Jamieson PAC General Meeting September 17th, 2025 General Minutes

In Attendance

Jamieson Staff

PAC

Jabin Kim-Cheung	Christine Kei	Claudia Gonzalez
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Justin Leung Maggie Lam JT Lele

Andrew Kwan Maxine Wang Ivy Yip Tasnim Vohra Connie Poon Michelle Leung Cindy Fan Lily Lu Jacqueline Deng Maureen Yu Flordelin Todoc Wendy Man Ken Choy Wendy Man Tamara Singer Rizalene Anggara Renee Choy Jonathan Au Bonita Walsh Eduardo Ayak Marco Cao Ou Ma Regine Zhang Mark Zheng Shirley Leung Terence Chow Anson Siu

Elaine Loasby

Call to Order

Justin Leung called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Approval of previous general minutes – May 28th, 2025

Stephen Au motions to approve previous minutes, seconded by Andrew Kwan, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Maureen Yu motions to approve agenda, seconded by Andrew Kwan, motion carried.

Chair Report: Justin Leung

- Welcomed families and new families: Welcome Back coffee for parents on first day of school and Breakfast for teachers and staff the same week
- Some planning in progress: Movie Night; Hot Lunch; Meet Teachers; Apple Fundraiser: Pumpkin Patch (to be voted)
- 48th and Tisdell crosswalk completed last school year; this year 46th and Tisdell crosswalk to be put in this school year
- Wish list from teachers last year, many items have been purchased (ie. Volleyball/ Badminton nets; blue mats)

Principal's Report: Cathy Thomas

- Thanked PAC Executive for support of school staff following news of Ms. Tammy Joe's passing
- School organization: 516 students registered in school in 21 divisions
 - School is full and have waitlist for all grades
 - Welcomed many new families and several new staff members
- School fees and funding
 - Clarification from School District about what families can be asked to pay for as part of education in BC public school system
 - Families will see change in some wording on requests for money for activities such as performances, field trips and instrument rentals
 - Public school system means every child is expected to participate in is considered "mandatory" thus free to access
 - If there is a cost for school activity then that means it is not mandatory and parents can choose to opt their child out; alternative educational opportunity will be provided for those students
 - School district has financial hardship policy Board of Education committed to ensuring no school-age student will be denied opportunity to participate in a course, class or program because inability to pay fees; if unable to pay fees, parents and guardians to speak to child's teacher, school counsellor and/or school Principal
- Meet the Teacher is Thursday September 18th, 2025 opportunity to ask about curriculum
- Pickleball- Week of September 22nd, 2025 PAC sponsored
- Orange Shirt Day- September 29th, 2025 Assembly in morning
- Terry Fox Run October 7th, 2025
- Senior Girls Soccer underway, and Cross-country training has started with first minimeet next week

Vice Principal's Report: Davita Marsden

- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) coming up for Grade 4 and Grade 7 students
 - Assessment on Literacy and Numeracy
 - Measures how education system is doing in these key areas
 - Snapshot of student learning at moment in time
 - Results give parents/guardians insights where child is at in their literacy and numeracy development
 - Children with learning challenges and ELL students do not need to participate
 - BCTF (teachers union) through Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, teacher can send home information to explain why they do not have the same opinion as the ministry
- Safety Patrol will start soon; VPD will train traffic safety for those safety patrol students
 - Lead teachers are Ms. Marsden and Ms. Joseph
 - 1st meet is September 22nd, 2025
- Playground buddies sign up
- Morning P.A. Announcement sign up (read daily announcement over P.A. system)

Questions from Justin:

- Communication/Visibility of school Activities (what clubs there are at school and what staff have sponsored)
 - Cathy: Teachers can decide which whole school activities their class will participate in during instructional time and how they will teach the curriculum
- What are the current clubs/activities at Jamieson
- Can we add to newsletter to communicate to families what clubs exists
- Student-led are not formal clubs

Treasurer's Report: Stephen Au

- Slight deficit last year (operating deficit of about \$1600 but covered easily given there was significant cash on hand)
- PAC has quite a bit of assets
- Hot lunch again was number one fundraiser; Carnival was a success with highest margins at 80% because many things donated) and third the snack shop concessions bringing in about \$2000 last year
- This year to pretty much follow last year's formula and carry over; hot lunch about the same, snack shop may be run less this year as it is not profitable running at about 22%

Adjournment

Michelle Leung motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Maureen Yu, meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Next PAC meeting

October 15th, 2025 held virtually