. - double the capacity – for \$652 under 700 we approved.
 - It's taking longer to get here, but the other option we wanted jumped in price so it would have put us over the limit. This one should be great though, it has good reviews and is a good price.
 - We'll try to sell the old one and see if we can get \$100-150 to offset the cost
 - First popcorn day we'll have to do the old machine probably plus an air popper to get through the first day, then we have to test the new machine.
 - We used to have popcorn ready for lunch time but with the new machine maybe we can have it ready for recess. Would be really nice!!
- C&B Updates
 - Motion to change the executive term start stated in the C&Bs from Aug 1 to Jul 1 [pg5]
 - Kristina J. motioned, Danielle P. seconded, vote – unanimous. Approved.
 - Motion to increase the amount spent without general PAC voting stated in the C&Bs from \$150 to \$250 [pg8]
 - Brittany C. motioned, Kristina J. seconded, vote – unanimous. Approved.
- Playground Upgrade/Project
 - Variety Grant deadline has been extended to Nov 17th
 - We are very interested in Sail Shades
 - Could help bring down the temp in south facing classrooms if we can place them close enough to the school
 - Can take down shades in winter, poles would be permanent
 - District will likely have height restrictions
 - Outdoor classroom
 - Brooke sent out a survey to teachers to see if they will really use
 - Accessible Swing
 - Expensive and gets vandalized. Not sure it's really the best solution for our school.
 - Merry go round – the one on the ground, with the walls, wheelchair friendly
 - This is the solution we are most interested in
 - Have to see where it could go – likely near the gaga pit
 - Discussed other options - panels with the alphabet, interactive items, games, just be mindful of where we are placing it. Vandalism - games/musical instruments tend to get broken. Consider the wheelchair. Need pavement access. By the under cover primary playground.

NEW BUSINESS

- One School, One Book
 - Our librarians have found a book for this year

- Every family in the school gets the same book. Every night we read a set amount of chapters and the kids have questions to answer each day.
- There will also be a competition to paint the cover of the book and the winning kiddo's painting is hung up in the library – come see the past OSOB paintings in the library!
 - Families have to buy the canvas and supply the paints – any child can enter the contest!
- Cost:
 - \$6.59 is the cheapest price found this year. Minimum order is 250 books.
 - Last year PAC spent \$1300. This year it's up to \$1651.
 - Scholastic doesn't have this book in Canada unfortunately so won't look forward to a discount or kick back on this
 - We had previously approved \$1500 to spend so if we want to fund the remaining amount, we need to vote and we need to plan for more next year.
 - We will have 30 books left over which can be donated and/or blended families can get more than 1 book if needed
- Brittany C. motioned to approve \$2000 to cover shipping and taxes for OSOB. Brent J. seconded. Vote – unanimous – Approved.
- B&B Concession
 - Brent J. mentioned Langley Scouts had an event and brought out B&B Concessions who has multiple trucks. They take the first \$1000 profit and then the rest goes to the school. Could be a good idea for Sports Day or a Carnival if we have one?

UPCOMING MEETING(S)

- Next PAC Meeting will be **Wed Nov 22 at 6PM**
- Upcoming meetings will be at 6PM on:
 - Jan 9th or 10th
 - Feb 13th
 - April 9th
 - May 14th (AGM)
 - June - TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:04PM