

February 4, 2026 PAC Minutes

Attendees: Jenna, Marianne, Megan, Lesley, Bev, Leigh, Sheri

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER - Jenna at 5:31 pm

PRINCIPALS' REPORT – Leigh Stachniak

- February 3rd there was a hold and secure due to police searching the area for the participant of a robbery in the area,
- February 4th Lord Wolseley had an impromptu visit to John Henderson when the fire alarm went off in the gym.
- Band Festival season is coming up, and the students will be transported by bus that was paid for by the Band PAC
- John Henderson Open House is on Thursday, February 12th, 4:30-6:30 pm. Marianne and Bev have volunteered to work the PAC table at the open house.
- February 13th the French Immersion students will be going to Festival du Voyageur. The cost to the parents was \$10/student, and a grant was received that covered the cost of \$20/student. Festival has also offered a coupon code for any family members that are interested in attending. There are planned activities for the students including maple syrup on a stick.
- Student Led Conferences are on February 27th.
- High school open houses are happening throughout February, and the registration packages have been sent home.
- High school tours are also starting soon. River East will be having their tour first.
- February 11th will be Women in Science Day in John Henderson. This is when female scientists from the University of Manitoba will be coming into the school to do science experiments with the grade 6 students.
- Justine Perlux, the artist painting the mural, has done her presentation to the school, started on the backdrop of the mural, and met with a small group of art students.
- Clayton Sandy, one of the elders with RETSD, did a presentation on Truth and Reconciliation for parents. It wasn't a large group in attendance; however, this allowed it to be a more personal experience.
- Friday, January 30th and Monday, February 2nd PD days:
 - French teachers went to Ecole Regent Park for a talk on spontaneous conversation in French as this is a skill students have the most difficult time learning.
 - English teachers attended a presentation on AI and how it can be used.
 - Discussions regarding reading apprenticeships
 - Community groups met as well as grade groups met.
 - Global competencies were discussed including the potential of them being added to the report cards for the next school year.

FUNDRAISING

- Spring Fundraising:
 - The spring 50/50 is live and moving slowly currently. To help increase accessibility the QR code will be printed on posters to be put up throughout the school for upcoming tournaments and the open house.
 - The draw is March 13th.
 - Glenlea is open for sales. Pick up is set for May 7th.
 - Interstate Batteries:
 - The order forms have been sent home with students and are due back April 6th. This will allow PAC time to count the money after the April PAC meeting.
 - May 7th pick up set.

Field Enhancement Update

- This is currently on hold for the season.

NEW BUSINESS

- A Divisional PAC meeting was held in January.
 - Discussed the student grooming event that has been in the media lately, and how there will be additional training and safety protocols implemented.
 - Discussed transportation challenges that in the 2,000 student increase for bussing since 2020 and the fact that 1 school bus cost \$200,000.00.
 - Discussed the provincial student learning assessments.
 - Discussed the budget.
 - 2% increase cap for the last 6 years and increases in costs have led to huge budget cuts.
 - February 26th there is a budget meeting where all are welcome.
 - Another Divisional PAC meeting is to be held in April.
- Staff appreciation dates are to be picked for April or May at the March PAC meeting.

Next PAC meeting: March 4th, 2026, in the library

Adjournment: Jenna at 6:11 pm