

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiffundraising@gmail.com

Date: February 19, 2026

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jennifer Russell

Call To Order

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

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Jennifer Russell, Melissa Tanner, Keri Buxton, Amy McKenzie, Michelle Jones, Keegan Suttie, Emily Leung, Shelby Krunick, Jess Friesen, Crystal Collins, Michelle Gallant

Introductions & What Is PAC

- 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

- Minutes accepted, no corrections to add to PAC meeting minutes from January 15th

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. 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: Candy Bones was a hit – thank you! Peter White a PowWow dancer is here in March and illumiDance in April.
- Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be going home on Friday March 13th.

TREASURER'S REPORT – PLEASE SEE PAC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT AND UPDATES ACCOUNT BALANCES

Fundraising Report –

Past Fundraiser Updates:

- PJ Movie Night – great success and fun had by the kids. Revenue for this event \$773.13
- Canucks Game – Great Family event. Revenue for this event \$642.00

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Panago Coupons – watch for coming soon in March
- Book Sale – planned for May, more information to come BUT please save your books for donation to this great PAC event.

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

Updates were given.

**** VOLUNTEERS – remains the big item. As always hot lunch PAC volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated.

Updates:

- Regular hot lunches continue through year, and reminders will be sent out when upcoming orders are available.

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

- Amy MacKenzie gave an update of DPAC presentations this past month, including Micheal Pearson, who spoke about the Career options in the district and planning for older kids. Also presentations on Conflict Resolution and how the process works in the various levels of schools.
- Many DPAC events upcoming through the rest of the year. Please see the DPAC or Swift School Calendar for dates and topics. Some topics coming up include 'Supporting Children through Bullying', PAC Planning and Networking, 'Study Smarter Not Harder', and topics on mental health.

Staff Appreciation – Callie Jackson

- No activity at this time

New Business

- Sapphire Swift Wear – account is temporarily closed to reconcile and pay off profits to date.
- Carnival Planning Updates – many updates for carnival and planning continues for this event.
- Motion for transfer of funds – Motions submitted for the following items
 - Increase Carnival budget from \$8,000 to \$8,500. Motioned Accepted and passed Keri, first, Crystal second. Vote unanimous.
 - Line item of "Sensory Path" removed from the budget as this item has not been utilized due to many contracts falling through.

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.

Upcoming Dates Of Note**Next Meeting & Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
- Next meeting is March 12 at 7pm in the Library with a Carnival meeting at 6pm