

Ballenas PAC Meeting

Date: September 11, 2025

Location: Library, Ballenas Secondary

Vice Chair: Karri

Secretary: Andrea

Attendees: Karri, Andrea, Angel, Heather, Renee, Cara, Jessica, Amanda, Heidi, Kari, Christine, Stacey, Sheila, Michael, Trish Catherine, Heather Deering, Mario Tenisci

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Introductions and recognition of First Nations territory.

Approval of Agenda: Amanda

Approval of Previous Minutes: Michael, Cara

Principal/Vice Principal Report:

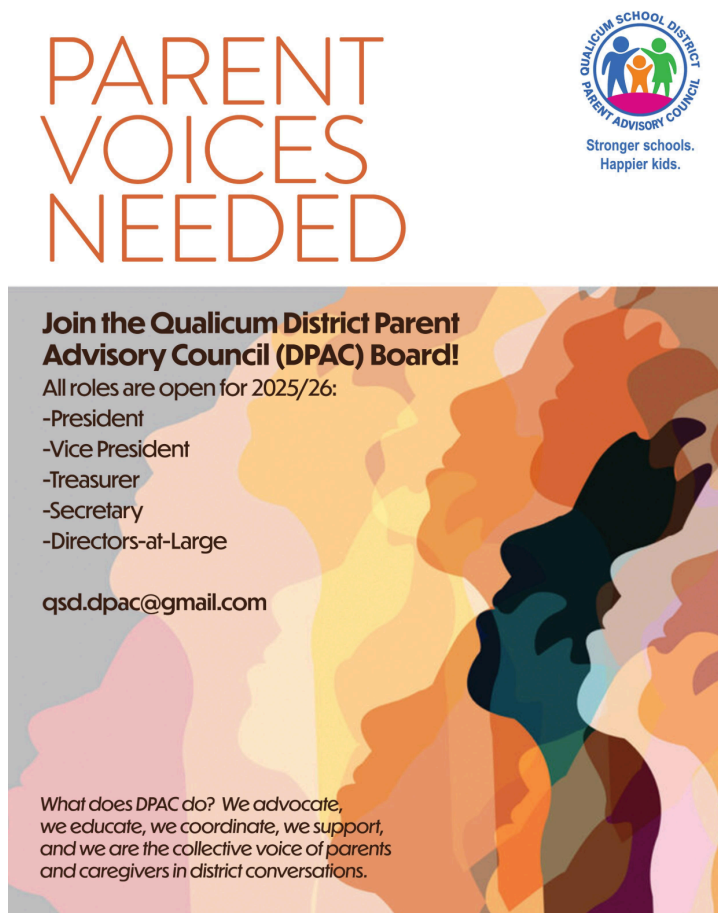
- Welcome, please reach out anytime with any questions you might have! Had a good startup, enrolment holding steady at just over 1000 students, lots of new staff as well as several previous staff returning to Ballenas
- Track opens tomorrow! Amazing community effort, everyone came together to help, opening ceremony Sept 12 @ 2:00. Track will be open but grass in centre will still be fenced off to allow it to take root
- New bathroom is almost completed - will be touring at next PAC meeting, new lockers arrive in November but currently have enough lockers for the kids who wanted one, gym floors redone, C-can restocked with emergency supplies, sign has IT problem and solution is coming but unknown ETA
- Blank walls at the moment but we are asking students to paint murals on extra large provided canvases to hang (after approval of project)
- Ballenas was used as emergency shelter for wildfire evacuees during the summer
- Had a great first week - pizza parties on Tuesday and Friday, volleyball season up and running, some tryouts this week, had a Grade 8 panel with lots of great conversations, Club Showcase coming up soon, date TBA, all club meeting times will be on website
- Grad meeting for parents on September 24, same date as photo day

- Grade 12s - yearbooks will be included in grad fee, not on school messenger right now
- Terry Fox Run - Sept 12, whole school runs around block 11:00-11:30
- Truth and Reconciliation Day events will be on September 26, will be on field doing drum circle with invited Indigenous guests
- No school Monday September 29 or Tuesday September 30
- Homeroom and Flex begin in October - homeroom has changed, is now same teacher as A block class, Grade 11 & 12s also do CLC work in homeroom, Flex is now shorter and the second block on Wednesdays
- Student mentoring - students may have had this in the schedule if they didn't get their chosen elective, but met with counsellors this week and either chose to remain in student mentoring or chose new electives, will happen again in second semester
- Study blocks are for studying, not a spare! Should be studying in library
- Bringing in a variety of speakers throughout the year - ICBC about drunk driving, White Hatter about online safety, BC Lions about racism all previous speakers and possible this year as well
- Some concerns about late arrivals from school buses, but routes have been reworked and problems getting solved
- French immersion this year has three Grade 8/9 split classes
- Working with My School Day app to make calendar more clear, especially for Wednesdays

Chair Report: Karri

- Eve Flynn, our board trustee, sends her regrets, she will be here next month
- COWs - Committee of the Whole meetings are next week, information on QSD website
- Looking at Variety Club grant, will match up to \$10,000 per school for accessibility purchases eg. accessible bikes - already have one in the Hub. Library/Learning Commons and other possible locations in school would like to have some (Admin is meeting with their staff), grant deadline is October 20th, the school would split cost with PAC

- **MOTION** - Angel motions to spend up to \$1800 from the gaming account if Ballenas administration will approve and match funds, for up to ten iFit accessible stationary bikes, Amanda seconds, all in favour - **PASSED**
- [DPAC](#) meeting September 17th @ 6:30pm at QF Upstairs for anyone who would like to attend/become an executive (see poster below from DPAC). *Note: You need to be an elected Executive on the BSS PAC to also run/hold a position on the DPAC Executive.*



- PAC is working with Admin see how PAC we can best represent all families at BSS and include messages from FAC (French Advisory Council) and CPF (Canadian Parents for French) in our school
- Thank you to Parksville-Qualicum Community Foundation for two grants - Senior Girls Volleyball jerseys and Whalers Football funding
- Get your criminal record check for helping out at school - see school office, it is free and good for five years, get your driver's abstract as well if your child will be on any school teams or clubs and be going to away games, tournaments, conferences - done online in less than five minutes and good for one year

Treasurer Report: Amanda

- Account Totals
 - General: \$3,443.26
 - Gaming: \$5,358.71
 - Total: \$8,801.97
- Admin will be giving teachers from October 1 - 31 to submit requests for PAC funding and giving us the requests November 1, we will have budget meeting in November to discuss requests and approve spending

New Business

- Call for nominations - email PAC if you would like an executive role before next meeting - by October 8th - ballenaspac@gmail.com
- Next meeting - Thursday October 9th at 6:00pm - *note new start time*

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19pm