

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Date: Sept. 16, 2026

Location: Library

Minutes taken by: Jessica Friesen

Call To Order

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

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Jessica Friesen, Emily Leung, Brandyn VanSant, Tyia Jensen, Riley Carriere, Rochelle Chocimski, Katy Juthman, Tara Morgan, Michelle Jones, Megan Tisdale, Jennifer Russell, Nicole Oliver, Charese D'Alessandro, Anita Arnold, Keri Buxton, Melissa Tanner, Shelby Krunick, Alaina Pittman, Rosie Beaudette

Introductions & What Is PAC

- Introduce the Executive team for the 2026/2027 year
 - Keri Buxton – President
 - Melissa Tanner – Vice President
 - Jessica Friesen – Secretary
 - Anita Arnold – 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

- AGM minutes from May 21, 2026 have recently been posted. The approval vote will take place at the October meeting.

Principal's Report – Shannon Kenney

Land Acknowledgment:

Éy swáyel. We acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional 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 306 - 14 divisions. We welcome Mrs. Dyck (counselor), Mrs. Hildenbrandt (K/1), Mrs. Sharma (LLC), Mrs. Coers (EA), Ms. Khota (EA), Ms. Cummings (EA), Mrs. Moldonado

(EA), Mrs. Cheema (EA), Ms. Kwak (Indigenous Support Worker)

- A bi-weekly news bulletin will be sent out on Fridays 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 By-Election and municipal election approach this fall
- 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 Tuesday September 29 from 5:00 – 6:00, it will be Open House style.
- Strong Start starts on September 28th - 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 9th. 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 – Anita Arnold

General Account Balance	\$23,346.62	\$165.97 in recent expenses (new PAC meeting signs, and a new insert for our A-frame stand)
Gaming Account Balance	\$3,881.91	Gaming grant will be deposited shortly and will be about \$6900.

Fundraising Report – Keri Buxton

Fundraising representative position is currently available. Email taswiftpac@gmail.com if interested.

First Fundraiser:

- Community Values coupon book
 - Book price is \$40, and PAC profits \$14.80 from each book.
 - Every student is receiving a book, but those not purchased must be returned.

Future Fundraisers:

- Popcorn days
 - First one will be Friday, Oct. 2. Students bring \$2 that day and will receive a bag of popcorn
- Neon dance party Friday Oct. 16th
- Castle Fun Park
 - Previously offered gift certificate sales to the whole community (spend \$25, get \$50 in value). This will now only be available as a group fundraiser. PAC will buy \$50 cards for \$25, and will sell them for \$35, profiting \$10 on each card sold.
- Panago coupons (dates not set yet)
- Abbotsford Canucks game

- This is booked for the January 23rd game at 5:00pm against the Manitoba Moose. Details to come.
- Valentine's PJ Movie Night in February
- Books, board games and puzzles sale in May

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- **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 school's PAC account.

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:

- Same vendors as last year
- Volunteers are always needed
- Some products/choices are being adjusted in response to pricing changes
- Hot Lunch dates/vendors are listed on the PAC website (www.taswiftpac.com) under the Hot Lunch tab
- Order payment deadlines are always 9 days before the hot lunch date on Wednesdays

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 – Keri Buxton

- We are looking for a DPAC representative as our previous rep is no longer at Swift. This position acts as Swift's representative on the District PAC (DPAC). They attend DPAC meetings (1 in person meeting in fall and May, and all others are on Zoom). Please email taswiftpac@gmail.com if interested.
- Next DPAC meeting: Sept. 24th, 2026

Staff Appreciation – Keri Buxton for Callie Jackson

- Appreciation event planned for World Teacher Day in October.

New Business

- Proposed calendar for the year was introduced. Further event details to come. Subscribe to PAC calendar at www.taswiftpac.com
- A few volunteers are needed to be trained to make popcorn to help with popcorn day fundraisers.
- We're looking for 1-2 Gr. 5 parent coordinators. They will coordinate Gr. 5 hoodies, popcorn helpers, candy sales, etc. Please email taswiftpac@gmail.com if interested.
- Parent engagement events:
 - Nov. 25 – holiday doormat workshop
 - April 9 – we welcome ideas! Please email taswiftpac@gmail.com
- PAC is considering option to help provide greater advocacy and parent/family support. Some workshop options include:
 - Abby PD safe texting/online safety (no charge)
 - Childsafe Canada – Stay Home Alone (\$600 cost to PAC) – parents requested to table this until we have more information
 - White Hatter was another option suggested by parents
- Swift Wear – online ordering through Sapphire Creative will be available soon.
- Future Capital Project Grant –
 - higher level grant that we can apply for to support large project
 - Project must be valued between \$20,000-\$1,250,000
 - We have to show that we have total funds for project beforehand, and then the government may match 20-50% of the value
 - It would take quite a bit of time to save that much if we wanted to do a bigger project. If parents have ideas for projects they would like to see saved for, please bring share them at a PAC meeting or email taswiftpac@gmail.com
- Changes to gaming budget vote – We will be voting on this budget in October. We will send out a Google Form that parents, staff, etc. can use to submit requests on how to spend gaming funds. Government restrictions on fund usage will be made clear, but we welcome your requests!
- General budget vote: Budget passed with removal of parent workshop funds until more information is gathered. See attached approved budget for 2026/2027.

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.

Upcoming Dates Of Note

September 25 th , 2026	Pro-D day (no school)
September 29 th , 2026	Meet-the-Teacher Night from 5:00-6:00pm
	Orange Shirt Day
September 30 th , 2026	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
October 1 st , 2026	Picture Day
October 2 nd , 2026	Popcorn Day
October 9 th , 2026	Terry Fox Run (wear red Swift shirts!)
October 12 th , 2026	Thanksgiving Monday (no school)

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm
- Next meeting is Oct. 15th at 7:00pm in the Library

Budget 2026 - 2027

Expense	Last YearBudget	Last YearActual	2026-2027Budget
Gaming Budget			\$ 6,900.00
Lunch Club Support	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Field Trip Funds @ \$15/student	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,840.00	\$ 4,590.00
306 students			
Christmas Treats OR Movie Day	\$ 250.00	\$ 559.62	\$ 500.00
December 18th			
Sports Day	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,550.52	\$ 1,700.00
Snack, Juice, Popsicles, Pizza			
Staff Appreciation	\$ 600.00	\$ 788.44	\$ 600.00
Seasonal Front Window Decor	\$ 1,536.25	\$ 1,249.23	\$ 2,200.00
Class Wishlist Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
\$100 * 19 Classrooms			
Grade 5 Appreciation Field Trip	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,500.00
53 students			
Parent Engagement	\$ 400.00	\$ 318.72	\$ 400.00
Parent/Student Presentations or Work	\$ -	\$ -	
Carnival	\$ 5,300.00	\$ (3,706.78)	\$ 4,800.00
Swift Wear	\$ 750.00	\$ 629.48	\$ 800.00
Kindergarden & new students/staff			
Christmas Fun Day	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,779.22	\$ 3,000.00
Terry Fox Run	\$ 200.00	\$ 126.01	\$ 160.00
Clover POS Unit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Website Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 214.67	\$ 200.00
Domain, hosting			
Quickbooks Online Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 336.00
Hotlunches.net Fees	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00
General Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 810.76	\$ 750.00
* copying, materials, etc.			
TOTAL	\$ 25,851.25	\$ 15,560.89	\$ 31,151.00