

**WATSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PAC MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 7:00pm  
LOCATION: WATSON ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

**In Attendance:**

**Council:** Kelsey Ohs (Chair), Kele Nash (Co-Chair), Justin Nearing (Treasurer),

**Administration:** Jackie Berkes (Watson Elementary Principal), Lisa Fugger (Watson Elementary Vice Principal)

**Attendees:** Mimi Nearing

**Regrets:** Jaime Vieira

**I. Welcome / Call to Order**

Kelsey O. called to order the regular meeting of the Watson Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at 7:00pm on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**II. Introductions**

Kelsey O. conducted introductions with all persons present.

**III. Adoption of Agenda**

Kelsey O. introduced the agenda for the January Watson PAC Meeting. Copies were available on site for viewing and were posted online prior to the meeting.

The motion to accept the agenda was CARRIED. *The agenda was approved.*

**IV. Approval of November General Meeting Minutes**

Kelsey O. asked for a motion to accept the January General PAC Meeting Minutes. Copies of the meeting minutes were available online for viewing prior to the meeting.

The motion to accept the minutes was CARRIED. *The minutes were approved.*

**V. Reports**

**a) Chair**

*i) Ready Set Explore – Tuesday, February 3, 2026.*

Watson PAC provided snacks and beverages for all preschool students and their families in attendance.

*ii) Tropical Dance – Thursday, February 12, 2026.*

The Grade 5s and Watson PAC hosted the annual Tropical Family Dance on Thursday, February 12 from 5:00–7:00 pm. Donations collected at the door raised \$706 to help offset costs for the Grade 5 overnight camp at Camp Squeah.

PAC also hosted the concession, serving beverages, candy, chips, hot dogs, and pizza by the slice. Proceeds from the concession will support Phase 2 of our accessible playground project. More on the Tropical Dance, below.

## **b) Co-Chair / Hot Lunch**

### *i) Hot Lunch/Treat Days*

Booster Juice – Treat Day, Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Some families did not pack a lunch or recess snack, believing smoothies would be delivered at lunchtime. All PAC communications (printed notices, email, and Facebook) stated that Treat Days are delivered at the **end of the school day** and do not replace lunch. If possible, students should bring both a morning snack and a packed lunch on Treat Days.

The confusion may have been related to the automatic email reminder sent the day before from MunchaLunch, which uses the subject line, “**Lunch** Reminder.” Families must **open** the email to view the specific vendor and order details. A request was made to MunchaLunch to change the subject line to, “**Order** Reminder,” but this was declined as it would require a system-wide change. MunchaLunch suggested sending a separate BCC reminder email to families who ordered.

Moving forward on Treat Days, PAC will continue clearly communicating end-of-day delivery and will add an additional reminder email when possible. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## **Upcoming Hot Lunch Day: Jim’s Pizza & Pasta – Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Orders close on MunchaLunch on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Families are reminded to pack a morning snack for their students.

**Spring Term 3 (April–June 2026)** Hot Lunch and Treat Day ordering will open immediately following Spring Break. Notices will be sent home within the first few days after returning to school, and reminders will be added to the Watson Elementary School PAC Facebook page.

- **Treat Day** with TCBY The Country’s Best Frozen Yogurt is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2026. Orders are due by Friday, April 10. Treats will be

delivered to classrooms at the end of the school day. Families are reminded to pack both a morning snack and lunch, as Treat Days do not replace lunch.

- **Treat Day** with Tin Lizzy Food Truck Cinnamon Sugar Donuts is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026. Orders are due by Friday, May 1. Treats will be delivered to classrooms at the end of the school day. Families are reminded to pack both a morning snack and lunch. Tin Lizzy Food Truck will also be set up for after-school ordering and will accept Cash, Credit and Debit.
- **Hot Lunch** with Pita Pit is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026. Orders are due by Thursday, May 21. Lunch will be delivered to classrooms prior to lunchtime. Families are reminded to pack a morning snack.

**Reminder: Absent Student Hot Lunch and Treat Day Pick-up Instructions**

**Hot Lunch:** For students absent on a Hot Lunch Day, parents/guardians may pick up orders from the PAC Kitchen between 12:00–12:15 pm.

**Treat Days:** For Treat Days, treats will be delivered to classrooms prior to dismissal, and parents/guardians may collect the item from the classroom teacher at the dismissal bell.

**Donations to Hot Lunch Program**

To date, we have received \$1,095 in donations to support students who access the daily Lunch Program through MunchaLunch. Of that amount, \$540 has been used so far (not including upcoming orders for Jim’s Pizza & Pasta or Term 3 Hot Lunch and Treat Days). As we now have sufficient funds to support the remaining Hot Lunch and Treat Days for the rest of the school year, we will be closing the Term 3 donation option on MunchaLunch.

If there are any remaining funds at the end of the year, we will connect with Administration and Hayley Cooke to determine how best to continue supporting our students.

**c) Treasurer**

Please see the Treasurer Report (attached) for January. Little movement in funds during January: revenue from MunchaLunch, e-transfers for Hot Lunch/Treat days and a donation to the hot lunch program.

**d) Grade 5 Fundraising Report**

Tropical Dance profits – as mentioned above, profits from Tropical Family Dance were \$706 towards offsetting the overall costs of Camp Squeah.

Freezie Sales – Grade 4/5 Teacher, Mrs. Vieira is looking for regular sized freezies on sale for upcoming Freezie Days. Please let Mrs. Vieira know when you start to see them hit the shelves.

## **VI. Old Business**

### ***a) Tropical Dance Review – Thursday, February 12***

The Grade 5s and Watson PAC hosted the annual Tropical Family Dance on Thursday, February 12 from 5:00–7:00 pm.

The Tropical Dance continues to be a positive community event; however, attendance was lower compared to the Halloween Dance. Challenges included difficulty securing volunteers, lower concession sales, and an overall smaller crowd.

To date, no volunteers have expressed interest in leading future Fall or Spring dances. No one shadowed Chair, Kelsey Ohs during preparations for the Tropical Family Dance. If Watson families wish to continue hosting dances and other fun, after-school events, additional ***leadership coordinators*** will be required.

Discussion included the need to confirm DJ booking timelines (for potential Halloween and Spring Dances), noting that the DJ can typically assist Watson Elementary on Thursdays.

Further discussion is needed regarding the sustainability of continuing school dances without dedicated volunteer leads.

### ***b) Excel Fundraiser Review***

**Excel Martial Arts Fundraiser** – February 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> was onsite in PE Classes.

This visit coincided with a fundraiser they hosted in support of PAC.

Thirty, one-month passes were offered for purchase at \$30 each. Fifteen passes were sold, raising \$450 for PAC Fundraising goals. Following the close of the fundraiser, Excel Martial Arts generously donated an additional \$450, bringing the total contribution to \$900 in support of PAC fundraising efforts. A wonderful partnership and great result!

### ***c) Intermediate Activity Day – Fundraising Support Review***

Last year, PAC created a dedicated fundraiser to support the **Intermediate Activity Day**. We partnered with SinAmen Bun Co., selling fresh and frozen cinnamon buns, with all proceeds directed to the Intermediate fundraiser. PAC also supplemented additional funds when fundraising goals were not fully met.

This year, PAC will coordinate a Krispy Kreme fundraiser specifically for the Intermediate students. PAC will manage and facilitate all aspects of the fundraiser but will need an Intermediate parent volunteer for pickup and delivery to the school.

**Volunteer opportunity**: an Intermediate parent volunteer to pick up the Krispy Kreme order in Delta one morning after school drop-off and deliver to Watson.

#### ***d) Response from City of Chilliwack – Engineering Update (Watson Road)***

In the fall, a Watson family member raised issues regarding speeding in the school zone along Watson Road. PAC emailed the City of Chilliwack Engineering Department prior to the announcement of the Watson Road Upgrade project and did not receive a response. After the family followed up again with Watson Elementary, PAC reconnected with the City and received the following update:

##### **1. Permanent Speed Reader Signs in front of Watson Elementary**

The City advised that they have received more requests than current resources allow. Rather than installing a limited number of permanent signs, they are purchasing two mobile speed reader boards that will rotate throughout Chilliwack and display road safety messaging to encourage safe driving. This approach will allow them to reach more neighbourhoods, and Watson Road will be included on the list of potential future locations.

##### **2. Maple Tree Near School Crosswalk**

A service request has been forwarded to the Parks Department to trim the city-owned maple tree on the eastbound approach, as needed. This work will be scheduled at the earliest opportunity.

##### **3. Watson Road Design Build Project Update**

The preliminary design phase has been completed and procurement is underway. The project will include:

- A 3-metre-wide multi-use pathway on the north side of the road
- A new widened sidewalk (1.8 metres) on the south side

- Both will be separated from vehicular traffic by concrete curb, landscaped boulevard space, and street trees, improving safety and comfort for pedestrians, cyclists, and those using mobility devices.

## **VII. New Business**

### **No new business**

## **VIII. Volunteer Opportunities**

**a) Hot Lunch** – Apply for opportunities through Munch-a-Lunch

**b) Intermediate Parent Volunteer** – pick up Krispy Kreme donuts in Delta for the Intermediate Activity Day Fundraiser.

## **IX. Principal's Report**

1. Kindness Day Cupcake Sales - Grade 3 classes hosted cupcake sales every Tuesday in February to raise funds for their annual Kindness Day. This year, Kindness Day will take place in April. More details and activities will be shared with the school community in the coming weeks.
2. **Jump Rope for Heart**
  - a. Watson Elementary participated in Jump Rope for Heart and raised a total of \$1,759. As promised, once the school surpassed the \$1,000 goal, Mrs. Berkes and Mrs. Fuggar dressed up as Minions, which they proudly did on Monday, February 23rd. Congratulations to the Watson community for their outstanding effort and school spirit.
  - b. **Gift Cards – Jump Rope for Heart**  
Students who qualified to receive gift cards through the fundraiser will be presented with them at the April assembly.
3. Pink Shirt Day, Wednesday, February 25th – Teachers will approach their kindness message in the classrooms.
4. Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences, Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm. Teachers will coordinate with families on an individual basis.
5. Early Dismissal – Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 11:24 am. Families are asked to please ensure pick-up arrangements are in place.
6. Super Reader Assembly – Mrs. R. Vaillancourt and the Kiwanis Club will host a super reader assembly on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Grade K-2 will be at 9:00am; Grade 3-5 will be at 9:30am. Great job, students!

7. Friendship Friday / Read-a-Thon, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Dress as your favourite book character. Reading activities will be all throughout the week!
8. Fire Drill – Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:05pm. A fire drill is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 pm. Families are encouraged to let their child know that **this is a planned drill**. While emergencies can occur, this is a required practice drill that takes place during the school year to ensure everyone is prepared and knows the proper safety procedures.
9. Family Math Night – Tuesday, March 10 6-7:30pm. We want to have a fun night to encourage our numeracy skills. Please RSVP to:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z287FMW>
10. Learning Updates (formerly called Report Cards) will be sent home on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
11. Talent Show – Our Annual Watson's Got Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
12. Spring Break – Spring Break will be between March 16-March 27<sup>th</sup>.
13. School will Reopen on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **X. Open Discussion / Questions**

### **Screens in Classrooms**

During the January 2026 meeting, concerns were raised regarding screen use in classrooms. Mrs. Berkes followed up by reviewing school board regulations and confirmed that teachers have autonomy in their classrooms regarding instructional practices.

Families are encouraged to communicate directly and openly with their child's teacher if they have questions or concerns. If further discussion is needed, please follow the appropriate chain of command within the school.

## **XI. Next Meeting**

The next **General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm.

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will take place on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm. During this meeting, we will vote on the new PAC Executive for 2026/2027. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard, be present, and stay involved as we continue the Watson PAC legacy. Please note that **all positions are open**. Without an active PAC in 2026/2027, we would not have

access to Gaming Grants, legacy donations, or other important funding that supports our school community.

A **General Meeting with the newly elected 2026/2027 PAC Executive** will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm.

**We encourage all families to attend and participate.**

**XII. Adjournment**

7:41pm

**Minutes submitted by Kele Nash, Co-Chair**

Watson PAC Revenue & Expense

January 2025

Account Overview			
Account	Beginning of Period	End of Period	Variance
General Account	\$18,745.02	\$24,258.74	\$5,513.72
Playground Account	\$3.23	\$3.23	\$-
Gaming Account	\$12,161.53	\$12,161.53	\$-
<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$30,909.78</b>	<b>\$36,423.50</b>	<b>\$5,513.72</b>

General Account - Revenue		
Revenue	Amount	Note
Munchalunch Revenue	\$5,354.04	
Halloween Candy Leftovers	\$25.07	
Hot Lunch Payments	\$81.50	
Lunch Program Donation	\$200.00	

**Revenue Total                    \$5,660.61**

**General Account - Expenses**

Expense	Amount	Note
PAC Meeting	\$13.78	
Ready Set Explore	\$34.12	
Tropical Dance	\$97.74	
ETransfer fee	\$1.25	
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$146.89</b>	

**Gaming Account - Revenue**

Revenue	Amount	Note
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

**Gaming Account - Expenses**

Expense	Amount	Note
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$-</b>	

**Playground Account - Revenue**

Revenue	Amount	Note
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$-</b>	

**Playground Account - Expenses**

Expense	Amount	Note
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$-</b>	

**Account Variance**

Account	Revenue Total	Expense Total	Variance
General Account	\$5,660.61	\$146.89	\$5,513.72
Gaming Account	\$-	\$-	\$-
Playground	\$-	\$-	\$-