



ATS PAC Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

In-person and Virtual via Zoom

Start time 7:08 pm; Finish 8:16 pm

Attendees In-person: Rani P, Pawan D, Kiran, Mandeep A, Jas B, Harpinder B,
via Zoom: Kamal M, Puneet S,
Guests: Mr. Schroder (Acting Principal)

Welcome & Attendance

- Land acknowledgment presented by Rani

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve minutes: **Jas, Second: Mandy**

Approval of previous Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes: **Pawan, Second: Jas**

PAC President Report - Rani

- SRO Project update
 - Happy to inform that Abbotsford City Council voted to reject the proposed supportive housing project across from ATS
 - I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their support, engagement, and for helping raise awareness around the proposed supportive housing project across from ATS. This was truly a collective effort — from those who attended meetings, shared information, and helped keep the conversation respectful and focused on student safety. While this outcome reflects our concerns, we also recognize there are still individuals in need of housing, and we remain open to being part of future conversations around appropriate and safe solutions. Thank you again for your continued support of our school community.
 - Updates and information are posted on PAC Instagram page
 - Rani was thanked for taking the initiative and leading this on behalf of PAC.
- Vaisakhi Celebrations
 - A big thank you to Vaisakhi Planning Committee and to everyone who helped make the Vaisakhi celebration happen. From donations to all the volunteers who gave their time — especially those early

morning shifts — it truly took a team effort. It was amazing to see our community come together like that, and we really appreciate all the support.

- **Feedback for next year:** Stagger high school grade 11-12 dismissal from assembly to prevent stampede at entrance; some students rushed ahead of younger grades. Consider additional volunteer placement in hallways to manage crowd flow. Address parking congestion by opening back gates earlier and communicating parking plans to visiting school families. Suggestion to maybe keep it smaller and not extend invite to South Pop and King Traditional; however, majority stated that they prefer the collaboration idea and having South Pop and King Traditional there.

Treasurer's Report – Pawan

- Vaisakhi:
 - So far \$3,500
 - Event fully covered by donations. Surplus will be carried over to next year.
 - will have full numbers in the next meeting as this is still open on School Cash online
- **Gaming Grant Application:** Pawan and the Rani will complete the gaming grant application (due June 30) before new PAC members take over; email updates will transfer to new officers.
- One cheque issued to piano teacher (\$300), fully closing approved payments for that contract cycle
- No major outstanding expenses reported

See attached Treasurer's Report

Principal's Report – Mr. Schroeder

- Introduced himself and shared background
- Presented proposed budget for 2025-2026
 - Budget based on projected enrollment and funding formula
 - Financial planning occurs in spring, adjusted in September (amended budget)
 - ATS expected growth: **+20–30 students**
 - Grade breakdown:
 - Grade 9 incoming: ~117 students
 - Grade 11 cohort: ~110 students
 - Graduating class: ~85 students
 - **ATS School Budget**
 - Per-student funding: **\$110 per student**
 - ATS discretionary budget: approx. **\$92,000**
 - Major expenses:

- Department budgets (core instruction)
- Photocopying (~\$15,000)
- Repairs and facilities maintenance
- Remaining funds used for school initiatives and operational flexibility

Budget Challenges at ATS

- Prior-year deficit carried forward due to delayed accounting entries
- Photocopying charges from previous year posted late across multiple schools
- School currently tightening spending to achieve balanced year-end position
- Budget Presentation by district:
<https://engage.abbyschools.ca/budget26-27/widgets/220329/videos/13077>

New business/Other business/Open Floor:

- Inquiry received regarding scholarship amounts and process Rani and Pawan will meet with Mr. Hawkins (Councillor) in early May to explain criteria. Update to be provided at May PAC meeting
- Student Lunch Seating: Some students shared insufficient indoor seating for high school students. Classrooms often locked during lunch. Supervision limited due to administrator-only coverage during lunch hours. Possible solutions and suggestions discussed:
 - Trial opening cafeteria on non-hot lunch days (Mondays & Thursdays)
 - Explore Learning Commons/library access during lunch
 - Expand intramurals and student leadership involvement
- Cafeteria / Food Service
 - PAC Hot lunch runs Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday (Middle school)
 - Leadership canteen operates Fridays
- MPR kitchen cannot be used due to Fraser Health requirements (sink/dishwasher standards). Discussion points:
 - Potential to adjust cafeteria layout or split service zones
 - Fitness class usage affects seating availability
 - Space planning to be revisited in September
- Air Conditioning
 - Gym was very hot during Vaisakhi assembly due to large crowd
 - District controls A/C activation (typically mid-late May)
 - Is event-specific override available
 - Action: Mr. Schroeder to follow-up with School District
- Lock-in Event: Parents expressed concern over
 - Rapid sell-out, sold out in under 10 minutes
 - Perceived leadership-only early access. Limited fairness in registration
 - Capacity limited (80–100 students) due to venue and overnight supervision constraints

- Event requires volunteer teacher supervision overnight

Concerns raised:

- Perception of unfair priority access for leadership students
- Notification sent to Grade 6-8 students also (event intended Grades 9–12)

District context: (Mr. Schroeder)

- Most schools no longer run overnight lock-in events
- Future continuation of all-night format is uncertain

Next meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – @ 7pm In-person and Virtual

Motion to adjourn meeting: Pawan, Second: Harpinder Meeting adjourned.

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Treasurer's Report - April 2026

Abbotsford Traditional School PAC

General Account

As of April 8, 2026

Expenses:

Date	Cheque	Payable to	Amount
2-11-2026	402	Pizza Hut	\$ 317.35
2026-02-24	403	Pizza Hut	\$ 307.35
2-23-2026	404	Harpinder Brar	\$ 1,439.34
2026-03-02	405	Pizza Factory	\$ 1,412.25
2026-03-04	406	Pizza Hut	\$ 287.40
2026-03-04	407	Little Caesars	\$ 1,046.88
2026-03-13	409	Harpinder Brar	\$ 410.21
2026-04-01	410	Pizza Hut	\$ 259.48
2026-04-08	411	Pizza Hut	\$ 259.50

Subtotal **\$ 5,739.76**

Income:

Date	Cheque	Income from	Amount
2026-02-11		Hot Lunch dep	\$ 1,300.00
2026-02-11		Hot Lunch dep	\$ 286.40
2026-02-23		Hot Lunch dep	\$ 1,260.00
2026-03-04		Hot Lunch dep	\$ 1,620.00
2026-03-11		Hot Lunch dep	\$ 1,345.00
2026-03-11			\$ 1,009.15
2026-04-01			\$ 1,507.70
2026-04-08			\$ 280.00

Subtotal **\$ 8,608.25**

Previous balance as of **\$ 27,636.87**

Less Current Month's Expenses \$ 5,739.76

Add Current Month's Income \$ 8,608.25

Current balance **\$ 30,505.36**

Reconciled Bank Balance as of April 8, 2026 **\$ 30,505.36**

Pre- Approved expenses

	Amount	Used \$
Staff Apprecation X-mas	\$ 1,000.00	\$760.40
Year end staff lunch	\$ 1,000.00	
Hot lunch Supplies	\$ 500.00	
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00
Misc	\$ 250.00	
Contingency funds	\$ 200.00	
5 Microscopes (Fox)	\$ 750.00	
Classroom supplies (Sweeney- Supplies (Sweeney- Feb)	\$ 200.00	
	<u>\$ 8,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,260.40</u>
		\$ 7,639.60

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

Unallocated funds \$ 22,865.76

Treasurer's Report - April 2026
Abbotsford Traditional School PAC

Gaming Account

As of April 8, 2026

Expenses:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Payable to</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2026-04-01	37	Joel Nofle	\$ 300.00
Subtotal			\$ 300.00

Income:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Income from</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Subtotal			\$ -

Previous Balance as of	\$ 21,851.14
Less Current Month's Expenses	\$ 300.00
Add Current Month's Income	\$ -
Current Balance	\$ 21,551.14

Reconciled Bank Balance as of April 8, 2026 **\$ 21,551.14**

Balance forward from last year: \$ 11,266.68

Pre- Approved expenses	Amount	Used \$
Grade 12 Gard	\$ 1,500.00	
Art Supplies (Jessica S)	\$ 400.00	
Library Books (Branda M)	\$ 3,500.00	
Bard on the beach (Lorilee K)	\$ 1,000.00	
Pianos (Joel N)	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.09
Chess Boards (Tom H)	\$ 360.00	
Bussing - (Phulka)	\$ 1,000.00	
Diwali (Brock C)	\$ 355.00	
Desi Connections (Jassraj S)	\$ 500.00	
Grade 8 Celebrations	\$ 500.00	
Carts (Rajinder S)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,235.45
Pianos (Joel N Marketplace)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Camera (Mahil)	\$ 1,500.00	
Longpre	\$ 200.00	
Bussing-(Judge)	\$ 300.00	
	\$ 16,015.00	\$ 4,635.54
		\$ 11,379.46

Unallocated funds \$ 10,171.68