

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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E-transfers: swiftpacfunds@gmail.com

Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiftfundraising@gmail.com

Date: Feb. 11, 2025

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jessica Friesen

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by Melissa Tanner

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Keri Buxton, Melissa Tanner, Alaina Pittman, Jessica Friesen, Rosie Beaudette, Michelle Jones, Shelby Krunick, Jennifer Russell, Crystal Collins

Introductions & What Is PAC

- Introduce the Executive team for the 2024/2025 year
 - Keri Buxton – President
 - Melissa Tanner – Vice President
 - Jessica Friesen – Secretary
 - Stefanie Friend – Treasurer
- 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 PAC meeting minutes from January 14th, 2025:
 - Motioned: Shelby Krunick
 - Seconded: Alaina Pittman

Principal's Report – Shannon Kenney

Land Acknowledgment:

Éy swáyel. We acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation 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.

Updates:

- 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 at school/field trips. We will be including this information again in Kindergarten info packs in the summer. Christine has been updating those who have CRCs expiring this year!

- Registration Information: Kindergarten registration well underway and we are in good shape. If you are aware of anyone in catchment, or out of catchment wanting Nature please tell them to contact the office ASAP. First out of catchment review is early March.
- Lots of fun things going on... field trips coming up before Spring Break & many more booked so far in April, May and June ... it's a good time to check SchoolCash to make sure everything is up to date – permission and payment is done there.
- Using the Fine Arts/STEM Funding: Duffle Bag Theatre was a hit – thank you! Professor Wow (The Invisible World of Science) comes later this month, Hula Hoop Circus in April & Strings Group in May
- Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be going home on Friday March 7th . Interviews are next week -booking is open now.

Treasurer's Report – Keri Buxton for Stefanie Friend

REGULAR ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$18,740.74
Withdrawals	\$ 2,053.14
Deposits	\$ 8,224.70
Regular Account Balance	\$ 24,912.30

GAMING ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$ 2,798.46
Withdrawals	\$ 20.08
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Gaming Account Balance	\$ 2,778.38

Fundraising Report – Michelle Jones and Jennifer Russell

Past Fundraiser Updates:

- **Panago fundraiser:** We sold 121 of 200 for a profit of \$484.00
- **PJ/movie party:**
 - We hosted just over 130 students and made a profit of \$1891.35. The main feedback was that the sign-in process could have been streamlined and better speakers would improve the experience.
 - Cancelling, refunding, and/or transferring tickets can get quite cumbersome for these events, which is why we chose not to allow it. If there are concerns, please make sure to email the appropriate PAC email address instead of asking and discussing it on the PAC Facebook page.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **Neon dance party:**
 - Friday, March 7th
 - Two timeslots: 5:00-6:30 (must leave gym between 6:30-7:00), and 7:00-8:30
 - \$5.00 entry fee. If cost is a barrier, please email taswiftpac@gmail.com
 - Volunteers will get a free ticket and will have early access to buy their children tickets
 - We will likely need at least 15 volunteers for each time block
 - Tickets will be sold on the Hot Lunch site until Friday, Feb. 28th. The following Monday-Thursday (March 3-6), wristbands can be picked up by a parent in the garden

between 2:15-2:45 for those wanting to avoid the entry line, or at the door before the dance.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- **Mabel's Labels**
 - www.mabelslabels.ca - select "support a fundraiser", select "Swift" – PAC gets 20% on every order!
- **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.
- **Cobs Bread - Gladwin location**
 - Cobs 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.

Reminders:

- 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 – Shelby Krunick and Keri Buxton

Updates:

- The Hot Lunches below are ready for order on the HotLunches.net website.
 - March 7th – **Panago** – Order deadline Wednesday, February 26th
 - April 11th – **White Spot** – Order deadline Wednesday, April 2nd
- We hope to break even on hot lunches by the end of the year. Currently we are sitting at \$360 in profit.

Reminders:

- If paying by e-transfer, please remember to send your payment at the same time you submit your order. Your child's order will be cancelled if payment is not made by the cutoff date.
- Volunteers are always needed on hot lunch days to distribute the food items to each student's 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.
- 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**

DPAC Report – Amy Mackenzie (absent)

- Assistant Superintendent Bruce Cunnings presented on student success in literacy and numeracy:
 - Grade 4 results show numeracy trending at or above the provincial average, while literacy shows overall improvement but a decline among Indigenous students.

- The Early Development Instrument (EDI) shows 40% of kindergarten students are vulnerable in one or more of the five areas of physical health, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, and communication skills.
- Key initiatives include a literacy framework, University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI), and administrator training, promoting creativity, comprehension, and communication.
- Approximately 9.4% of K-12 students in the district are Indigenous, who are performing below their peers for literacy and numeracy.
- Book Review Concern: A parent flagged an explicit book to the Superintendent's Office and asked for DPAC's assistance. DPAC confirmed they would support concerned parents and participate in the review committee for the book.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Community Gaming Grants (CGG) is transitioning to a new online system requiring a Business BCeID for PAC/DPAC applications. Register for an online presentation happening on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 2-3:30 pm to learn about the new process.
 - Youth Substance Abuse with APD – February 24, 7 pm at Mouat secondary in the LLC
 - Keynote Speaker – Holly Clark – February 13, 6-8 pm at the Abbotsford Arts Centre. The topic will focus on AI and its impact on the future of education, tailored for a parent audience.
 - SD34 Board Meeting – February 11, 6 pm.
 - BCCPAC AGM and Conference, Prince George: Conference – May 23, AGM – May 24-25
 - The next DPAC meeting will be held February 27, 2025 at 7pm on Zoom

Staff Appreciation – Keri Buxton for Danyella McKinnon

- Danyella will be stepping down from this role, so we will be reaching out to see if anyone wants to take on the May staff appreciation event.

New Business

- **Blacktop theme:**
 - We discussed possible themes, and everyone voted for an "outer space" theme. We will take this theme back to the artist
- **Carnival:**
 - Carnival has been confirmed for June 6th from 5pm - 8pm
 - Activities and attractions will include a live band, the Reptile Guy, inflatables, food trucks, skip rope demonstrations, face painting, a photo booth, fire truck, and rescue dogs.
 - For updates you can visit www.taswiftpac.com/carnival
 - A few more parents are needed to "head-up" and organize different parts of the Carnival. Please reach out to taswiftcarnival@gmail.com if you're interested

Reminders:

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

February 14th,	Non-Instructional Day
February 17th	Family Day – No school
February 19 th and 20 th	Early dismissal at 11:45 Parent-teacher interviews
February 24 th	DPAC Parent night – Youth Substance Abuse Awareness
February 26 th	Pink Shirt Day
February 27 th	Jump Rope for Heart – Loonie and Toonie drive DPAC meeting
February 28 th	Jump Rope for Heart – Loonie and Toonie drive
March 7 th	Term 2 report cards home

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm
- Next meeting is Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00pm in the Library