

**École Phoenix Middle School
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

General Meeting
January 14, 2026
7pm at the Library Commons

Current PAC Executive:

President: Sarah Neil

Vice President: Sophie Lee

Secretary: Kathryn Kirkwood

Treasurer: Myriah Foort

DPAC Representative: Dino Pagliardi and Stephen Lenio

The Ecole Phoenix Middle School PAC recognizes that we are meeting on the traditional territories of the Laichwiltach, Klahoose, and Komoks First Nations.

1. Welcome + introductions

In attendance: Christine Jordan, Karly Stones, Brian Smyth, Josh Morgan, Sophie Lee, Jill Fontaine, Dino Pagliardi, Amanda Rentiers, Kathleen Carlson, Christine Surina, Ching Ho

2. Meeting minutes and agenda:

- a. Review and approve meeting minutes from November 26, 2025 general meeting. Sophie motion, Christine second
- b. Review and approve agenda Sophie motion and Kathryn second

3. Reports

a. Principal's Report

Enrollment changes: 4 or 5 students added and a couple of students moved out. Now sitting at 641 students

Karen Evans headed a Christmas feast for all of the students with the help of the non-enrolling staff which was a huge success and greatly appreciated by all

Leadership group led by Ms. Gus ran the Christmas market along with numerous school challenges

Intramurals ongoing

Winter assembly was lots of fun; staff-driven and involved Pod challenges with games such as relay races and stacking games

Next report cards will be sent home just before or after spring break

Friday's Pro-D is an indigenous day of learning where all district staff will hear keynote presenters that will help teach how to better connect indigenous students with particular focus on engagement to improve attendance

New social media issues have arisen recently and although these incidents happen outside of the school, they affect the learning environment; discussion had as to best way to inform parents of risks and ways to mitigate them

b. President's Report

Nothing to report

Sophie was asked by certain parents to confirm when placement requests should be made and to whom. Brian responded that he and Carly would be the point people and the beginning of May is when placement begins to be considered.

c. Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report- no spending has happened since the last meeting.

d. DPAC Report

No meeting since last Phoenix meeting. January 20th is the next meeting.

4. New business

a. Fundraising Goals for 2025-26 school year

Josh Morgan suggested running a Gunter Meats fundraiser. Kathryn suggested having a cookie/coffee sale during student-led conferences that could coincide with raising awareness about social media issues.

Sophie suggested running a Fun Run where students take pledges and run during a school-side event. This idea seemed to be the most well received and planning was discussed to organize the event for the end of April/beginning of May. Sophie and Kathleen will revamp the letter and pledge forms used by EWP. We will need volunteers to collect cash on the day of. E-transfers can be made to PAC's account. Funds raised will go towards a permanent Gagaball pit (EDM's cost \$6600 two years ago) and, if enough funds are generated, chain nets for basketball hoops.

Discussion was had surrounding an online auction. It was determined that running an auction as well as a fun run would be too much this year but we will return to the idea at the end of the school year so that one could be held in October or November. Jill suggested it might be easier to use donated items to raffle rather than auction (Carihi High's grad raffle fundraiser was an example) as many people could afford tickets rather than individual bids.

5. Old business

6. Motions

FUTURE DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

February 16th – Family Day STAT

February 17th – Pro-D Day

March 23rd -April 2nd – Spring Break

April 3rd – Good Friday STAT

April 6th – Easter Monday STAT

FUTURE PAC MEETINGS:

February 25th

April 22nd

May 27th