

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiftfundraising@gmail.com

Date: November 20, 2025

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jennifer Russell

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Keri Buxton

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Keri Buxton, Melissa Tanner, Jennifer Russell, Shelby Krunick, Emily Leung, Charliese D'Alessandro, Kathy Hanbury, Rochelle Chocimski, Danielle McKenzie, Amy MacKenzie, Michelle Jones, Crystal Collins,

Introductions & What Is PAC

- 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 October
 - Motioned: Shelby Krunick
 - Seconded: Michelle Jones

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:

· Cuddle UP and Read – if you're interested in reading with kids – contact Mrs. Thurmer (gwen.thurner@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. It is particularly bad in the Mierau cul-de-sac with double parking and blocking driveways
- 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. Mrs. Dahl is keeping up to date on CRCs that are expiring

· All things December:

Christmas Food Drive – the bin arrives the first week of December and will be here until the holidays begin.

As a Staff we are supporting 14 families this season/34 kids

Christmas Fun Day – huge thanks to the behind-the-scenes elves for their work on this day – it will be a fun kick-off to the season for the kids! Volunteers for behind the scenes (ie: painting and gluing at home – not at school) do not need their CRC – all volunteers on that day MUST be cleared.

Christmas Concert – December 18th - there will be 2 concerts – 1:00 and 5:30. We will ask for a food donation as the admission. More information to follow regarding entrance and evening arrival times for the kids. Stage Set-up will be December 15th – morning would be grand, but whatever works best for parents who can help

We are in need of someone who knows how/can help set up the sound equipment...

Break the Rules Day for Canuck Place is tomorrow – November 21st. This is a Division 2 student led initiative

Fundraising Report –

Past Fundraiser Updates:

- Light Up the Night – \$1471.02 total profits (THANK YOU!!!)

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Panago Pizza Coupons – starting ASAP which will be announced on Facebook
- Gift Card Christmas Tree – raffle to be held over the Christmas season. Tickets will be available on Hot Lunch, at the Christmas Concert, and Night Market. Communications went out.
- Abbotsford Canucks Tickets – information coming soon.

- Art Cards – have been completed and samples have been sent home for orders (all information inside sample cards).
- Photo Shoot – limited spaces left for booking, please check PAC website

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 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:

- Some feedback given regarding food choices and options, PAC is always open to suggestions from the student body and parents.
- Will look at options in the New Year for different flavour and foods (example: Samosa)

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

- Constitution and Bylaw in progress from DPAC
- Some concerns with Noon Hour supervision at some schools. Superintendent to look into a provide update at next months meetings.

- Two motions passed on roles and functions of trustees.
- Next DPAC meeting: November 27th (presentation on vaping to be given by Fraser Health)

Staff Appreciation – Callie Jackson

- Upcoming teacher appreciation breakfast, donations currently being accepted for same.

New Business

- Christmas Fun day planning and execution in full swing. Please keep an eye on Facebook posts and the PAC website for details.

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.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm
- Next meeting is January 15 at 6pm in the Library