

Nootka PAC Meeting

Jan.14, 2026

Introductions

1. Welcome to new and returning PAC members

Members present 16, 1 none member

Chair: Mary Anderson

Treasurer: Angela Low

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Sarah Smith and Phyllis Yeung

Fundraising Coordinator: Nori McMichael

Volunteer Coordinator: (regrets) Johanna Suttor-Doerksen

Communications: Andrea Hooge

Secretary: Roberta Froese

Spring Fair Coordinator: Erin Kaufman

Classic Rep: OPEN –

THRIVE Rep: OPEN – Represents the interests of children in the THRIVE stream

DPAC Rep and Fine Arts Rep: Doug Gibson

Approve Minutes posted on the website from our last meeting

2. Minutes are posted on the Nootka PAC website. Motioned by Angela and seconded by Jenn.

Update and Welcome to Scott Huges

3. Scott/Dorothy to discuss upcoming events, wheelchair basketball ...

Scott gave us some background to land acknowledgement and the importance of learning and unlearning for educators and parents.

Scott let us know that Dorothy will be with us until June 2026, we are not sure yet if we will have a vice principal next year due to enrolment being under 400 children.

Two new staff members, Dorothy and new musical teacher replacing Micheal well he is on leave.

Welcome to new staff:

- Dorothy Watkins, new VP
- Madeleine Elkins, new Music/RT

1. Student Learning and Leadership

- Performances: Musical preparations have started.
- Many field trips! Skating, swimming, art gallery, Dr. Sun Yet Sen gardens, local high school band concerts, and more!
- Wheelchair basket ball is booked for Feb. 23 through March 6th
- Amazing student leaders stepping up with Lunch Monitors, observation from an SA: "It's so much better now than before."
- Basketball season has started, with leadership by Victoria Horner

- We've been approved to create a Sensory Room and RBLM room, with full funding from the district
 - Pro.D: literacy days, sensory room training, math learning, trauma informed education, restorative practice
1. School Organization, Processes, and Building Matters
 - Currently: 372 students across all three streams
 - Choice Program applications open, closes Feb. 3
 - Grade 7 Articulation process has begun. Currently in the "information gathering" stage. Opportunities for students to visit their high school beginning in early spring. We have students going to Windermere, Van Tech, Gladstone, Killarney, David Thompson, and Britannia
 - School Streets Program is a go. First meeting is Jan. 21. This is an orientation meeting. The event will be in spring; specific dates TBA.
 - The power outage damaged the fire alarm panel. This was replaced over the holidays. We will resume fire and other drills, next week.

 1. SLS Survey and MDI
 - SLS: Gr. 4 and 7 students. In school. Parents invited to fill in at home. Closes May 1, 2026
 - MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument), Grades 4-8 opened today, runs over the next several weeks.
 - Information will come home on Friday with parent links for participation

Treasurer Report (Angela Low)

Accounts Balances

- General account: \$17,171.59
- Gaming account: \$2,049.58
- Jumpstart savings: \$15,816.77
- PayPal: \$0
- PAC technology/computer fund (Nootka School) - \$0

Income

- SunOka Fruit Farm Fundraiser - \$1,462.00
- Nootka school fundraisers (DEC 2025) cash deposit - \$2,856.10
- Hot Lunch* - \$4,764.28 (on cash basis - lunches are prepaid with vendors being paid out weekly)
- Interest - \$38.25

Expenses

- School Computer Purchase (from 24/25 PAC fundraising - \$8,530.51
- Sexual health education - \$5,712.50
- Debit from Gaming account
- Spring fair expense (inflatables) - \$1,300.00
- Nootka school fundraisers (DEC 2025) cheque disbursement - \$2,798.98
- PAC operational costs (bank fees, childminding, office expense) - \$208.62

Grade 7 Committee Fundraising

- Running balance in PAC account - \$1,206.81
- NOTE - We will continue to share this balance throughout the year, as funds are allocated to Gr 7 fundraising and will be debited, less 5% as agreed. 4. Update.

Fundraising and Safety (Nori McMichael)

5. School Street Safety update.

Nori shared with us that we raise 1800 through Purdy's fundraiser. Next big fundraiser will be spring fair.

There has been concern with parking and walking along Nookta/ 18th, so we applied for the city school street safety program. There is a meeting coming up next week with more information about how we will proceed with this

Volunteer Coordinator (Regrets from Johanna Suttor-Doerksen)

6. Update.

Hot Lunch Announcement

7. www.Munchalunch.com is live and updated with hot lunch options.

Jan 24th new sign up session for hot lunch will be available.

Spring Fair Announcement (Erin Kaufman)

8. Moving forward with auction items. Clarifying goals and scope of fundraising.

Waiting for our executive meeting fundraising to have more clarity on what we are raising money for this year to start soliciting silent auction.

Parent Announcements

9. Open floor for quick parent questions and comments.

Grade seven update, looking at hosting inflatable games for a Grade 7 only fair.

Meeting Dates for 2026 school year

Feb. 9th, Mar. 9th, Apr. 13th, May 4th, June 1 or 4 for Exec mtg.