

# SEPTEMBER 2019 MINUTES

Shortreed Elementary PAC

*Date | time* 9/24/2019 7:02 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jodi Stiglic

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## In Attendance

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Jodi Stiglic, Shaunee Pedersen, Laura Wheway, Amy Synesael, Cashmere Roder, Shananda Anderson, Anita Hatton, Jen Cooksley, Shannon Gandy, Nikki MacLeod, Ashley Haber, Erin Caldwell, Chris Wejr, Mark Touzeau

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## Addition to Agenda

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- Requests from Mrs. Muller. **Shaunee motioned to add this item to the agenda, Amy seconded. All in favour.**

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## Deletions to Agenda

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- None.

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## Approval of June Minutes

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- **Laura motioned; Cashmere seconded. All in favour.**

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## Principal's Report

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- The start of the school year has gone well. Welcome to our new staff: Ms. Zeltzer, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Vleeming. We are still waiting for a teacher for Division 4, the posting closes soon, and we hope to have a permanent teacher in as soon as possible. Enrollment is up at Shortreed, at around 330 students.
- Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher is this Thursday!
- Our goals for the year: continue to build on past success. This includes self-regulation, sense of belonging ("You Belong Here" motto), Club Wednesday, etc.
- This year, our Action Plan goal is to continue to support reading and literacy. We are also aiming to increase involvement in sports at Shortreed. Currently we have a Cross Country team (our first meet is Wednesday!), and we hope to have more sports teams at Shortreed throughout the year.
- Terry Fox run is on Thursday. Assembly is at 1:15, run will probably start at 1:30.
- Individual Picture Day on Friday, September 27.
- Orange Shirt Day is Monday, September 30. This is an important day at Shortreed, as we honor the survivors (and those who didn't get to come home) of residential schools. Every grade has a theme to focus on (i.e. love, language and culture, education). There will be an assembly on Monday, parents/caregivers are welcome. Time TBA.
- Thursday, October 3 from 6:00-8:00 is our school's community consultation regarding the joining of ACSS and DW Poppy catchment areas. Please see attached email/document for more information. If you are unable to make this consultation meeting, please email your questions/concerns/considerations to [feedback@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:feedback@sd35.bc.ca)

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## Vice Principal's Report

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- In order to help meet our goal of supporting reading, we are launching a home reading website with resources for families. This way, we can boost the school-home connection, and support families in helping their children before reading, during reading, and after reading. Please visit <http://shortreedhomereading.weebly.com>
- In order to continue to encourage community spirit, we have created a new Shortreed Chant! Keep a look out for a new video of our chant, posted to our Facebook page and YouTube.

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## Advisory Committee/President Reports

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President: Jodi Stiglic

Fundraising: Cashmere Roder/Shananda Anderson

Vice President: Shaunee Pedersen

DPAC Rep: Anita Hatton

Secretary: Amy Synesael

Members At Large: None

Treasurer: Laura Wheway

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## President Report

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- Nothing to report.

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## Treasurer Report

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- Chequing account balance: \$32,086.89
- Gaming account balance: \$6,447.36
- The gaming report for the 2018-2019 year has been filed, and the current year's grant has been submitted.
  - From the gaming account, PAC pays for: \$200/class for busses, 2 busses for grade 5's year end trip, bus for Track and Field, concerts/events/Art Starts, \$500 scholarship to ACSS student, Changs Taekwondo.

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## Fundraising Report

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- PAC has a lot of different fundraising opportunities, and parents can pick and choose what benefits your family in order to support our school. This year's fundraisers include: Neufeld Farms (Oct/May), Entertainment Book (Oct), Blueberries (fall), Willowbrook Mall Shopping Event (Oct), Dollar Sale (Nov/Apr), Purdy's Chocolate (Dec/Mar), Movie Nights (throughout the year), Break the Rules Week (more info TBA), Krispy Kreme donuts (spring), Fun Fair (May).
- New fundraisers we are hoping to start this year: trivia night, Bingo night.
- Halloween Fun Day – activities in the gym for students, followed by a Halloween costume parade throughout the school!

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## DPAC Representative Report

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- PACs can receive a \$300 reimbursement for non-perishable emergency supplies from DPAC. This is available until the end of this school year. Our PAC purchased new food/water supplies, but this does not qualify for the reimbursement. PAC will look into if any of our non-perishable supplies need replacing.

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## Old Business

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- None.

- Projected PAC meeting dates:
  - Wednesday Oct. 23 at 9 AM
  - Tuesday Nov. 26 at 7 PM
  - Friday Dec. 20 at 9 AM
  - Tuesday Jan. 28 at 7 PM
  - Friday Feb 28 at 9 AM
  - Friday April 24 at 9 AM
  - Tuesday May 26 at 7 PM – Annual General Meeting
  - Wednesday June 17 at 9 AM
- Scouting tree planting – Paige Miller runs the Cubs group (through Scouts Canada) and they are looking to fundraise to purchase trees and plant them in the community. They would love to plant some trees for shade in our playground area. Mr. Wejr will ask the district if we are allowed, when, and what type of trees would be permitted.
- Welcome Back BBQ is this Thursday, September 26. 411 people are confirmed this year. This year our BBQ will be served from 5-6, with Meet the Teacher following from 6-7. JD Farms has donated 200 apple/brie turkey sausages – thank you so very much! A grandparent from our school community has donated some Halal sausages for those who need them. There will also be a vegetarian option. PAC will be serving chips and water as well. Thank you to Alan and Debbie Perry who are going to BBQ for us!
- Our movie license cost has increased to \$336 including tax. Our budget for this is \$250. **Laura motioned to increase our budget for movie licenses by \$100, Shaunee seconded. All in favour.**
- Fundraising goals: beautification of our outdoor space. Specifically, something around the large trees on the east side of the school. There are very large roots which are a tripping hazard. We don't want to get rid of the trees as they provide the only shade we have on that side. The idea is to build some wooden benches around the trees, which would also provide seating and outdoor learning space. Mr. Wejr will speak to district maintenance about the first steps in this.
- Hot Lunch extras: PAC is looking at purchasing extra items for hot lunch days. Students could come to the PAC room and pay for items with cash. There will be very limited extras.
- PAC is looking into a gaming license in order to do raffles this year. Specifically, we are looking to replace the Silent Auction with other options (i.e. Break the Rules week, Christmas basket raffles). As well, if we run a Bingo night, we will need to look into a gaming license as this is technically considered gambling. A gaming license is only \$10 but the dates for the raffles/events need to be determined in advance so they can be included on the application (otherwise we need to apply for another license). **Laura motioned to add \$30 in the budget for gaming licenses, Shananda seconded. All in favour.**
- Typically, PAC runs a Book Fair during the week of parent/teacher interviews. This year it falls on the week of Halloween (Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>). Set up will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> and will run from the 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Books will be picked up from Scholastic on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Our milk/veggie bins are old and are looking worse for wear. The laundry baskets used for hot lunch are old and breaking. **Jodi motioned to replace these bins at a cost of \$300, Shaunee seconded. All in favour.**
- Christmas Craft Fair – tabled for next year.
- Mrs. Muller would like to take the grade five students to the Orpheum this year to see the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. She would like PAC to cover the costs of a bus for travel, as well as \$5.50/student for their tickets. She would like to make this a yearly trip for grade fives. She would like \$450. The bus would come out of our gaming account, and the tickets would come out of the chequing account. **Jodi motioned for \$200 from the gaming account for a bus, Laura seconded. All in favour. Jodi motioned for PAC to give \$300 to help pay for the students to go, Anita seconded. All in favour.**

- Mrs. Muller would also like to purchase recorders for grade 3s. The recorders would be assigned to a student for the year, kept in the music room, then cleaned and sanitized at the end of the year. Parents could still choose to purchase their child a recorder. She would like \$385 to purchase 55 recorders. Our current budget includes \$200 for the music program. **Jodi motioned to increase the music budget to \$400 for recorders, Amy seconded. All in favour.**

**Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, October 23 at 9:00 AM.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:39 PM**

Families of Shortreed,

Please see attached for a letter from the district regarding an upcoming consultation regarding an option for a middle school programming change that would affect our community in both middle and secondary.

In the attached, please note that the first 2 options would only affect DW Poppy catchment area students as they look to create a middle school model there.

For the 3rd option, this would include a transition to combine BOTH Aldergrove and DW Poppy regions so DW Poppy would become a middle school for both regions (6-8) and ACSS would become the secondary school (9-12).

A few of the reasons these options are being explored is that Langley is moving to become a complete middle school district (as 3 regions do not currently have this model) and there are current and future pressures due to low enrollment at both ACSS and DWP that affect educational and extra-curricular opportunities for our students. There are other variables at play and these will be discussed at the meetings and can be found at the link embedded below and in the letter.

If you are able to make the meeting (for Shortreed and ACSS) on October 3 at ACSS from 6-8pm, you will be able to gather much more info and provide your input on the options. You can also go to the website [here](#) to read background and see a number of Q and A's.

I will keep you posted on any further information that comes out. We hope to see you on October 3.

Regards,

C. Wejr



September 12, 2019

To the Parents/Guardians of the DW Poppy and Aldergrove Families of Schools, and Coghlan Fundamental Elementary

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may know, the Board of Education passed the following motion at their Regular Meeting on June 18, 2019:

*"That District staff commence a consultation process with parents and staff in the DW Poppy and Aldergrove families of schools and Coghlan Fundamental Elementary, regarding the three options presented to the Transition Committee, and report back to the Board of Education at their Regular Meeting in December 2019 with the feedback they receive and possible next steps."*

The three plans for consideration include:

- Plan 1 Re-submit the request for capital funding to the Ministry of Education
- Plan 2 Place portables onsite to accommodate at least one grade group
- Plan 3 DW Poppy becomes a stand-alone middle school and Aldergrove Secondary would become the feeder secondary school

District staff are now seeking community input to assist in the development of a recommendation to present to the Board of Education at their Regular Meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to take part in the consultation process being undertaken. Input will be gathered between September 18, 2019 and November 15, 2019.

For information on how to provide feedback, please visit the Middle School Consultation 2019 webpage [here](#).

There are three ways in which you can participate:

- Attend your school's community meeting
- Complete the online survey
- Send an email with your thoughts and questions

The District will uphold its values of integrity, courage, excellence and community throughout this process. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support in maintaining an innovative, inspiring and unified learning community.

Sincerely,

Woody Bradford  
Assistant Superintendent

c: Principals, Aldergrove Family of Schools  
Principal, Coghlan Fundamental Elementary  
Principals, DW Poppy Family of Schools