



# R. C. Palmer Secondary Parent Advisory Council

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## **PAC Meeting - Minutes Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 @7:00 pm School lounge**

1. Meet and greet / Attendance.
  - Nine people attended and were welcomed by the Principal and the PAC chair
2. Approval of the previous minutes and adoption of the meeting agenda.
3. School update from the administration, Mr. Ghaug:
  - Palmer is expanding, 1100 students are expected next year. Unfortunately, some families have had to be turned away. This year there are 180 grade 12s, next year 229 grade 8s are expected. Solutions for accommodation of the extra numbers of being investigated including repurposing some rooms.
  - Grade 12 valedictory is coming up and will be held at the Chan Centre. Ticket sales are online, please see the school website for details.
  - There is a Palmer PRIDE rally coming up organized by the student leadership group. Activities will be held to encourage school spirit.
  - Students planning to take summer classes should approach their school counsellor to discuss this to ensure they make appropriate choices and get accurate information.
  - The timing of PLT is being considered, further information will be released in due course.
  - RCMP were in recent attendance at school following a near-miss traffic-related incident. Families are encouraged to consider dropping off students early to reduce traffic congestion, school is open from 7am. Within 90 minutes the RCMP officer pulled over 3 parents and issued 29 reminders. Students are reminded to only cross at traffic lights or cross walk.



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### 4. Financial update

- Some cheques for support of students' extra-curricular activities have been signed but not yet deposited. Further cheques remain to be signed but this will be resolved shortly.

### 5. RDPA update

- No update

### 6. PAC update

- The committee for next year was discussed. Sarah is stepping down as secretary. Vishal will remain as chair and Dodo as treasurer. Vikki will remain a member and further members were recruited.
- Meetings will continue to be held on Wednesdays next year but over the winter months they will be held online to facilitate attendance.

### 7. Dry Grad Committee update

- Fundraisers so far this year have been very successful, and the committee are very grateful for support. Further fundraisers are still in progress and organization of the event is well under way.
- The committee for Dry Grad 2026 was discussed. Vikki and Rhea will act as co-chairs, Dodo will remain as treasurer. There were several other volunteers to join the committee.

### 8. Meeting adjourned @8pm

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