

PAC Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026

7:05 pm

In attendance: Vishal (Chair) Mr. Ghaug, JP, Joanne, Rhea, Chris (SWIS Family Worker), Pallavee, Zhang Shuqin

Chris (SWIS Family Worker) - Chris has been collaborating with the library, homework club, etc. He works closely with newly arrived parents (new immigrants), but his programs are open to everyone, depending on the topic e.g. How to support students during summer? - Such topics are relevant to regular families & students. The goal is to help make newly arrived students feel more welcome in the Palmer community. Anyone is welcome to join. This is good for parent communication too. Other programs include: youth drop-in program for young adults, resume writing, resources beyond high school, how to prepare for graduation etc. Chris will give info to Mr. Ghaug for posting on the school website.

Chris supports Debeck, Garden City, Tomsett, Palmer as a SWIS worker. Online safety can be another topic to be explored. The Youth program is held every Tuesday from 4:00-5:30 in the Brighthouse library (games, improv. etc.). The goal is to connect youth with the community.

Vishal (Chair) - thanked everyone for attending the last PAC meeting of the year. The District PAC Volunteer dinner is coming up on June 7, 2026. PAC members to contact Vishal if they wish to attend.

With the gaming fund application, Vishal and Dodo will work on it in the coming weeks.

The School Principal's Updates - from Mr. Ghaug

- On July 1, Vice Principal Natalie Hagerty will be moving to McNeil. Vice Principal Ria L. from McNair will be joining the Palmer team.
- Next school, there will be 1080 students at Palmer
- The School District is managing the deficit, books will be balanced
- Maintain students striving for excellence
- With shortfalls, there will be less job opportunities for new teachers. More TTOCs
- School events - 75 students are registered for a job opportunity fair (organized by Mr. Thackeray), plus 25 McNeil students. At this fair, students can get feedback on their

resumes, cover letters, even get hired for summer employment. This is the first year for this job fair

- Relay for Life - about 87 students signed up to participate, will be excused from classes, and participate in this event from 9 am to 3 pm. The Palmer school community has almost reached its fundraising goal of \$13,000. The Student Leadership teacher and team has done a great job
- Grade 12 students - less than a month until semester 2 classes end. Important news for Grade 12 parents: each student can claim 2 free tickets for the valedictory ceremony until tomorrow. Afterwards, UBC will be charging for tickets. A reminder to all parents that commencement starts at 6:30 pm. Be mindful of road construction. Grade 12 students are to be at Chan Centre at 5 pm. There have been 128 Dry grad tickets sold. There have been 144 Dinner Dance tickets sold.
- Teachers will be emailing parents about particular students at risk of failing. At risk of failing reports will be sent out. This is an early indication that things need to be turned around for some students otherwise it will be a fail for them. Learning completion days will begin on June 22 (last Thursday). Students not meeting passing standards can complete missed assignments, do tasks.
- June 19 is last day for most students - correspond with school fair
- School principals are moved around based on district needs. There are 6 vice-principals on the move the end of this school year
- Thanks to the PAC and PAC Chair. Looking forward to another great year next year
- The draft school calendar (with holidays) will be shared in the beginning of June. The completed calendar will be shared on September 8
- PLT next year will be one hour on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students like the PLT between Blocks A and B. An increase to 58 minutes will be good for writing tests, labs etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm