



ATS PAC Meeting Minutes

Oct 14, 2025

Start time 7:04 PM; Finish 8:43pm

Attendees In Person: Rani, Joti, Pawan, Mandy, Jas, Monique, Sukhjinder, Navneet, Veerpal, Amarjeet, Kiran

Zoom: Harpinder, Gurj, Ish, Kamalpreet, Anumeet, Sarika, Richa, Amrinder, Rajvir, Raman, Arvinder, Jason

Guests: Lewis Van Dyk (Math department head), and Tanya Coghill (PAC support), Josie McAulay (Vice Principal via Zoom), Ashley Mennear (Vice Principal via Zoom)

Welcome & Attendance

- Land acknowledgment presented by Rani
- Code of conduct points read out by Rani
- Introductions

Approval of Agenda & Last Meeting's Minutes

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

Presentation: Stem club and funding

- Drone for weather data.
- Cansat council helped with funding
- 12 interested, 4 finished and want to do it again this year.
- End of November: deadline to submit
- Competition may 2026
- Material gets sent to Vancouver
- Meeting at lunch and work after school once a week. Mondays 1.5 hour

Principal's Report – Mrs. Mennear

- Starting Nov 1. Polo shirts under sweatshirts due to cooler weather
- Oct 20 Leadership putting on events for both schools
- Gr 8 volleyball tournaments this week
- School district implementing incident command system
 - i. Langley already has it
 - ii. Region wide emergency OR an event requires you to reunite parents with children after extended time
 - iii. Reunification form (especially due to lack of power)
 - iv. **Plan:** staff to be assigned roles; reunification practice drills, storage of emergency supplies

Treasurer's Report

- \$14920 from gaming account came in
- Teacher requests reviewed
 - i. Mrs. Sweeney looking for **donations: gently used unisex graphic t-shirts, trading cards, toys or craft supplies**. Donations can be dropped at office.
 - ii. Kiran motions to allocate \$7715 from gaming account. Second: Ish. None apposed.
 - iii. Monique motions to allocate \$950 from general account. Second: Jas. None apposed.
- **See attached for full report**

Other business

- Drop off/Pick up
 - Mrs. McAulay monitors middle school side with cones
 - Speeding issues, parking in drive through lanes
 - Students exiting through entrance; report car to principal if seen
 - School schedule bell time is around bus schedules
 - **Suggestion** to put out a parking map on titan times.
- **Vacant** position for DPAC representative
- SRO development update
 - Meetings completed and in process with BC housing, City of Abbotsford, various councilors, MLA Bruce, Harman Banghoo, MPs, etc.
 - **Sing petition!**
 - **Send emails to the list attached**
 - **Follow pac page on Instagram**
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New business: None

Next meeting November 18, 2025 @ 7pm

Motion to adjourn meeting: Mandy, Second: Navneet, none opposed.

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Treasurer's Report - Oct 2025	
Abbotsford Traditional School PAC	

General Account	As of Oct 10, 2025
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Expenses:

Date	Cheque	Payable to	Amount
2025-09-16	360	Ava Finley- PAC Bursary	\$ 500.00
2025-09-17	361	Pizza hut	\$ 401.31
2025-09-24	362	Pizza hut	\$ 382.20
2025-10-01	363	Pizza hut	\$ 382.20
2025-10-01	364	Harpinder Brar	\$ 544.45
2025-10-01	365	Pizza Factory	\$ 1,151.33

Subtotal \$ 3,361.49

Income:

Date	Cheque	Income from	Amount
2025-09-16		Hot lunch deposit	\$ 458.10
2025-09-23		Hot lunch deposit	\$ 1,580.55
2025-09-29		Hot lunch deposit	\$ 1,158.37
2025-10-10		Hot lunch deposit	\$ 1,710.05

Subtotal \$ 4,907.07

Previous balance as of	25,138.44
Less Current Month's Expenses	\$ 3,361.49
Add Current Month's Income	\$ 4,907.07
Current balance	\$ 26,684.02

Reconciled Bank Balance as of Oct 10, 2025 \$ 26,684.02

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Gaming Account	As of Oct 10, 2025
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Expenses:

Date	Cheque	Payable to	Amount
Subtotal			\$ -

Income:

Date	Cheque	Income from	Amount
2025-10-02		Direct Deposit Gaming grant	\$ 14,920.00
Subtotal			\$ 14,920.00

Previous Balance as of	\$ 11,266.68
Less Current Month's Expenses	\$ -
Add Current Month's Income	\$ 14,920.00
Current Balance	\$ 26,186.68

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Pre- Approved expenses	Amount	Used \$
Staff Apprecation 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	
	\$ 9,950.00	

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

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