

## The Pinnacle Parent Associate Meeting Minutes

### Annual General Meeting

**DATE: September 24, 2025**

MS Teams Online Meeting

#### **Attendees:**

PPA: Audrey Arnal, Kate Ross, Stefanie Powell, Erin Hansen, Karen Taylor, Ashley Nicholson, Matthew O'Connor, Darren Spicknell, Meaghan MacEachern-Sendyk, Kristin Mountain, Healthier , Karen Taylor, Carla Shephard, Chad Pearsall, Adam Berkan,

Dr. Oakley Staff: Chantel Crosby, Stephanie Bender

**Call to order at: 6:35pm**

**Motion 1:** To approve the **September 24th** Agenda.

Moved by: **Audrey Arnal**

Seconded by: **Stefanie Powell**

Approved

#### **Principal's Report**

- Green, Yellow and Blue first field trip today to Sam Centre.
- Wonderful Batter Boys pancake breakfast. Thank you to Jenn Lloyd and the Parent Council for organizing.
  - Beautiful weather, engaging volunteers, offered to do line dancing in the future as well.
  - Very interested in hosting again next year.
- Open house meet the teacher- over 120 families attended.
- Terry Fox run yesterday, robust collection of money.
- Orange shirt day tomorrow - Orange team leading the assembly
- Drumming residency Oct. 6-10.
- 197 students attending Dr. Oakley this year. The max is 200 so there are 3 remaining spots (placement process outside of CBE) that may join the school.
  - Most classes have around 23 students.
  - Jr. high restructuring has had a positive impact. There is more of a community feel with teachers specialized in each subject and a rotation of students to different subject classes. This has replaced the model of a home room with the students in place and teachers rotating in.
- Chantal and Stephanie will be showing a brief slideshow from each class during PPA meetings in place of teachers presenting each month.
  - Blue Team - presented visual journals based on senses and sit spots
    - Growth mindset a focus for this year instead of a fixed mindset (social-emotional focus, managing emotions, and creativity).

- Neurographical art created using senses. Self awareness a focus.
- Green Team
  - Novel study and art based on a Roald Dahl text.
  - Working to summarize succinctly in one sentence.
  - Field trip very successful to Sam Centre with a theme of folklore and myths.
- Orange Team
  - Working on earth systems and creating visual notes for representation of what they are learning.
  - Connecting to nature, art, and land based learning.
- Jr. High
  - explicit structure for sentences and speech, worldviews and the elements of shaping the world.
  - Canadian geography and the impact of residential schools.
  - Language comprehension utilizing a higher level thinking skills.

**Motion 3:** To approve the Principal Report.

Moved by: **Kate Ross**

Seconded by: **Stefanie Powell**

Approved

### **President's Report:**

1. Welcome to all attendees, review of expected PPA commitment
2. PPA Position nominations-
  - o Each position had a single nominee with all members voting in favor of electing and no oppositions.

(Officers)

- o President- Kate Ross
- o Vice President- Jenn Lloyd
- o Treasurer- Stefanie Powell
- o Secretary- Matthew O'Connor

(Directors at Large)

- Karen Taylor
- Erin Hansen

### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Review of current accounts, grants, and fundraising
  - Reporting requirements- Alberta Society (Oct 2024-Sept 2025) and Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (Nov 2024-Oct 31, 2025)
  - Casino funds must be used within 3 years
  - General Account- \$10,245 at present

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  - Jan 2026 should aim to have spent \$39,125
  - Amount remaining until Feb 2028: \$56,815

## 2. Current school year funding requests

- a. Drumming- already approved- total cost is **\$2,855**
- b. Emergency pantry/ extra snacks- gift cards? **\$300**
- c. Science/ SS funds- with the change in the Science/ SS- curriculum, we need some new learning materials (things like beakers, microscopes, art supplies for hands-on activities)- likely **\$5,000-\$7,500**
- d. A whole school field trip to the Be Brave Hitmen game- we are hoping this could come out of a special fund rather than counting towards field trips **\$1400 for 4 buses**
  - i. The ticket cost of **\$3500** is also part of this cost
- e. Field trips allocations of \$1750 per elementary team and \$4500 for junior high? **Total of \$15,000.** This is a slight increase- \$13000 would be equivalent to last year with increase in students.
- f. IXL online learning platform for math which helps assess and support students at the level they are working at. Cost is **\$2,400**
- g. Weekly World News- online current events resource- approx **\$450** - will get the exact amount for the meeting
- h. Technology- TBD up to **\$10,000**
  - i. Would occur at the end of this year to benefit next year
  - ii. Typically, replacement of Chromebooks for students, a few additional carts that need to be replaced

Total of \$33,105 from the casino account

Total of \$300 from the General Account

**Motion 5: Kate Ross** moved to support requested budget items (a-g) for Dr. Oakley  
**Audry Arnal:** Second  
 Approved

*Item "h"- Technology to be discussed later in the school year.*

## Questions and new items of business

- Meaghan MacEachern- Volunteered as Fundraising Coordinator (Thank you!).
- Facebook Page available (Dr. Oakley School Parents)
  - - Not sanctioned CBE, but parent run. Families are welcome to explore it as a way to connect with others.
- Clarification asked on Art Classes for the school. Last year, art supplies were requested and funded by the PPA. The school has offered art residencies, classes and art as a component of a variety of classes throughout the year.

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:37pm**

**Next meeting:** October 29, 2025

**Future meeting dates:**

November 26, 2025

No meeting in December 2025

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

No meeting in March 2026

April 29, 2026

May 27, 2026

Welcome to new families and closing meeting June 2026