



# Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

**Date:** Monday, September 22, 2025

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Place:** Glenmore Elementary School

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## Meeting Minutes

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER** | Alex Vigue, PAC President

Call to Order at 6:30

Introduction of attendees. 37 people in attendance

### 2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** | Alex Vigue, PAC President

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan peoples. We are honoured to live, work, and play on this land, and be in relation with people from across all traditional and unceded territories.

In this space we are committed to ongoing healing, reconciliation, decolonization, and fostering relationships within our communities.

We express gratitude to all the knowledge keepers who have kept this land for so many generations, and we wish to learn from their wisdom to be better stewards of their land.

#### 2.1 **Welcome and What is the PAC anyway?**

### 3. **GUEST SPEAKER**

There is no guest speaker for this meeting.



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#### 4. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE | Brady Ibbetson, GME Principal

Introduction of our new Vice Principal Sylvie Forget. She is the former principal at École De L'Anse-Au-Sable. She has lived in Kelowna for 18 years and has two children. Sylvie is excited to be at Glenmore Elementary and is working hard to learn everyone's names.

Current enrollment at GME is 634 students, with 7 English classes and 21 French Immersion classes. GME alternates the number of kindergarten French Immersion classes offered each year; three classes one year, followed by four classes the next year. This year we are hosting 3 French Immersion Kindergarten classes and one English Kindergarten class. The district population has been growing but the district overall has lower than expected enrollment this year.

Grade 6 volleyball has begun with practices hosted before and after school. Battle of the Books for grades 4-6 has started. Mme Marcil will host information sessions for each grade. Battle of the Books is a district wide reading program and competition designed to encourage a love of reading and teamwork among students.

Thank you to the PAC for the coffee morning stations. Big thank you to the donations from Craft 42 for the coffee. Thank you to Jenna and Danielle for a successful kick-off event, Movie Night. Great way to start the year!! Estimated about 750 to 1000 people in attendance.

Both Brady and Sylvie are working hard to be out in the mornings and after school to meet with parents and get to know the students. Both Brady and Sylvie have an open door policy - please stop by, email, or call.

The School District is focusing on student agency - the idea that students take an active role in their own learning by sharing their ideas, opinions, giving options for how students approach a task, setting goals and providing reflection.

GME is excited to invite you to a special FREE evening hosted at Bankhead Elementary on Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:00 PM.

Bankhead, Glenmore, and A.S. Matheson Elementaries are partnering to host **Dan Duncan**, a former Bankhead student, parent of a child with ADHD, and an ADHD Coach, Consultant, and Academic Strategist.

Dan will be presenting "**Understanding and Responding to ADHD in Children**", a talk designed to help parents, educators and caregivers better understand ADHD and how it impacts children's learning and behaviour.



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This session will provide:

- Simple, easy-to-understand information about ADHD
- Practical ideas to reduce frustration and strengthen collaboration at home and school
- Strategies that build on your child's strengths while addressing challenges

The event will be held in the Bankhead gym and childcare can be provided.

Please use the following link to register for this event: [Understanding ADHD](#)

## 5. **PAC FINANCIAL UPDATES** | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

You can expect a financial update at each PAC meeting, usually reviewing the previous month of activity.

GME receives a Gaming Grant each year which is about \$20 per student. Money received through the grant cannot be spent on academics but allocated for activities like field trips or bringing in activities to the gym. All parents in the GME Community has a voice on how that money is spent by coming to the PAC meetings and contributing to the conversations.

In addition to the Gaming Grant the PAC usually runs some fundraisers. Last year we had decided to focus on a One and Done Fundraiser which allowed families to donate online with the money coming fully to the PAC rather than running multiple smaller fundraisers throughout the year. Discussions tonight about possibly bringing back more fundraising options in addition to the One and Done on going fundraiser.

GME teachers have the option to submit requests for the PAC to fund items for the classrooms that goes above what the district would normally cover. In the past, teachers have requested funding to incubate duck egg, bring in a hip-hop dance instructor for grades K-3, caterpillar to butterfly cycle of life kit, and a classroom library. Once requests are submitted the PAC executive team will look over them and bring the information to the following PAC meeting.

There will always be full transparency of the PAC financials.

## 6. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### 6.1 **Movie Night** | Danielle Friessen & Jenna Jones

Such a success! Feedback from the community has been: more available garbage cans to deal with garbage at the end, 15 feet buffer for a 'blanket zone' at the front, availability to purchase pizza at the event, and having more snacks and drinks at the concession.



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### 6.2 **Fun Lunch** | Alyssa Fulkerson, FL Coordinator Pass vote for Co-Lead

Fall Fun lunch is up and going. September and October are ordered together, but going forward it will be monthly ordering. Made it as inclusive as possible for diet and financial situations. Two new trials for September and October - Wrap Zone and Taco Time. Happy Slice is doing both the Pasta and Pizza this year. Prasuda's is doing some of the GF options when other restaurants are not able to offer that. Trying very hard to get sushi - meeting with multiple restaurants to try and lock one down. Would love to have Momo's supply the sushi for fun lunch, but they haven't been responsive. The last pizza day of every month is also the popcorn day. The popcorn raises money for the grade 6 graduation celebration. Volunteer sign up at the PAC website [Volunteer – Glenmore PAC](#). The number of volunteers needed depends on the vendor of the day. Alyssa monitors the volunteers and arranges what is needed.

Tara Nolan has stepped up to be the co-lead for the Fun Lunch Program.

### 6.2 **Book Swap** | Meghan Muhle & Roni Pullen, Event Co-Leads

Usually run in November and December. Books are laid out for students to choose and wrapping stations run by grade 6 students. The PAC would like to allocate money to purchase books for the grade 6 students as they usually don't have many to choose from.

### 6.3 **Footprints Days** | Joshua Peters

An event usually hosted in April, Footprint days is a 5 kilometer neighborhood walk. Families meet at the GME, students are encouraged to wear their GME coloured t-shirts, the route of the walk is predetermined so crossing guards are available to cross streets safely. At the end of the walk free popsicles are usually available. Students in attendance can submit their name to win a prize the following morning with a name drawn during morning announcements.

### 6.4 **Family Fun Night** | Meghan Muhle & Roni Pullen, Co-Chairs

Family Fun Night is hosted in June at GME and is free for families in the community. The event consists of games, activities, food trucks, bouncy castles, and lots of fun!



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### 6.5 **Belonging at GME** | Alyah Ramadan & Danielle Noble, Co-Chairs

Belonging at GME was formed a couple years ago to allow for parents to connect to similar experiences and discussion on how the school can support those parents and families. In the past this has looked like fireside chats and parent panels to highlight struggles and ways to find community. Their next step is possibly hosting a book club.

### 6.6 **Family Dance Night** | Lead Needed

Breanna and Jenny initiated the dance up a couple years ago, but are stepping away this year. Dance included two timeslots to allow for the fire code regulations on the number of people in the gym. Tickets were sold through Munch a Lunch as well as pizza sales. Concessions were sold in the gym. Usually hosted in May. Suggestions to have it hosted as a Dance-a-thon to raise money. Jay Petch and Jenna Jones have stepped up to run the event this year.

### 6.7 **Fundraising Committee** | Lead Needed

The decision of what fundraiser to focus on can be discussed at the meetings, with the executive, or decided by the lead. Some ideas are the Happy Farmer Fundraiser [Gmail - Fw: PAC Fundraiser](#), Pioneer Coffee (\$5/bag back to school), Indigo kickpack, Purdy's and One and Done

### 6.8 **Christmas Craft Fair** | Lead Needed

Excited to host a Christmas Fair this year! The fair would be hosted on a Saturday at the school. The vendors would pay a fee for their space, that fee would go straight to the PAC. Vanessa Lomas, Janet McInnes, and Belinda Hardy have volunteered as co-leads.

### 6.9 **Bike To School Week** | Lead Not Needed

Teachers run this.

### 6.9 **SpiritWear** | Vanessa Lomas

T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for sale on Munch-a-Lunch in the coming months. Emails announcing the sale will be sent via PAC email and GME's weekly message. Discussion of added sweatpants to the sale.



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## 6.8 **Staff, Teacher, and Admin Days/ Appreciation Lunch** | Lead Needed

Malindi Elmore has volunteered to run these appreciation days.

## 6.9 **Communications** | Paulyn

The PAC is on Facebook and Instagram, please join to get updates! Click for [INSTAGRAM](#) & [FACEBOOK](#)

## 7.0 **Scholarship Winners**

7.1 Cameron Macpherson and Cann Jackson from Kelowna Secondary School, recipient of the KGCC Bryce Essler Memorial Bursary and the Glenmore Elementary PAC Award

COBBS organizes the award with criteria that we choose. Questions about how many applicants and if we could increase the number of awards given. We will continue discussion at the next meeting.

## 8.0 **Year End Survey Results**

For future surveys, advertise by putting QR codes around school. Consider putting QR codes on bookmarks for kids to send home. Share the information about the volunteer positions available for the year and then share the donation or fundraising options. Focus on One and Done fundraisers or decide which fundraising to focus on.

## 9. **COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) Update** Presented by: Alyssa Fulkerson

At our meeting, we welcomed our new Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent/CEO Jon Rever.

Our Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers shared the School Board's exciting news that Ministry of Infrastructure has announced the approval of funding for a new middle school on the Burtch Road site (by the apple bowl). <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025INF0044-000822>

The School Board had not yet held a meeting at the time of our September COPAC General meeting. If you are interested in attending Public School Board meetings or committee meetings, agenda packages are posted to their meeting website on Friday afternoons for the upcoming week's Wednesday meeting. <https://forms.gle/Npe9nvMDZxZZ37JbA>

Jon Rever introduced our newest Assistant Superintendent Linda Reeve (Rutland Family of Schools) and provided a little update on the portfolios of all four Assistant Superintendents. Jon shared that the 2025/2026 return to school updates will be shared at the first two school board meetings in September.



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Sarena Smith, Parent Chair of our Partners for Inclusive Education (PIE) group joined us to say hello and shared some background information on PIE. This group meets monthly and is targeted towards parents of children with different learning needs (inclusive education needs, disability, differently-able, ASD, ADHD, Gifted, dyslexia, complex health issues, etc.) The meetings cover different themes each month and include staff from SD23 to guide family learning. If you or someone you know could benefit from attending meetings of this nature, please email Sarena to join the mailing list [COPAC.pie@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:COPAC.pie@sd23.bc.ca)

We discussed our PAC 360 'roundtable' and 'story spotlight' section of the monthly COPAC Agenda. I covered how we would love for COPAC Reps to share success stories of your PAC or how parents in your school community are being authentically engaged. (think input opportunities, family learning opportunities etc.) If you have a story to share that'll take more than a minute or so, please reach out and we will give you the star treatment at an upcoming COPAC meeting. We want to enhance the opportunities for PACs to learn from each other and to be able to spread successful endeavours across the district quickly.

We had a brief discussion about e-scooter and e-bike age restrictions in BC. Nicola has had some communications with City of Kelowna staff who assured us that RCMP are on this issue and have actively been addressing the issue over the summer. One of the staffers is working on a document outlining the rules for e-bikes, e-scooters and mopeds. We will share as soon as we have a copy! We will work to collaborate on a parent presentation in the spring when families are considering transportation options as the snow melts. We encourage your PAC to share the COPAC Facebook post on this topic as it contains links to some relevant BC Government and ICBC pages.

**\*\*COAPC EXECUTIVE VACANCY** – We are looking for a new Secretary! If you are a COPAC Rep or PAC President and want to give the COPAC executive a try, please send me an email [copac.president@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:copac.president@sd23.bc.ca) ! The Secretary is responsible for preparing the meeting minutes for our monthly COPAC General meetings. It's a great way to give COPAC a try.

**\*\*Upcoming COPAC Events:**

We will be circulating two surveys in the coming days regarding interest and suggestions for PAC and Parent education opportunities. One survey will be for your Executive and the other can be shared with families in your school community if you wish. Keep an eye open for these.

**SAVE THE DATE:** COPAC will be hosting Hannah Beach -Understanding Adolescence workshop for parents. Save the date: October 16th, 2025 via zoom. More details to come soon.



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We will be scheduling PAC 101 and Treasurer 101 later in October & November. If your PAC needs help sooner, please reach out!

Interested in joining a COPAC Sub-committee on Active Transportation & Safe Routes to School? Email our Member at Large Nathan Hind at [copac.atlarge2@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:copac.atlarge2@sd23.bc.ca)

Cadre shared, with strong recommendations, a link to a helpful YouTube Video, originally shared to COPAC last year by Jon Rever (Kids, Smartphones and Social Media: The Risks and The Solutions):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ro-XgHp7OPA>

Please Share your PAC Code of Ethics or bylaws that cover Code of ethics. We regularly help PAC executive teams to navigate challenges and it's always helpful to have examples of successfully implemented tools.

## **10. Miscellaneous**

Continued the discussion on fundraising options, a decision wasn't reached and a lead wasn't chosen.

### **10.1 Flyers**

Big shout out to Josh who created all the flyers for the beginning of the year events.

### **10.2 Grizzly Care**

Grizzly Care is a confidential way to support members of our community who need support. Requests or referrals of Grizzly Care support can be directed to Brady Ibbetson, [brady.ibbetson@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:brady.ibbetson@sd23.bc.ca) or to the PAC at [gmepac@gmail.com](mailto:gmepac@gmail.com)

### **10.3 Mabel's Labels**

Discussion to consider cancelling this long running fundraiser as it hasn't produced much funds. But a new idea is to advertise directly to the upcoming Kindergarten parents at the welcome event in the Spring for the incoming class.





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### 10.4 Advocacy Letter Regarding the Jump Pits

Available [HERE](#). Brady mentioned that principals around the district have also been advocating for the jump pits to be reinstalled. A meeting at the district is happening soon and a letter may not be needed. We are considering still sending it as a way to show that the GME PAC would support their decision.

Movable goal posts coming around September 29 - 4 sets of 2. Some issues that they are working through as they are moveable, but hoping it will work out.

### 12. PAC 360

Concern about screen exposure in classrooms during lunch and snack time. Idea to have classes rotate through the gym to have lunch in community with students.

Brady recommends that parents should advocate to the classroom teacher if they are concerned with show or movie exposure during snack and lunch time.

Supervision in blue, orange and green pods includes 2 intermediate students per class and one adult per pod. The adult rotates through the four classrooms to monitor the students. The portables are intermediate students who self monitor as well as one adult rotating to each classroom to monitor. The main building has two adults monitoring the classrooms. Since these classrooms are a mix of primary and intermediate it will vary if students monitors are present.

Why do classes watch shows during snack or lunch? Brady explained that teachers want to come back to a calm classroom and sometimes a show or movie is what accomplishes this. Not all teachers do this, but quite a few. If you are concerned about what your student is watching, he again recommends talking directly to your child's teacher. Parents at the meeting are concerned about the unhealthy association with food and screen, and that students will not eat when a show is going during lunch hour.

Many voiced concern that most parents are not aware that shows are shown during the lunch hour.

The goal is to continue this discussion to provide a positive environment for our children that doesn't involve screens.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT at 8:05pm