

École Phoenix Middle School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

General Meeting

February 25, 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 K'omoks First Nations.

1. Welcome + introductions

In attendance: Sarah Neil, Sophie Lee, Brian Smyth, Carly Stones, Kathryn Kirkwood, Christine Jordan, Theresa Keown, Stephen Lenio, Ching Ho, Christine Surina, Kathleen Carlson, Dino Pagliardi, Jeanna Krestinski, Theresa Keown

2. Meeting minutes and agenda:

- a. Review and approve meeting minutes from January 14, 2026 general meeting. Sophie motioned and Stephen seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Review and approve agenda. Sarah Motioned, Sophie seconded. Motion passed.

3. Reports

a. Principal's Report

Projections being made for enrolment next year to begin looking at staffing numbers. 639 students currently and potentially increasing to 681. The Breakfast room may be used as another division. Phoenix used to have a portable that was moved after the Carihi High fire for their use. Brian was asked about catchment requests and max capacity and explained that they accommodate when possible. Cross catchment will be available to accommodate sports interests.

The second learning update will be sent home the day before spring break.

Gr. 8s had the Carihi High councillors come and work on course selection.

Student learning survey and Gr 7s and MDI for Gr 8s being completed currently.

Basketball is winding down and was very successful this year.

New expo rotation begins next week.

Phoenix swag is in the works.

Teri Parker with the Thrive class has been doing a hot lunch program involving planning menus, taking orders which has been good for learning opportunities.

b. President's Report

A quadra parent reached out about doing a hybrid meeting to participate in PAC meetings. Dino offered to bring some equipment and we will try for the next meeting.

c. Treasurer's Report

Myriah is away but has nothing to report.

d. DPAC Report

Dino did not attend the last meeting. Stephen was able to make it. Next BC Teacher's Federation presentation "Advocating For Your Child" is meant to be held March 12th but no facilitator has been found. April 30th presentation "Partnership in Early Years" is a go.

Phil Cizmic brought up the event at Tumbler Ridge. A discussion was had about Hour Zero system (common framework and language used at all schools) is an online system that updates when drills are done and it is sent to the district.

Penfield and EWP childcare centres coming online and might be ready in the fall. Two childcare super centres to be constructed at Phoenix and the school board office with 50 spaces each. Aged 3-5 but fluid for ages needed.

4. New business

a. Gaga Ball Pit Fun Run Fundraiser

Sophie and Kathleen threw around some ideas for names: Gagapalooza was most recent working title.

Cost for the brackets and hardware (no wood) is \$1189 and shipping and taxes will add another few hundred.

Kathleen passed around a sample pledge template.

Concession can be run at the same time.

Pods or grades can run the event at the same time but the field cannot accommodate the whole student population at once.

E-transfer of pledges to the school is an option.

End of May date still TBD

5. Old business

6. Motions

Meeting adjourned at 7:59

FUTURE DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

- **March 23rd-April 2nd – Spring Break**
- **April 3rd – Good Friday STAT**
- **April 6th – Easter Monday STAT**
- **April 7th – Pro-D Day**
- **April 30th – Student Led Conference Day**

FUTURE PAC MEETINGS:

- **April 22nd**
- **May 27th**