

Douglas Road Elementary PAC Meeting

OCT 21, 2025 / 6:30 PM / IN-PERSON & ONLINE

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendees

Nadia Volpe, Principal

Ms Bromley, Teacher

Chairperson - Abby Pond and Nicole Sprauer

Vice Chair - Jenny Wong and Nicole Jappy

Treasurer - Jenny Wong

Secretary - Rachel Burch

DPAC representative – CJ Liu, Brandon (Baby sat 5 students in adjacent classroom)

Munch-A-Lunch and Events coordinator – Christina Yee (online) and Abby Pond

Bottle Recycling Assistant - Abby Pond & Nicole Sprauer

Parent - Rebecca

Online: 9 participants

Join the meeting now

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Agenda

Land Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge the land on which we live, work, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the x^wməθkwəy̓ əm (Musqueam),

Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Principal's Update - Nadia Volpe

- BC Shakeout Earthquake Preparedness Drill was last week
- Lockdown Drill & others coming up
- Pro-D on Friday, October 24
- Assembly on Friday, October 31
- Unicef Halloween bags were found in storage and will be sent home with kids this week
- Today was the last day of the Pilot project for grade 5 swimming with Edmonds Community School. They expanded to other schools. They provide buses and lessons and as of right now, it will be continuing, but it will be decided year by year.
- New staff: Esther Kim (already started) and Sydney Clark (starting tomorrow), stepping in to help cover for Ms Kwok
- Ms Sandberg will be retiring in December
 - Will do a small goodbye party at the school; details to be confirmed

- Discussed getting her a gift (perhaps a bouquet)
- Welcome to Ms Bromley who is here to discuss the Winter Event
 - See notes on event below
- There has been an increase in garbage lately; feels connected to the re-opening of the nearby gas station. Ms. Bromley has set up a schedule with each class to take turns cleaning up the grounds. Custodial staff also comes on a rotational basis and helps.

Updates from PAC:

- Updates on the Bulletin Board:
 - Do we still want to do this? The cost will be about \$1000.
 - A sandwich board where you can slip papers under a piece of plexi-glass might be better. Could get two and chain to the fence in different areas.
 - We want to avoid having to laminate as much as possible
 - Decided to wait on bulletin board for now and consider cheaper options
 - Discussed setting up a QR code and posting it at different areas of school
- Winter Market/Event at Douglas:
 - This would be In lieu of a winter concert
 - Could potentially include: games, crafts, different challenges, winter-theme, hot chocolate stand
 - Best day discussed to host event is Thursday, December 11 from 5:00-7:30pm
 - Event would be hosted in gym after school
 - Can leave some things already set up after the pancake breakfast (which will be hosted on Monday, December 8)
 - Ms Bromley can also get grade 6 & 7 students to help set up day of
 - Could also offer Santa photos during event, to help draw in more families
 - Discussed the idea of having stations that older students could run to help create leadership opportunities
 - Discussed the idea of kids creating items to sell, such as: friendship bracelets or ornaments
 - Discussed having karaoke or the kids singing in some capacity
 - May not be feasible with Santa pictures happening at same time
 - This would be a free event to attend, but proceeds could come from buying crafts, hot chocolate, photos, etc.
 - Some decorations were donated recently, so might have some stuff that we can use for a Winter Wonderland theme
 - Could offer munch-a-lunch, and also have the option of using the kitchen
 - Ms Bromley needs some actionables, so PAC will discuss floor plan options and by the first week of November, have a rough idea of what the event will look like and what will be needed
- School Recycling - Game Plan? Really messy at last pick up.
 - Milk cartons count as part of the return-it program
 - Food Service used to help, but the school is now responsible for this
 - With that change, students stopped rinsing the cartons out

- The plan is to get back to student's rinsing them out, leaving them in stacks, and then PAC collecting them
 - The collection for all of Sept. and some of Oct. came to around \$80
 - Currently, it is just Nicole and Abby doing collection. Abby will reach out to the volunteer parent group to see if others can help out as well.
- Monthly Munch-a-Lunch with donation option - Can we do Munch alongside Lunch Lady?
 - Discussed having an open fundraiser all the time on munch-a-lunch website where people could donate at any time
 - Another option available is to donate directly to the district and then get a tax return back with a minimum of \$25 donation
 - We no longer have Affordability Fund (\$15,000 previously provided by ministry)
 - Will probably start including on notices the option to donate more (for food, field trips, etc.) in order to help families who might be struggling financially
 - Breakfast Club is no longer happening. With the lunch program, not as many students were coming. There is still food available for students in the morning upon arrival at the office if needed.
- Field Trips per student
 - already discussed and allocated \$20/student
- What movie for Dec 5
 - TBD - Will poll whatsapp volunteer support group
- Kids Karaoke after school week of Dec 15 - Gym free
 - TBD
- Treat Sale in November - no PAC events planned
 - TBD
- Anti-bullying program - anything available?
 - Discussed bringing in VPD or Burnaby RCMP for an assembly
 - Nicole S. has a friend who is a detective in youth services VPD
 - Discussed the importance of teaching students the difference between bullying vs. rough play/being mean
 - Making students aware and educated is really important. Discussed that some students don't understand the above difference. Other times, students don't even realize certain behaviors are considered bullying.
 - Currently, the school has a liaison officer from Safe and Caring Schools come in on occasion to address these kinds of issues. The school also teaches the WITS program among other things.
 - Discussed if there are any role-playing programs that we would want to fund
 - Safe and Caring Schools can come and do a play and other things
 - We could also have them give us the information that can in turn be shared with students and parents
 - Discussed the possibility of doing this in January.

Additional Discussions:

- What is Beedie Group (Adopt-a-school Sponsor) involvement?
 - They donated a lot of money when they were first brought in: some of food, some for school activities. They have not been used for a number of years, but are starting to be used again.
 - Can also request volunteers from them to help with events
 - Discussed bringing Beedie volunteers in for pancake breakfast to assist with the intermediates and clean-up

- Upcoming programs:
 - Tennis and Dance
 - Lacrosse already happened

- Pancake breakfast:
 - We should provide drinks - juice poured into cups instead of juice boxes
 - The event will be set up after the movie night on Friday, December 5

- Nicole S. will ask her dad to be Santa; Nicole J. to provide the Santa suit

- The Bus Driver for the grade 5 swimming was the same the entire time; he was a parent of a past Douglas Road student. He commented that he was going to miss driving the students because the group was so well behaved.

- School-wide picnic at end of year — do something different? Somewhere different?

- DPAC elected new executives

Dates:

Halloween: Oct. 31 - we had talked about glow sticks

Movie Nights: Dec. 5, 2025 and Apr. 10, 2026

Pancake Breakfast: Dec. 8, 2025

Valentines Treat Sale: Feb. 13, 2026

Walkathon and Treat Sale: May 29, 2026

Sports Day: June 13, 2026

School-Wide Field Trip: June 19, 2026 - location TBD

Year End Assembly: June 23, 2026

Leaving Ceremony: June 24, 2026