



## **ATS PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Sept 9, 2025**

**Start time 7:07 PM**

**Attendees In Person:** Rani, Joti, Navdeep, Sukhjinder, Jasdeep, Ish, Pawan, Amrinder, Mandeep, Rajvir, and Jas

**Via Zoom:** Gurpreet, Gurj, Kamal, Mandeep, Roop, Simarjeet, Matt

**Guests:** Dr. Jasbir Singh (Principal), and Tanya Coghill (PAC support)

### **Welcome & Attendance**

- Land acknowledgment presented by Rani
- Introductions

### **Approval of Agenda & Last Meeting's Minutes**

- Motion to approve agenda: **Jas, Second: Pawan, none opposed.**
- Motion to approve minutes: **Jas, Second: Pawan, none opposed.**

### **Introduction of PAC members 2025-2026**

- Chair: Rani Prakash
- Vice Chairs: Mandy and Harpinder
- Treasurer: Pawan
- Secretary: Joti Neger
- DPAC: Jas

### **Principal's Report** – Dr. Singh

- 804 kids enrolled
- Book mention: The anxious generation (Book review on phone and social media use)
- **See attached for full report**

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Nothing spent since June
- 11266 gaming grant. Applied last year so we should get \$20/kid this month.
- Motion to allocate \$9950 from general account to cover: \$2000 for staff appreciation, \$500 hot lunch supplies, \$5000 for scholarships, \$250 miscellaneous, \$200 for contingency fund, \$1500 for grade 12 grad, \$500 for grade 8 celebration: **Ish, Second: Jas, none opposed.**
- Vaisakhi: \$407 donations left from previous years (general account)

- Teacher requests: form to be sent out by email this week. (Try to use gaming grant first)
- Can't carry gaming grant forward after 2 years.
- Remove Baljit Sangha and Suman Gupta from both ATS general and gaming accounts. Adding Harpinder Brar and Mandeep Aujla on both ATS general and gaming accounts.

### **Other business**

- Hot lunch update
  - Everything to run out of cafeteria
  - Start Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> (Pizza), if not possible then start the following Tuesday
  - keep same menu as last year for now
- Diwali celebrations updates (Oct 20)
  - School to meet with leadership on Monday
  - Pac plan to give diva with explanation for students
- Updates on all the committees and members
  - Fundraising (need ideas and volunteers)
  - Staff appreciation: Joti Neger and Gurk Singh (Christmas and year end)
- SRO development update
  - July 14 community meeting with BC housing
  - Ish: City seems opposed, not a done deal. Push city hall and BC Housing. Speak to MLAs. Action: Ish to send list of emails to Joti
  - Idea for school petition

### **New business Motion to add items: Jas, Second: Pawan, none opposed.**

#### **Meet the teacher**

- Same date as trustee debate
- Sept 18, 6-730pm
- no meals with parents this year
- 730-830 grad meeting
- Uniform sales to be done by admin. (by donation)

#### **School website**

- What clubs are available at the school?
  - i. Staff meeting coming up to figure this out.
- New staff list needs to be updated
- Please like and follow PAC instagram @ATS\_PAC

Next meeting October 14, 2025 @ 7pm

**Motion to adjourn meeting: Pawan, Second: Ish, none opposed.**

<b>Treasurer's Report - April 8th</b>
Abbotsford Traditional School PAC

<b>General Account</b>	As of Sept 8, 2025
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**Expenses:**

Date	Cheque	Payable to	Amount
Subtotal			\$ -

**Income:**

Date	Cheque	Income from	Amount
Subtotal			\$ -

Previous balance as of	
Less Current Month's Expenses	\$ -
Add Current Month's Income	\$ -
<b>Current balance as of Sept 8, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 25,138.44</b>

Reconciled Bank Balance as of Sept 8, 2025	<b>\$ 25,138.44</b>
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<b>Treasurer's Report - April 8th 2025</b>
Abbotsford Traditional School PAC

<b>Gaming Account</b>	As of Sept 8, 2025
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**Expenses:**

Date	Cheque	Payable to	Amount
Subtotal			\$ -

**Income:**

Date	Cheque	Income from	Amount
Subtotal			

**Previous Balance as of**

Less Current Month's Expenses	
Add Current Month's Expenses	
<b>Current Balance as of Sept 8, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 11,266.68</b>

Reconciled Bank Balance as of Sept 8, 2025	<b>\$ 11,266.68</b>
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<b>Pre- Approved expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Used \$</b>
Staff Appreciation X-mas	\$ 1,000.00	
Year end staff lunch	\$ 1,000.00	
Hot lunch Supplies	\$ 500.00	
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	
Misc	\$ 250.00	
Grade 12 Gard	\$ 1,500.00	
Grade 5 Grad	\$ 500.00	
Contingency funds	\$ 200.00	
	<b>\$ 9,950.00</b>	

<b>Vaisakhi Donations Carry forward:</b>	<b>Running total:</b>
2022-2023 school year	\$ 750.00
2023-2024 school year	\$ 355.00 \$ 1,105.00
2024-2025 school year	\$ (698.00) \$ 407.00

## Principal's Report for ATS – Sept. 9, 2025

1. Welcome
2. Positive startup to school year for staff and students
3. Students
  - a. Middle – 358
  - b. Secondary – 445
4. New staff to ATS:
  - a. Mrs. Fenton – Grade 6
  - b. Mrs. Juno-Sweeney – Grade 7
  - c. Mr. Sidhu (Physics & Engineering)
  - d. Ms. Buttar (ESL & Punjabi)
  - e. Mrs. Gill (English)
  - f. Ms. Kidd (English)
  - g. Dr. Judge (Math, Science, PE, & Leadership)
  - h. Mrs. Perry (Humanities & Sewing) - Temporary
  - i. Mr. Moe (Social Studies, Entrepreneurship, & PE) - Temporary
  - j. Mr. Saab (Social Studies & Computers)
  - k. Mr. Nofte - (Music – Band, Choir, Dhol, Guitar, Piano)
  - l. Ms. Zabotel – Indigenous Support Worker – Tuesdays
  - m. Ms. Longpre – Child & Youth Care Worker)
  - n. Ms. Cheera – Abbotsford Restorative Justice & Advocacy Association
  - o. TBA - Counselling
5. School Goals:
  - a. Improve literacy
  - b. Improve numeracy
  - c. Support social emotional needs of students
6. Expectations for students:
  - a. Lates
  - b. Gum
  - c. Cell phone
  - d. Washing uniforms
7. Fall Sports: ADs – Mr. Heppner & Dr. Judge (6-8); Mr. Mahil (9-12)
  - a. Gr 6 Girls' Volleyball
  - b. Gr 6 Boys' Volleyball (possible)
  - c. Gr 7 Girls' Volleyball
  - d. Gr 8 Girls' Volleyball
  - e. Gr 9 Girls' Volleyball
  - f. Gr 10 Girls' Volleyball
  - g. Senior Boys' Soccer (9-12)
  - h. Gr 6/7 Soccer Camp/Academy

- i. Cross-Country Running (6-12)
  
- 8. Meet The Teacher – September 18, 2025
  - a. Time: 6-7:30 pm
  - b. Schedule
    - i. ~~6:00-6:30 pm Eat hot dogs/burgers together with families to support PAC BBQ and encourage attendance.~~ Parents will NOT be serving food this year. Thus, Meet the Teacher night will be from 6 – 7:30 pm
    - ii. ~~6:30-7:30 pm~~ Middle (as pod) & Secondary teachers go to their rooms to meet with parents.
  
- 9. Grad Parent Meeting – September 18, 2025
  - a. Time: 7:30-8:30 pm
  - b. Place: Library
  
- 10. Canteen
  - a. Approved from Fraser Valley Health
  - b. How many students/day bought items?
  - c. Will open this Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Menu still being worked on according to Canadian Food Guide. Until then last year's menu can be used.
  - e. Still trying to find parent volunteers to help.
  
- 11. Will look at starting up It Takes A Village – how do we improve attendance?
  
- 12. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Late Start – Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 9:20 am
  - b. Meet The Teacher, Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 pm
  - c. Grad Parent Meeting - Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30-8:30 pm (Library)
  - d. Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Student Photos – Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Professional Development Day – No School – Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Grad Cruise – **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - h. National Truth & Reconciliation Day & Orange Shirt Day – No School – Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Photo Retakes – October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - j. Late Start - Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:20 am

## Abbotsford Martens Street Project – PAC Parent Update

### What We Know So Far

#### From BC Housing

- We received some responses, but most were redirected to their website ([letstalkhousingbc.ca/abbotsford-martens-street](http://letstalkhousingbc.ca/abbotsford-martens-street)) or to email [communityrelations@bchousing.org](mailto:communityrelations@bchousing.org).
- While some information is online, many of our specific questions remain unanswered.
- **Important Update:** In recent media reports, BC Housing has now confirmed that a **Safe Consumption Room will be included on-site**. This was not shared at the July 14 info session, on their website, or in earlier responses to us.

#### From the City of Abbotsford

- The project will go through review by City departments before moving forward.
- However, many of our questions have been redirected back to BC Housing.
- The City has not yet received the full application from BC Housing.

#### From the Abbotsford School District

- Senior leadership (including the Board Chair and Vice Chair) will be meeting with BC Housing in late September.
- They have committed to sharing updates after that meeting.
- Their stated priority is the **safety of students and staff**.

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### Key Questions Still Unanswered

- How and when will information from these meetings be shared with PACs, DPAC, and the broader school community?
- What opportunities will families have to provide **meaningful feedback** before decisions are finalized?
- Why was the Safe Consumption Room not disclosed earlier, and how will BC Housing rebuild community trust?
- Are **other locations** being considered for this project, given ATS's proximity and the concerns raised?