



# VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PAC Minutes

*January 21, 2026 Called to order by, Allyson at 7:04pm*

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### In Attendance

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Allyson (Chair), Rebekah (Vice Chair), Hayley (Secretary), Kristina (Treasurer), Kendy (DPAC), Sharon Bernard (Principal), Anna (Chilliwack International Student Program), Rachel, Dallas, Julie, Allison

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### Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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- Land Acknowledgement and Introductions
- Julie motions the adoption of the Agenda. Second by Allison.
- Julie motions the adoption of the January Meeting Minutes. Second by Kristina.

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### Guest Speaker: Anna, Chilliwack International Homestay Student Program

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- Welcome International student into your home and provide for them as you would your family members, participating in everyday family routines and activities, as well as sports/recreational and cultural experiences.
- There are currently over 200 International students in Chilliwack.
- There is an orientation and recruiting process which includes criminal background checks and home inspection.
- Various placement semester options available (eg: 10 months, 1 semester)
- Monthly stipend \$1115.00 per student
- The program is looking for host families if interested contact [homestay-gwg-sss@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:homestay-gwg-sss@sd33.bc.ca)

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### Treasurer's Report

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- Gaming account balance on January 20, 2026 was \$21,284.83
- General account balance on January 20, 2026 was \$23,940.27

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## Principal's Report

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Big thank you to the PAC again for your gaming fund donations. Staff have started processing and receiving the items that you approved.

December ended with a lot of excitement with our winter holiday activities.

Staff and students came back a little too well rested. So the first few days many were very tired by recess.

Athletics: the grades seven and eight basketball seasons are coming to a close.

Depending upon the success of some there may be provincials in the future. Today was sign up for grade 6 basketball. Based upon the amount of student sign up looks like they'll probably be two teams of both genders 4 this season. Which is significantly shorter than grade 7 and 8 and is significantly less competitive.

Variety of clubs have been very popular and still have great turnouts please remind your students to join a club or team. Viper voice has a full list of clubs meeting times and locations.

Today Mrs. Olson's class had a space slash alien fair. Where the students presented in science fair style their planet research projects. The students were very excited to have other classes and families come in to see the creations that they created. Not only did they research their planet they also had to create an alien that would be able to live on that planet and explain why. The excitement was contagious.

Unfortunately, we've had a few incidences of misuse of our food cart program with bathroom vandalism. So, if the washroom is closed at times, it is for clean up purposes as it is not safe for students to enter. We do try our best to have this turned around as quickly as possible. For a short period of time the apple sauce option will be removed from the food cart as a result.

We are also struggling with parking lot challenges and would like to ask families to delay picking up their student by 5 to 10 minutes to allow for our buses to quickly enter, pick up and leave in a safe way. This allows for power bus drivers to be able to maintain their timing routes which affects the time that students get home. And we remind families not to double park in our through lanes as they wait for their students. There is also additional parking across the road at the church.

February is literacy month there is a large variety of literacy activities that will be coming forth in February. Including book reviews, one district one book, book beads are still continuing and more.

February we also have Missy D A bilingual singer who will be performing for us mid February. And starting in March we will have Manie Musicale (bracket-style competition for French songs).

Valerie has received an e-mail from me yesterday regarding the districts next steps for the boundary consultation. We encourage families to engage in that process if the board does approve the consultation process. More information will come out to families directly from the district.

- January 21 presentation with The White Hatter: Online Toxicity Workshop
- Boundary Review Town Hall Meetings
  - Jan 6- Northside French Boundary Conversation
  - Jan 7- Southside French Boundary Conversation
  - Jan 8- Integrated Arts and Technology Boundary Conversation
- New and updated What We Heard report 98 pages, VMS starts on page 67  
Extensive consultation (37 meetings, 600 people) highlighted strong support for French Immersion and specialized programs, alongside demands for better, more localized, school solutions that consider student well-being.
- Facebook group: Chilliwack French Immersion Parents
  - Over 100 new members in one week
- Next boundary meeting: January 27
- Next DPAC meeting: January 29 at 7:00pm

**Reminder:** Hot lunch: Parents, please remind your child if they have ordered hot lunch as it cuts down on the confusion of kids thinking they ordered but actually didn't. If students have any issue relating to hot lunch day of, please find one of the hot lunch parent volunteers who will help sort it out immediately. It is hard to rectify the situation after the fact.

Adjourned at 8:55pm

Next Meeting: February 18, 2026 at 7:00pm