

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiffundraising@gmail.com

Date: October 12, 2023

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Ryann Wynsouw

Call To Order

~ Meeting called to Order at 7:12pm by Tasha Mash

Attendance

~ Shannon Kenney (Principal), Tasha Mash, Melissa Tanner, Stefanie Friend, Ryann Wynsouw, Keri Buxton, Jocelyn Ginther, Michelle Jones, Nicole Vandervelden, Amy MacKenzie, Jessica Friesen, Alaina Pittman

Introductions & What Is PAC

~ Introduce the Executive team for the 2023/2024 year

Tasha Mash – President

Melissa Tanner – Vice President

Ryann Wynsouw – Secretary

Laurel Ball – Stefanie Friend

~ PAC is the parent community of Swift. We work closely with admin and the staff to support and encourage and provide assistance to enhance the quality of the education and well being of the students and to enhance communication between the parents, students and the staff.

Approval Of Previous Meeting Minutes

~ Motion to Adopt the September PAC Meetings

Motioned: Michelle Jones

Seconded: Stefanie Friend

Principals Report – Shannon Kenney

~ **Land Acknowledgment:**

Éy swáyel. We acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

~ **Commitment:**

We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

~ Big thank you for World Teacher's Day treats – it was appreciated, and was above and beyond.

~ Parking Lot 101 is on the website. Let's be smart and polite in the parking lot and in the cul de sacs around the school. Safety and good neighbourly-ness. **Please do not move garbage cans to make more parking spots!**

~ Mrs. Thurmer would love "Cuddle Up and Read" volunteers again this year – this is a chance for some of our kids to read with an adult – either for a little extra practice or just a little boost. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Thurmer.

~ Strong Start - 8:30-11:30. No pre-registration needed. Spread the word about our SS program! Nature Thursday are at Bateman Park (Davie entrance)

~ Parent Teacher interviews are coming up next week – it's a great time to connect and see how the start of the year has been – also a great time for you to fill us in on anything we might need to know but don't yet!

~ Scholastic Book Fair is next week – open Tuesday 8:00-8:30/2:30-3:00, Wednesday 8:00-8:30 / 11:45-12:45 / 4:00-7:00, Thursday 8:00-8:30 / 11:45-12:25. No cash accepted – only interact or credit card.

~ Concrete information regarding Christmas Concerts for those who want to plan in advance will be on December 21st – we would love to have parents set-up the stage on the 18th

~ Any parents interested in volunteering must complete a Criminal Record Check (this is done through the School Board Office) and a Volunteer Application (this is done through school). All information is on the website. This must be completed before you can volunteer in any capacity.

Treasurers Report – Stefanie Friend

~ REGULAR ACCOUNT

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| Previous Account Balance | \$8,534.60 | |
| Cheques Written | \$ | |
| Deposits | \$4,208.25 | Current Fundraisers/Hot Lunch |
| Regular Account Balance | \$12,742.85 | |

~ GAMING ACCOUNT

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| Previous Account Balance | \$1,841.14 |
| Cheques Written | \$0.00 |
| Deposits | \$6,840.00 |
| Gaming Account Balance | \$8,681.14 |

Fundraising Report – Michelle Jones

~ Mabels Labels – On going fundraiser

~ mabelslabels.ca - select "support a fundraiser", select "Swift" – PAC gets 20% on every order!

~ Profit Made \$168.41

~ Little Coupon Book

~ Total Sales \$2,535.00 (169 books sold)

~ Profit Made \$1,267.50

~ Swift Wear

~ Order forms have been sent home. Prices have slightly increased due to inflation. Order deadline is October 24th. The printing process is about 2-3 weeks.

~ Grade 5 Hoodies

~ Order forms have been sent home and the order deadline is October 24th. The signature logo is signed by all the grade 5's next week.

~ Stuff the Stocking Fundraiser

~ This year we are going to run multiple fundraisers at one time that can all be great Christmas gifts for family, friends and neighbours. The prices for the items being offered are not inflated so that PAC can make a profit. They are all items that the vendors offer to us at their usual sale price, but they offer the PAC a cut of their profits as a fundraiser option. All options will be open for ordering at the same time and close at the same time and will be ready for pickup on the same day. Stay tuned, order details will be available at the end of October.

~ Bottle Depot

~ This is an ongoing fundraiser at any Return It location. Bring in your blue bags of empties, enter the schools phone number 604-853-7730 into the self serve kiosk, select how many bags you have, print the labels, stick them to the bag and drop them in the bin. The Return It staff will sort and count your items and the money automatically goes into the schools PAC account.

~ Cobbs Bread Gladwin location

~ Cobbs will donate a portion of your purchase back to the school PAC and all you have to do is mention that you are with Thomas Swift Elementary.

- ~ Please remember that if you are sending an e-transfer to pay for any fundraiser, please ensure you note your child's full name and what the funds are for. If sending for multiple items, please itemize amounts and items.
- ~ If you are sending payments via cash, please send exact amounts.

Hot Lunch Report – Keri Buxton

- ~ Please sign up for a hot lunch account if you have not already done so. We use this platform for hot lunch orders, fundraiser, carnival ticket sales and PAC provided lunches in June. A new account must be made every year for each student. Please visit thomasswift.hotlunches.net and use the access code **TAS**
- ~ If paying by e-transfer, please remember to send your payment at the same time you submit your order. We don't have time to chase parents for payments and your child's order will be cancelled if payment is not made by the cut off date.
- ~ Volunteers are always needed on hot lunch days to distribute the food items to each students desk. If you have completed your criminal record check and your annual volunteer forms, please sign in, grab a "Parent Volunteer" sticker and meet in the PAC kitchen at 11:30am on hot lunch days.
- ~ First hot lunch is tomorrow and it is Dominos pizza.
- ~ Hot Lunch below are ready for order on the HotLunches.net website.
 - ~ November 17th – Subway – Order deadline November 8th
 - ~ December 15th – White Spot – Order deadline December 6th

DPAC Report – Amy Mackenzie

- ~ The new superintendent has visited 46 schools/sites within the district since the beginning of the school year and he will continue until he has been to all schools/sites.
- ~ Our district is still in a staffing shortage. There are no current solutions for the shortage, but the district is looking into what the teaching criteria will be if the district becomes in a position where they have to fire non-certified TTOC's.
- ~ The district will be looking at catchment bounders in February. If you want information or have input on this topic, please attend the February meeting. More information to come on this later in the year.
- ~ BCCPAC fees are being covered by the DPAC again this year. We have emailed them for a code for the application.
- ~ An Elementary education night is being planned, date is yet to be set.
- ~ Next School Board meeting is October 17th and is scheduled to be held in person at the school board office. If you plan to attend, check the District Facebook page for more details if you plan to attend. All parents are welcome to attend any meeting.
- ~ Parent Night is October 18th and the session topic is Be Well, Be Safe
- ~ Next DPAC meeting is November 23rd

Staff Appreciation – Jennifer Russell

- ~ World Teacher Day was celebrated on October 5th The staff room with stocked with various coffee pods, gum and snacks and a funny poem of puns of the various items that were provided.
- ~ Up next will be Christmas Pancake breakfast in December

New Business

- ~ We are still looking for a representative to take on the role of Donation Rep. This will include working along side our fundraising rep to solicit donations from businesses in our community for events throughout the year, like Christmas Raffle and Carnival.
- ~ We are still looking for a representative to take on the role of Carnival Rep. This will include work with the executive team to plan and manage the Carnival that is held in June. This will include

sourcing out and securing vendors, planning stations, food, volunteering for the event. Many people are involved in making the Carnival happen, but we do need a person or persons to head up this position.

~ Ryann is moving away to the Okanagan at the end of term 1 and so this is her last PAC meeting as secretary. Jessica Friesen has offered to fulfill the position for the remainder of the year.

~ We are updating our Constitution as it has not been done in many years and no longer follows the guidelines set out by DPAC. A draft will be provided for review and discussion in either November or January meeting.

~ Christmas Fun Day – Fun day will be held Friday, December 8th. We are looking for different ideas of crafts and games for the kids to make and play during the day. If you have any ideas, please email PAC taswiftpac@gmail.com or talk to Melissa Tanner. We will need volunteers to help pre prep some of the crafts ahead of time, with help set up on Thursday afternoon before as well as lots of volunteers on Friday to make this day possible. A volunteer sign up sheet will be sent out at a later date.

~ Reminder to please send all your questions to the appropriate PAC email. Please do not personally message PAC execs or reps.

~ Reminder when sending transfers to please include your child(s) name(s), and a breakdown of what the funds are for. ie/ Jane Smith \$35.00 Swift Wear, \$15.00 Coupon Book, \$5.50 Dominos, \$8.50 Subway, \$8.50 White Spot.

Dates Of Note

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| ~ October 13, 2023 | Hot Lunch - Dominos |
| ~ October 17-19, 2023 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| ~ October 18-19, 2023 | Early Dismissal @ 11:45am |
| ~ October 18-19, 2023 | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| ~ October 20, 2023 | Pro D Day – No School |
| ~ October 23, 2023 | Fruit and Veggie Day - Apples |
| ~ October 31, 2023 | Halloween – Dress in Black and Orange or Costume |
| ~ November 6, 2023 | Fruit and Veggie Day – Apples |
| ~ November 9, 2023 | PAC Meeting 7pm |

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- ~ Draw Prize – Bag of Candy – Nicole Vandervelden
- ~ Meeting Adjourned at 8:34pm
- ~ Next Meeting is November 9, 2023 at 7pm in the Library