

Agenda

Douglas Road Elementary PAC Meeting

2026 May 19 / 6:30 PM / IN-PERSON & ONLINE

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendees

Nadia Volpe - Principal

Abby Pond - Chairperson / Munch-A-Lunch & Events Coordinator / Social Media Support / Bottle Recycling Assistant

Nicole Sprauer - Chairperson / Bottle Recycling Assistant

Rachel Burch – Secretary / Social Media Support

Christina Yee - Munch-A-Lunch & Events Coordinator

Bee Yiu - Head Teacher

Nicole Jappy - Vice Chair

CJ Liu - DPAC Representative

Absent

Jenny Wong - Vice Chair / Treasurer

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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 xʷməθkʷəy̓ əm (Musqueam),

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

Principal's Update - Nadia Volpe

- There will be a message from the district going out soon, as well as some posters being posted around the school regarding e-scooters. Be on the lookout for these, but some of the info includes:
 - They are not to be on elementary school property
 - Must be 16+ years old to use
 - They are not to be stored/parked on elementary school property
- Nadia was thinking of sending out some information regarding sleep in the next newsletters. Things such as:
 - Sharing links regarding good sleep/health information, such as how many hours

- kids should be getting, electronics before bed
 - Nadia will also share this information again in the new school year come Sept.
- She wanted to send out a thanks to the PAC for the idea for door signage (regarding which door to use first) that was brought up at the last meeting
 - Since the signs have been put up, it has made a huge difference. It's not perfect, but way better!
 - It was also explained to the students why they wanted the doors to be fully closed at all times, and the teachers are helping with this as well.
- Grades 6 and 7's had the Gauss Math Contest today; 15 kids who volunteered to do it and results will be released at the end of May
- Lacrosse started today and there will be 3 more days of lessons
 - Ms. Yiu has heard only excellent thing from the teachers regarding the instructor– they are impressed with the activities and how much the instructor is able to do in their 45 minute session
 - Also kind of neat that we had lacrosse at the beginning of the year and now again at the end of year too
- This Thursday, May 21, will be an assembly/gathering about the salmon
 - Parents are invited
 - A Knowledge Keeper is coming to share some information with the school
 - 8 divisions going to release the salmon
 - They will be walking to Deer Lake by the Shadbolt Center
 - An email will be sent about regarding this
- This Friday, May 22, will be the Volunteer Appreciation Tea
 - QR code to RSVP wasn't working for everyone
 - They are prepared for more than the few who have volunteered
 - Nicole S. will send out another notice reminding parents/guardians - letting people know if they have helped in ANY way, even something small, they are welcome to come!
 - Divisions 2, 7, and 8 will be performing
- Walk-A-Thon Update:
 - An information pamphlet was sent home with students with information about the Walk-A-Thon and instructions for how to donate/sponsor a child
 - Students are also being reminded at school, over the PA system, etc.
 - \$775 raised to date
 - The Walk-A-Thon will be from 1:00pm-2:00pm, with an early dismissal at 2:00pm
 - Nadia will be discussing/clarifying the route tomorrow at the staff meeting
 - PAC will be handing out freebies afterward as students are coming back
 - Will need some volunteers, but there are already a lot of PAC parents who will be there to help
- June 9th is the Welcome to K
 - This will be at 9:30am and they will need someone from PAC to come
 - Nicole J. and Nicole S. can come to this
 - As of right now, there are 35 new students coming in
- Other Days to be aware of coming up:
 - Sports Day (June 12), Pro-D day (June 15), and School-Wide Field Trip to Edmonds Park (June 18)

- Buses are booked for the School-Wide Field Trip
 - Nadia is still confirming time for pick-up
 - Return time is 1:15pm
- Upcoming Assemblies:
 - Awards Ceremony - June 23
 - Leaving Ceremony - June 24
 - Times for both will be confirmed tomorrow at staff meeting

Updates from PAC:

- Habitat Guest Speaker Update - TBD - Fundraising Support, Pricing, Etc.
 - Not coming today; this has been postponed
 - Abby has shared some potential ideas for playground equipment, but Habitat Speaker wants to come do a walk around to look at the space and advise us as to different options
 - Nicole S. spoke with Burnaby Neighbourhood House, who was telling her that climbing equipment or equipment to sit on are pretty trendy right now
 - Nadia let us know that the district is using Blue Imp quite a bit because they are more of a Canadian company and they aren't getting dinged with tariffs as much
- Walk-A-Thon Donation Update
 - See Principal's Update
- Volunteer Tea - May 22
 - See Principal's Update
- Next Treat Sale - TBD - Grouped with Sports Day?
 - Costco has chips on sale right now - would be a good deal to buy these and sell them at the treat sale
 - We did one last year and it was very popular
 - Keep it simple - chips, freezies, and cookies
 - Can use the popcorn machine if we have enough volunteers
- Volunteers for Concession
 - Can put a message out for this
- Business Donation Reach Out (i.e. Staples)
 - Nicole S. and Nicole J went to Costco and spoke with the manager regarding donations. They were advised to write a letter stating how much was needed and they would see what they could do
 - Costco gave one school \$250, but it seems like it's not a set amount that they're willing to give, but based off need
 - Nicole S. drafted a standard letter for several local businesses who might donate money, school supplies, or anything else helpful or useful
 - She was thinking that for now, we could just approach Costco and Walmart and then have help going out to more businesses come the start of the new school year in September
 - Discussed what kind of supplies would be needed. These items came up:
 - Markers and pencil crayons, mostly for primaries
 - Notebooks and Duotangs

- It was noted that teachers generally like them to look utilitarian
- Expo markers (whiteboard markers)
- Glue sticks
- Class set of black sharpies
- High vis vests for field trips
 - This one was not noted by Nadia or Ms. Yiu, but by Rachel after school field trip last week and parents who volunteered found them extremely helpful
- It was also suggested to speak with local churches
 - Nadia let us know that St Theresa's Parish donates to us already

Additional Discussions:

- Will the Firetruck be coming for Walk-a-Thon again?
 - They haven't been contacted about it yet, but Nadia will look into it
- It was mentioned that an invite to the Volunteer Appreciation Tea should be sent to the firefighters
 - Ms Yiu will do this, and has also sent out invitations to Beedie, Wade Change, and Anne Kang
- Park Day on June 18 - what is happening with lunch?
 - The Lunch Lady Coordinator gets the schedule and decides what to do; once we know, we can coordinate what type of Munch-A-Lunch fundraiser we want to do to match with it, for those who are not in the lunch program
 - The new lunch program schedule went out today; currently a meatball sub in on the menu for June 18
 - We will see if she is able to switch it to either pizza (from June 19) or Subway (from June 5th) instead
 - Some people want to pay cash, but the school tries to be cash-less, as it adds a lot of extra work on the school's end
- Upcoming Summer Community Event:
 - Nicole J's husband, Alex, is the social director on the Board of the Burnaby Tennis Club and they want to host a community event that may include a free tennis lesson for kids
 - More info TBD
- Walk-A-Thon Donations
 - There are some Firebird t-shirts in the office; whatever is left, we are welcome to use as Walk-A-Thon prizes
 - How would we select this?
 - Put names of everyone who made a donation into a hat and draw at random
 - Most of the sixes are small and medium, so will have to consider that

Upcoming Dates:

- **Earth Day Treat Sale** - April 22, 2026
- **Walk-A-Thon** - May 29, 2026
- **Welcome to K** - June 9, 2026
- **Sports Day** - June 12, 2026
- **School-Wide Field Trip** - June 18, 2026
- **Year End Assembly** - June 23, 2026
- **Leaving Ceremony** - June 24, 2026