

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiftfundraising@gmail.com

Date: September 16, 2025

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jennifer Russell

Call To Order

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

As first meeting, round table introductions made to the group as many new and returning parents

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Keri Buxton, Melissa Tanner, Jennifer Russell, Shelby Krunick, Megan Tisdal, Jordan Zimmerman, Michelle Jones, Keegan Suttie, Marc D'Alessandro, Charese D'Alessandro, Katy Juthman, Danette Parsons, Nicole Vandervelden, Alaina Pittman, Crystal Collins, Amy MacKenzie, Rosie Beaneette

Introductions & What Is PAC

- Introduce the Executive team for the 2025/2026 year
 - Keri Buxton – President
 - Melissa Tanner – Vice President
 - Jennifer Russell – Secretary
 - Shelby Krunick – Treasurer
- PAC is the parent community of Swift. We work closely with admin and the staff to support, 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 ***:
 - Motioned: Rosie
 - Seconded: Michelle

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:

- Enrolment sits at 349, 15 divisions. We welcome Mrs. Mar (ELL), Ms. Barrett (M/T Gr 3/4), Ms. Priebe (EA), still to hire 2 EAs in coming weeks. Currently space for 3 students across the whole school
- A bi-weekly news bulletin will be sent out on Friday's with links to the webpage and other quick hitters. We are adding content all the time on the website. Christine spends a great amount of time doing this. Please do check our website for information.
- School Safety Areas – 20m “bubble” around schools that are to be protest free, this is legislation will continue this year. (Safe Access to School Zones Act) – important as the ByElection approaches on October 11
- Cuddle UP and Read – if you're interested in reading with kids – contact Mrs. Thurmer (gwen.thurmer@abbyschools.ca) you do need to have a completed Criminal Record Check
- Meet the Teacher will be on Thursday September 25 @ 6:00 – 7:00, it will be Open House style.
- Strong Start starts on October 1st - 8:30-11:30. No pre-registration needed. Outdoor Strong Start will continue Thursdays at Bateman Park (Davie entrance)
- Terry Fox run will happen this year in the neighbourhood on October 3rd . If you are interested in marshalling on the course, the more the merrier! We will collect loonies and two-nies for Terry (this is the one time you can send cash to school!). Kids wear Swift shirts!
- 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.
- Summer Reading Challenge – we will celebrate in early October those who have finished.
- Any parents interested in volunteering must complete a Criminal Record Check (this is done through the School Board Office) and an Annual Volunteer Application (this is done through school). All information is on the website. This must be completed before you can volunteer in any capacity. This requirement is for any adults who will interact with kids – it is legislation.

Treasurer's Report – Shelby Krunick

REGULAR ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$	21,874.95
Withdrawals	\$	None at this time
Deposits	\$	None at this time
Regular Account Balance	\$	21,874.95

GAMING ACCOUNT

Previous Account Balance	\$	2,163.71
Withdrawals	\$	None at this time
Deposits	\$	None at this time
Gaming Account Balance	\$	2,163.71

Fundraising Report –

Past Fundraiser Updates:

- At this current time, we do not have PAC Fundraising Rep(s).

Upcoming and Current Fundraisers:

- Coupon Books (September)
- Swift Wear
- Dance Party (October 17th)

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.

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 – Cory Hull

Updates:

- Information given about hot lunches. After discussion of previous years, decision was made that kids wanted mainly pizza, hamburgers, and chicken fingers and current restaurants and menus will reflect this.

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 at the school 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

- No DPAC meeting minutes as first meeting as follows
- Next DPAC meeting: 2025-09-25 and information to follow at next meeting

Staff Appreciation – Callie Jackson

- World Teacher Appreciation upcoming in October.
- Teacher Appreciation events also held in December and May. Details to follow.

New Business

- **BUDGET APPROVAL:**
2025/26 Budget reviewed for the year (copy budget to end of document).
Budget voted on and passed unanimously
- Budget Items of noteworthy
 - Stem Presentations and Fine Arts Presentations for whole school
 - Seasonal Front Windows (planned to be painted in January TBD)
 - Class Wish Lists (allows staff to buy much needed resources for classes and programs, some examples include board games, class books, additional art supplies)
- **Possible Additions to Budgets**
As the Little Forest is used by many classes including Natures Programs, Log Benches have been proposed for the Little Forest to accommodate the use of the space. This would be a larger fundraising item and will be addressed in the Spring as budget rolls out.
- **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**
- Discussion amongst parents to look at increasing the multi-cultural representation of holidays and celebrations within the school. This was met with positive feedback will be looked at through the year.

Reminders:

- Please utilize the school calendar as a reminder to important upcoming dates
- 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.

Upcoming Dates Of Note

Date	***Event***
2025-09-29	Non-Instructional Day (no school)
2025-09-26	Orange Shirt Day
2025-09-30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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