

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary PAC Meeting

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Hot Lunch: swifthotlunch@gmail.com

Fundraising: taswiftfundraising@gmail.com

Date: March 12, 2026

Location:

Library Minutes taken by:
Shannon Kenney (in Jennifer
Russell's absence)

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Keri Buxton

Attendance

Shannon Kenney (Principal), Melissa Tanner, Keri Buxton, Amy McKenzie, Michelle Jones, Keegan Suttie, Emily Leung, Charese D'Alessandro, Jess Friesen, Crystal Collins, Brandyn VanSant, Cory Hull

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 February 19, 2026

Principal's Report – Shannon Kenney

Land Acknowledgment:

Éy swáyel. We acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the unceded and traditional territory 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.

- 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 is open for all grades for the 2026-2027 school year
- Lots of fun things going on...
 - Beauty and the Beast – Div 1-9
 - Aldergrove park – Div 12-14
 - Fort Langley – Div 4-6

- Aquarium (extended day trip) – Div 1-3
- Illuminance – K-5
- District Chess Tournament – parents must supervise, not a drop off event
- Using the Fine Arts/STEM Funding: Peter White was here last week – Powwow
- Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be going home on Friday March 13th.
- Summer School (Summer Explorers) registration is open now until April 20th - [Summer School](#)
- Budget Consultation – April 1 – 20th on the [Abbotsford School District | Engagement Portal](#) – all are welcome to share their thoughts. More information will be shared at the next meeting

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

- Things are definitely more costly this year, but we are doing ok.

Fundraising Report –

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Panago Coupons – watch for coming soon
- Book Sale – planned for May 4th, more information to come BUT please save your books for donation to this great PAC event.
- A grade 5 parent has volunteered to head up a candy sale – April 10th

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.
- Continue to look into new ideas for 2026-2027

Reminders:

- If paying by e-transfer, 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 between 11:00 and 11:30
- 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

- Presentation by Superintendent Nathan Ngieng about Student Voice
- DPAC Constitution and ByLaws are being reviewed and are accepting feedback on the edits that are being suggested.
- Bullying Parent Education event was on February 23 and was really interesting to watch
- PAC Networking event on March 5th was at Abby Sr.
- Upcoming – April 8 @ 7:00 – Study Smarter not Harder
- Upcoming – May 11 – Dr. Shahana Alibahi – book study on "Feel Better"

Staff Appreciation – Callie Jackson

- No activity at this time

New Business

- Carnival Planning is well underway – thanks to those who came to the Carnival Planning meeting earlier tonight
- Looking into a quote for the benches – numbers are still to come as is approval from facilities
- Lost and Found Fashion Show....
- Minor changes are needed to the Constitution and ByLaws that were approved in January 2024.

- Window painting is to come down at the end of April – thanks to a couple of parents who will take it off.

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 14th at 6pm in the Library with a Carnival meeting at 6pm