

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiftfundraising@gmail.com

Date: October 16, 2025

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jennifer Russell

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Keri Buxton

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Keri Buxton, Melissa Tanner, Jennifer Russell, Shelby Krunick, Michelle Jones, Charese D'Assandro, Emily Leung, Megan Tisdale, Heaven Caulder, Amy MacKenzie, Sheron VanSant, Alaina Pittman, Crystal Collins, Cory

Introductions & What Is PAC

- Round table introductions as several new parents.
- 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 September 18, 2025:
 - Motioned: Michelle Jones
 - Seconded: Shelby Krunick

Principal's Report – Shannon Kenney

Land Acknowledgment:

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

At Dr. Thomas A Swift, we are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Máthxwi First Nation and for that we are thankful.

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:

- Big thank you for World Teacher's Day treats – it was appreciated.

· 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 · 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. There have been some concerns of parents being less patient than needed – remember, everyone is picking up their kids – and we need to be safe · 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.

· 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 Tues, Wed Thurs 8:00 – 8:30, Tuesday 2:30 – 3:00, Wednesday & Thursday 11:45 – 12:15, Wednesday and Thursday 12:45 – 2:30 & Wednesday 4:30 – 7:30. No cash accepted – only interact or credit card.

Treasurer's Report – Shelby Krunick

GENERAL Account	\$21,874.95	Opening Balance
Gaming Grant	\$2,163.71	Opening Balance
	\$6,920.00	(Received for 25/26 year)

Fundraising Report –

Past Fundraiser Updates:

- **Coupons Books** – Total Sales for coupon books were \$592.50

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- **Light up the Night Dance – October 17** (totals raised will be reported next PAC meeting)
- **Art Cards** – will be starting in the classroom over the next few weeks, details to follow

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- **Swift Wear** – ordering continues online, current amount raised \$140.
- **Grade 5 Hoodies** – This is not a fundraiser, as the hoodies are a "cost neutral". Reminders to please order hoodies for your grade 5 student if interested
- **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 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 – Cory Hull

Updates:

- Hot Lunch tomorrow (October 17) is Dominos Pizza. Totals raised were approx. \$450.

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

- Highlights include:
- As of last meeting in September, there are approx. 20,000 and numbers are stable
- Constitutions and By-laws committee to be finalized by October 16th
- Next DPAC meeting to include Dr. Shabaya who will be speaking on mental health.
- Next DPAC meeting: October 23, 2025.

Staff Appreciation – Callie Jackson

- Teachers greatly appreciated the gift received for World Teacher's Day.

New Business

- **Updates on Christmas Fun Day** – Melissa continues to plan for fun activities for the kids to enjoy on Christmas Fun Day. Many hands make this day possible in pre planning, help with prepping station items and volunteers.
- **Future Fund Raiser Ideas** – a few ideas were discussed for future fundraisers including "mini sessions" from a local photography company, more discussion will have to happen around scheduling and space.

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 etransfers 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.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm
- Next meeting is November 20th at 7 pm in the Library
- Christmas Fun Day Planning Meeting November 20th from 6pm to 7pm in the Library