

VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 23, 2026 PAC Minutes
Called to order by Rebekah at 7:02pm

In attendance

Rebekah (Chair), Kristina (Treasurer), Hayley (Secretary), Sarah (Principal), Jason (Vice Principal), Jessie, Jennifer G, Brian, Rae-Anne, Deanna, Meagan, Jennifer L

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Land Acknowledgement and Introductions
- Kristina motions the adoption of the agenda. Second by Jessie.
- Kristina motions the adoption of the June meeting minutes. Second by Rebekah.

Treasurer Report

- See attached Treasurer's reports: June 30, 2026 (end of fiscal) and updated revenue and expenses as of September 23, 2026.

Principal's Report

The school year is off to an excellent start. We have 690 students enrolled at VMS, along with 17 EA's and a full staff (no temp staff) First staff meeting was today, we went over data regarding student achievement specifically numeracy. Students in grade 7 will write FSA this year, beginning in two weeks.

Tuesday September 29 is Orange Shirt Day here at VMS. There will be a school wide assembly as a call to action and reconciliation but more importantly going deeper than just one day.

There will be a new rock reflection garden out front this year.

Sports are up and running. Starting off with soccer, volleyball and basketball. We are working with Sardis Secondary to form a junior athletics program here at VMS to help bridge that gap for students when they transition to high school.

Vipers Vendor will be opening soon. More info to come.

There are no microwaves to heat up lunches due to health and safety, and students misusing them in the past.

Mrs. Gamboa spoke about bringing the Open Parachute program to VMS for staff, students and parents and asked for PAC support in paying for the online subscription.

MOTION: That Deanna motions to approve \$4000.00 plus tax if applicable for online registration for the Open Parachute Program. Second by Jessie. All in favor.

DPAC Report: Kendy sends her regrets.

First DPAC meeting is Thursday September 24, 2026. DPAC meetings have been moved to the Neighborhood Learning Centre attached to Chilliwack Senior. Guest speaker: Corrine McCabe, former superintendent. Corrine will be hosting a special presentation on “what does a Trustee actually do?” from 6:30pm -7:30pm. Regular business meeting starting approximately 7:30pm.

BCTF and DPAC have put out a list of questions for Trustee candidates with the upcoming election on October 17. DPAC is encouraging parents to educate themselves on the candidates’ platforms and to get out and vote.

New Business

- **Gaming Grant Application Deadline**

Teacher/staff requests due by Friday November 6

Kristina will revise the application.

PAC will vote on approvals at November 25th meeting.

- **Hot Lunch**

Hayley is program coordinator this year, along with Jessie who is volunteer coordinator. Thank you to all parents who have so far offered to volunteer on hot lunch days. We could not make these special lunch days happen without all of you.

If you ordered lunch and your child is sick/absent from school on a hot lunch day, here is the protocol:

If you want to pick up your order, you have until 11am to call the main office and arrange to pick up your order at 1:30pm from the main office. Otherwise, your order will be donated, and greatly appreciated.

Save the date: December 9th

Our DPAC rep Kendy is planning a special event.

- **Fundraising**

Meagan suggested Fraser Valley Hazelnuts and volunteered to gather information before our October meeting.

Rae-Anne suggested Chilliwack Coffee and has offered to gather information for a fundraiser in the new year.

Mitchell Soup Co. in the new year

Neufelds fundraiser in the spring.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11pm

Next meeting: Wednesday October 14, 2026.