

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiftfundraising@gmail.com

Date: Mar. 11, 2025

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jessica Friesen

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm by Keri Buxton

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Keri Buxton, Melissa Tanner, Jessica Friesen, Rosie Beaudette, Michelle Jones, Shelby Krunick, Jennifer Russell, Amy McKenzie, Stefanie Friend, Angel Gregg

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 February 11th, 2025:
 - Motioned: Shelby Krunick
 - Seconded: Rosie Beaudette

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 in Kindergarten info packs in the summer.

- Mrs. Dahl continues to update those who have expiring CRCs on a month-by-month basis
- Professor Wow! was a great performance – thank you to the PAC for the funding of this show. Upcoming in the spring are 2 more shows – Hula Hoop Circus and Strings Performance
- Thank you for so many great family events this year. Neon Dance 2.0 was another hit! And I'm sure Carnival will be too! I know a tremendous amount of work goes into these events, and it does not go unnoticed.

Treasurer's Report – Stefanie Friend

REGULAR ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$24,912.30	
Withdrawals	\$ 3,152.09	Etransfer: \$ 651.85
		Cash: \$ 1,341.00
		Cheques: \$ 205.20
		Square: \$ 0
		Paypal: \$ 910.83
Deposits	\$ 3,108.88	Cheques: \$ 3,102.09
		Cash: \$ 50.00

Regular Account Balance \$ 24,869.09

GAMING ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$ 2,778.38
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Deposits	\$ 0.00

Gaming Account Balance \$ 2,778.38

Fundraising Report – Michelle Jones and Jennifer Russell

Past Fundraiser Updates:

- **Abbotsford Canucks:**
 - We received the cheque for \$975.00 from them. It was a very easy fundraiser to facilitate, and families seemed to have fun.
- **Neon dance party 2.0:**
 - We had 400 people total between the 2 timeslots and everyone seemed to have fun.
 - Feedback: everyone seemed to enjoy it. There were differing opinions on having 2 timeslots. We would probably add another speaker if we do it again and the DJ is not available.
 - Profit has not been fully determined yet

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **Future cookie fundraiser:**
 - We might do another one after Spring Break when the weather is nicer.
- **Art Cards:**
 - Teachers will send home info in the first week back after Spring Break. The art goes home to families and families can order online and return art to the school until April

14th. Art will be shipped out to the vendor April 18th, and the final products will go home around May 5th, so they will be available before Mother's Day.

- **Book sale:**
 - Books will be collected after Spring Break until May 1st. There will be a bookshelf at the front door of the school where people can drop them off. Book sale will be Monday, May 5th right after school from 2:30-4:00. Books can be purchased by donation.
 - The books that don't sell will be offered to the teachers first, with remaining books going to the Book Man.
- **Panago:**
 - April 21st – coupons will be up for sale again. 200 available.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- **Mabel's Labels:**
 - www.mabelslabels.ca - select "support a fundraiser", select "Swift" – PAC gets 20% on every order!
 - \$15.98 currently in the account
- **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 etransfer 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.
 - April 11th – **White Spot** – Order deadline Wednesday, April 2nd
- Still need to choose a pizza vendor for June lunch. We have had delivery issues previously but need orders to be delivered and separated by division.

Reminders:

- If paying by etransfer, 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

- District budget preliminary overview:
 - \$3.85 million in budget pressures for next year. This includes \$800,000 increase in substitute costs, teacher salary increases of \$1.5 million, \$750,000 for inflation, and \$500,000 for a technology refresh.
- Holly Clark – spoke on AI and using it effectively in the schools. The superintendent said Abbotsford is 1 of 4 districts in the province that are actively embracing AI to see how students can use it.
- Reminder for PACs to apply early for BCEID to apply for the gaming grant.
- Next School Board meeting is April 15th at 6:00pm
- BCCPAC AGM and Conference is in Prince George from May 23-25. PACs should assign a proxy if not attending.
- Next DPAC meeting: April 24th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Staff Appreciation – Keri Buxton for Danyella McKinnon

- Danyella has stepped down from this role, so we are looking for a new staff appreciation representative
- Keri, Melissa, and Shelby will work on organizing the May staff appreciation lunch

New Business

- **Carnival:**
 - We discussed a draft map of the Carnival stations to consider any issues/changes before submitting it to the city
 - 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.
 - Big needs:
 - Tents: We were not able to get tents from the city this year, so we don't have any lined up and particularly need of bigger tents. We need at least 2 – 20x20 tents and multiple 10x10 tents
 - Raffle prizes: if you have a connection with a business who might be willing to donate a prize for our raffle, please email taswiftpac@gmail.com
 - 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
- **Square update:**
 - DPAC has advised all schools to stop using Square devices due to the new rules regarding reporting income to CRA. Keri has a meeting with our bank to look into another possible option and will know more for our next meeting.
- **Paint night:**
 - Set for the evening of Friday, April 4th from 7:00-9:00pm
 - \$30 for the painting activity, plus additional cost to preorder snacks and drinks
 - Not intended to be a fundraiser. Meant to give parents a chance to get to know each other

- **Volunteer shirts:** Several of us will be ordering blue tshirts with the TA Swift logo on from Grey & Wild for \$18 (paid individually, not by PAC). If interested, reach out to them on Facebook. Pick up is in Mission.
- **Swift Wear:** We are looking for a new vendor for Swift Wear, ideally that will provide ordering online. If you have a connection to a company that could work, please reach out to taswiftfundraising@gmail.com
- **Executive and Representative positions:** All executive positions are up for election at our AGM in May. There will be a call for nominations at the April meeting. All nominations must be sent in writing to the Nominations Committee Coordinator (appointed at the April meeting) up to one school day before the AGM.

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

March 14 th	Crazy hair day Last day of school before Spring Break
March 31 st	School reopens after Spring Break
April 2 nd	Orders due for the White Spot Hot Lunch
April 4 th	Swift parent paint night
April 11 th	Hot Lunch – White Spot

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm
- Next meeting is April 15th at 6:00pm in the Library