



Glenmore Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Glenmore Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30pm | Alex Vigue, PAC President

16 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.

3. GUEST SPEAKER

There is no guest speaker for this meeting.

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

Last Wednesday, October 22, Bankhead, Glenmore, and A.S. Matheson Elementaries partnered to host Dan Duncan, as he presented "Understanding and Responding to ADHD in Children." It was a great turn out and a successful event.

The winter concert for grades K-2 will be the week before Winter Break - exact date to be announced at a later date.

The UBCO Mobile Outreach Program has been booked for June 15-June 19, 2026. All K-6 classes will experience this excellent biology program in the gym.

Volleyball is running for grade 5 students, coached by Mme. Marques and Ms. Mahan and for grade 6 students, coached by Mr. Mac, Mr. Gazel, and Mr. Hatley.



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5. PAC FINANCIAL UPDATES | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

PAC financial statements are available upon request.

Every year Brady puts a call out to teachers for requested items or experiences (aside from field trips) that the PAC could fund, this year we were able to fund \$17,770 of their requests. Teacher expenses are reimbursed to teachers by Sherri at the GME office, funds taken out of the PAC school account.

Discussion about specific requests are as follows:

One of the requests came from Mr Ibbetson, which was the seacan located on school property, near Tronson Road. The seacan will be used to hold outdoor play equipment. Last year the pac had given funding toward a shed but the district didn't approve the shed because it would not be movable and could easily be broken into. The final decision was the seacan, which was approved by the district. The PAC has approved the request to cover the cost for it. Mr Ibbetson is considering having the exterior of the seacan painted with an outdoor scene.

The cloth library book bags that students in grades K-3 use to transport their library books back and forth from school are normally funded through the school's library budget. The request to have the expense of bags for the entering kindergarten classes and any new students covered by the PAC has been requested and approved. We are considering making this a standing budget item for the PAC going forward. If we carry the expense of paying for the bags then the Librarian, Mme. Marcil will have more budget to purchase books for the library. Students in grades 4-6 do not have to use the cloth library bags.

If you would like a full list of teacher requests please contact gmepac@gmail.com

Jenna has a contact who has written children's books and has already presented at schools in the district. Directed to talk to Mme. Marcil to have approved.

Field trip requests are redirected to the field trip funds, not teacher requests funds.

Question about the artist who did art with the students that could then be ordered as cards. Brady usually books this artist every other year, since it was done last year she will be booked for next year.

For fundraising the PAC has decided to focus on the One-and-Done fundraiser. One-and-Done funds go into the PAC's School Account. Treasurer works with Sherry to balance numbers and Treasurer tracks the funds.



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Spending more on PAC promotion and Website to encourage attendance and use of the website.

For the grade 6 celebration we are not contributing money this year because they have left over funds from last year.

Popcorn Machine - do we sell it or keep it? Rhonda loves it, has more kids at GME, and is willing to put the time into maintaining and using it.

The PAC is considering using the Grizzly Care funds to put together Christmas hampers for families in need and bumping up if there are more families in need. Considering how to support families in this way, while keeping confidentiality. Should the PAC do hampers for GME families and encourage classrooms to connect with Salvation Army or other community services to create their own hampers? There was not a conclusion to this discussion.

Question if the gaming account could be used to cover the cost of team jerseys for volleyball and basketball teams. Brady replied that they switched to t-shirts so the kids can keep them at the end of the season.

Questions about the balance, how far forward can you carry the balance. Gaming Fund is applied to each year and allows the PAC to receive \$20 per student each year. That money specifically has to be spent in 2 years and kept in a separate account. All other money that the PAC has can legally be held for as long as the members decide.

Over the last 5-6 years we ended up with a surplus of funds because of previous efforts to save for a replace the playgrounds and because of the impact time away from school due to COVID had on our ability to spend. The playground replacement was not approved by the district and those funds were moved into general spending. We are hoping to only carry forward \$8,500 into the 2026-2027 school year.

Why are we running a deficit budget - because the affordability grant will cover the cost of field trips so the PAC will carry forward with this budget and at year end will not be in a deficit.

Motion to approve 2025-2026 Budget forwarded by Josh Peters and seconded by Kath Charlton.



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6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1 **Movie Night** (No Update Needed) | Danielle Friessen & Kath

Booked for Fri, Sept 18, 2026 - but reaching out in the Spring

6.2 **Fun Lunch** | Alyssa Fulkerson & Tara Nolan. Co-Leads

November ordering is closed

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

Booked for Friday, Nov 28, 2025 in gym

6.4 **Footprints Days** | Joshua Peters, Event Lead

Walk happening in April - aiming for 2 nights

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

Booked for Friday, June 5, 2025

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

Possibly on hold for this school year

6.7 **Family Dance Night Committee** | Jay Petch & Jenna Jones, Co-Leads

Booked for Friday, May 8th, 2025 - two dances

6.8 **Fundraising** | No Lead

PAC has decided to focus on One and Done for fundraising efforts.

Mabel's Labels will be promoted to entering kindergarten classes during the Spring info session

6.8 **Christmas Craft Fair** | Vanessa Lomas, Janet McInnis, & Belinda Hardy

This has been tabled as a project for the 2026-2027 school year. Santa's Workshop for donated items that kids can shop from to gift to their family members - should this be included in the bookswap? No decision was reached at this meeting.



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6.9 **SpiritWear** | Vanessa Lomas

No update and no word from Vanessa, so another PAC member will need to take this on.

6.8 **Staff, Teach and Admin Days/ Appreciation Lunch** | Malindi Elmore

Great event!

6.9 **Communications** | Paulyn

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

7.0 **Scholarship Winners**

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

8. **COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) Update**

Mental Health Awareness Week (October 5-11) and World Mental Health Day (October 10)

October COPAC Guest Presenters: Restorative Justice BGC Okanagan.

Superintendent/CEO Jon Rever presented some of his Superintendent's District Startup Report from the September board meeting.

Enrolment trends. Our school district enrollment has decreased this year (-0.8%) for the first time since 2015. District operating budgets have been reduced by \$9M since Fall of 2024. The 2025/2026 operating budget will be adjusted in response to the decline in enrollment. View the full report [HERE](#). There is a New District Newsletter, which will be coming out monthly on the last Friday of every month, to view it is available [HERE](#).

COPAC EXECUTIVE VACANCY – We are still looking for a new Secretary! If you are a COPAC Rep or PAC President and want to give the COPAC executive a try, please contact copac.president@sd23.bc.ca

COPAC Survey input ongoing and open to any SD23 parent. Survey is available [HERE](#)

Input request from PAC Executives regarding Full day event in winter 2026 - submit information [HERE](#).



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Upcoming COPAC Events:

COPAC will be hosting Hannah Beach who will be speaking on “Understanding Adolescents from the Inside-Out.” Zoom event hosted on Oct 16, 2025 07:00 PM Pacific Time. This event is Ideal for parents of teens/ adolescents, but also great for parents with kids in grades 4, 5 and 6 in preparation for what lies ahead. Register in advance for this meeting [HERE](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

COPAC Treasurer 101 - This Wednesday October 8 at 7pm via Zoom, register [HERE](#).

Middle & High Schools: Kelowna Youth Safety Committee, a pilot initiative that will bring together up to 20 youth (ages 13–17) from across Kelowna, representing the city’s diverse young population. Running from October 2025 to June 2026, this committee will offer youth a meaningful platform to share their lived experiences and insights directly with Emergency Services, City staff, and community stakeholders. The goal is to foster collaboration and help shape community safety strategies that reflect youth perspectives. Application Deadline: October 15th More information available [HERE](#).

NEURODIVERSITY Parent Education Day Hosted by the Provincial ADHD Clinic and Kelty Mental Health. [ADHD Parent Education Day | Kelty Mental Health](#)

New! Mental health resources for families

New videos and information are available by mental health experts at BC Children’s Hospital who share your culture and language. Resources are available in many languages to support diverse families, including Arabic, Cantonese, English, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Ukrainian, and for Black communities. Topics include anxiety, substance use, family transitions, and more.

When it comes to your child’s mental health, you are not alone. Check out these multi-language mental health resources available [HERE](#)

SCREEN USE - Looking for Parents, Caregivers, and Youth to Participate in Discussion Groups

The Ministry of Health is conducting a provincial needs assessment on screen use among children and youth. As part of this work, they are engaging parents and caregivers of children aged 5–12 to better understand their experiences managing screen time, as well as identify what supports or resources might be missing.

They’ve partnered with BC Children’s Hospital’s Health Bridge to host a series of online parent discussion groups.

The Health Bridge newsletter link includes details on how families can sign up. There are also additional opportunities for both parents and youth to get involved in other health-related discussions. Health Bridge provides compensation for participants’ time. healthbridge@cw.bc.ca



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WWEST/iSTAND ran a successful Pro-D camp at the Rutland library Friday (Oct 24).

Geering-UP UBC-O runs Saturday programming through the winter. There are opportunities for older students to volunteer as a Junior Instructor.

BGC-Okanagan Restorative Justice has shared some resources:

Parents Together: Information on a support program for parents with teens and other BGC Okanagan programming found [HERE](#).

HRVY Project : Details on services for children ages 8–13, as mentioned during the presentation are available [HERE](#).

9. **Miscellaneous**

9.1 **Screen Time in Classroom**

Aside from rewards there will be no more shows or movies playing during lunch or break times.

9.2 **Lunch Monitor Leadership Training**

The PAC has proposed to Mr. Ibbetson that, if the school wishes to provide training for student lunch monitors, the PAC would be pleased to fund this opportunity. This initiative was introduced following the decision to discontinue shows and movies during lunchtime. Providing training for student lunch monitors would help promote leadership, responsibility, and conflict-resolution skills among participating students, while also supporting a more positive and engaged lunchtime environment for all.

9.2 **Back up Grade 6 Babysitters for PAC Meetings**

Jenna's son who is not in grade 6 but works with children at summer camps is available.

*If your grade 6 child is interested in helping please contact gmepac@gmail.com

10. **PAC 360**

Grizzly Care Christmas Hampers - Is there a way to include grade 6 students in creating the hampers? Conclusion of discussion is that the classrooms should contact community charities like the Share Society, Christmas Elf, Salvation Army, London Drugs (seniors) to create hampers for the general community. The PAC could partner with Mr. Ibbetson and Mrs. Forget to discreetly provide Christmas hampers to families in the school community.



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11. **ADJOURNMENT at 7:30**