

Edgehill PAC

October Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2025

PAC President (Jessica Jantz/Emily Janes); **PAC Vice-President** (Diana Vasquez-Amundsen); **Treasurer** (Vacant); **Secretary** (Tyanna Wasylowich); **Head of Events** (Jamie Giesbrecht); **Edgehill Principal** (Jamie Burt); **Hot Lunch Coordinator** (Aja Plows)

In attendance: Emily J, Jes J, Tyanna W, Diana A, Jodie Y, Anita, Jamie B, Jenn Y, Rob H, Joy C

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT; JAMIE BURT

Our new Gaga ball pit will be ready to use by next week. Final step is pouring the sand.

Winter concert:

- *Has been held at Max Cameron Theater for the last few years. When renos are complete, the goal will be to hold this event at Edgehill again.*
- *This year will look a bit different than years passed. Buddy classes will work and perform together, meaning there will no longer be separate primary and intermediate shows to view. Instead, there will be only one formal concert in the evening and a dress rehearsal during the day.*
- *The event will likely be ticketed this year to ensure that each student is able to bring someone to watch due to seating space, but the dress rehearsal will remain open for those unable to attend the evening show.*
- *The tentative date for the winter concert is Wednesday, December 10th.*

Carols in the Forest:

- *Was a huge success last year, showcasing much of our local Edgehill talent, past and present.*
- *Will be held the final Friday before Winter Break, December 19th in Outdoor Classroom #1*

Regarding a question of how outdoor facilities/field areas work during school hours:

- *Kindergarteners are to remain only on the playground, within the sandy area.*

- *Grade 1's may use the playground, the garden area behind the playground, and the hockey court. They will also have access to the Gaga ball pit when it opens.*
- *Grades 2 through 7 are free to utilize any of the outdoor areas, provided they have not been closed by staff for safety reasons (due to weather, wildlife, etc.)*

Other General Information:

- *Buses are now paid for by each school rather than the school district, as they have been for the last few years. Students will still get to experience many field trips, and families will not notice any difference with this change (meaning that families will not endure costs related to these trips).*
- *There is a plan in place to provide the blueprint of the renovations that was requested last meeting, many thanks for arranging this for families!*

- End of Principal's Report -

AGM:

***Joy C. has stepped down as Treasurer after many years of holding the role. (Thank you, Joy!)
We are fortunate to have several offers to step into this role- some long time
PAC attendees, some new to the Edgehill Family.***

- *Nomination to have Jenn Y take over this position in PAC for her last year at Edgehill, with the intention of guiding Anita to take over next year. **All members vote in favour of this change.***
- *Next year's AGM vote will take place to officially fill this position again.*
- *Jenn Y. will begin to take over the position immediately, completing remaining reports from last year and transitioning into our current school year.*
- *Jes J. will provide required bank statements to Jenn Y to complete this process.*
- *Jenn Y, Tyanna W, and Anita to be added as signees for cheques. **All in favour of this***
- *All other positions will remain the same for this year.*

- End of AGM -

FUNDRAISERS:

Set fundraisers are:

- TruEarth. Magnets and fliers to go out to families this year. Reminder that this fundraiser is ongoing, and PAC receives 20% of all non-subscription orders placed through our direct link.
- Holiday Photos. This will happen the weekend of November 28/29. A breakout meeting will be taking place November 13th to plan this event.
- Growing Smiles Winter greenery and Spring baskets. Dates TBD.
- Aja P. to book Mitchell's Soup. Official dates TBD, however it will take place between January and March.

We are still looking into options for a meat pack fundraiser and/or seeds for spring fundraising. Rob H. will speak to The Chopping Block, and Emily J. will follow leads to inquire about seeds.

WHAT IS OUR PLAN FOR MONEY RAISED THIS YEAR?

Discussion on whether the goal should be to use this year to save towards a large goal, or spend the funds raised.

Last year, we focused on helping the Ripper's, providing them with enough money to have some much-needed work done on their fleet of bikes and buy some new gear, such as hi-vis vests.

- *Discussion on whether they need funding yearly, or if this is something that PAC can commit to every other year.*

Since outdoor time is such a large part of our school, could PAC provide a contingency of raincoats, rain pants, or muddy buddies for those in need to use?

- *Many are in favour of this; however, our current lack of space creates an issue for storage. Question also raised as to how these would be washed effectively.*

As mentioned last meeting, PAC is in favour of providing eligible students with the Safe at Home course.

- *Rob H. will reach out to Recreation Complex regarding the cost and feasibility of this.*

All are in favour of creating an accessible playground (what will be the new Kindergarten playground), however this would be a large investment and involve much planning, including saving much of our funds raised.

- *Creating this will be a large expense, ranging from approximately \$20,000 to upwards of \$70,000 depending. There are grants available that come with a planner to create the playground*
- *This playground would remain private during school hours, but open for everyone to use during evenings, weekends, and holidays.*
- *Jes J. to inquire weather our gaming grant could be rolled over to put towards this investment.*
- *Jamie B. to speak to the District and Jared F. to see what the current plans are for this playground.*

Our grade 7 students who are leaving this year have spent much of their time accommodating to change at Edgehill, but they won't be at the school to enjoy the renovations when they're complete.

- *All in favour of putting money towards providing something to these students, whether an activity or a gift of some kind to show our appreciation of them and their resilience to change.*
- *Edgehill will provide each student with a hoodie. PAC to explore more ideas.*

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Hoodie and T-shirt fundraiser is live.

- *Original closing date was October 10th. Vote to extend this date. **All in favour.***
- *Jes J. to speak to TAWS to ensure that extending won't create issues for available sizes.*
- *Suggestion to order some additional hoodies and t-shirts in a variety of sizes to keep as contingency for those who miss out, new students, etc.*
- *Possible solutions discussed to help provide hoodies or t-shirts to families who may require assistance without PAC losing large amounts of money. This will be discussed further later.*

There is some need for new technology/devices in some of our intermediate classrooms. *Jes J to look into the BestBuy Grant to see if this is something that PAC could utilize or be eligible for.*

Pancake breakfast will take place after the winter break this year, during Literacy week in January. *Official date TBD.*

There will be a breakout meeting on Thursday, November 13th to plan our 2nd annual Winter Photo fundraiser. This fundraiser was so much fun to put on last year and a great day for families to come and enjoy themselves for a while. We will need volunteers to help, so if you're interested please reach out!

Next PAC meeting to be held Wednesday, November 5th @ 7pm

