YALE SECONDARY SCHOOL PAC
MEETING MINUTES | 2026/2027

Yale Secondary School

DATE:	TIME:	CHAIRPERSON:
09/23/2026	7:00pm	Michelle Bastien

IN ATTENDANCE	MINUTES PREPARED BY
Tammy Siganakis, Michelle Bastien, Dee Sekhon, Saranna Greveling, Lola Iyiola, Kristin Harrison, Revalyn Wallace, Paula Mercedes Sargent, Tasha Devries, Carla Campbell, Paula Thompson, David Elliott, Jen Romero, Dan Siemens, Alicia Siemens, and Wells Zhou	Dee Sekhon

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

- 7:01pm start, call to order. Indigenous land acknowledgement by: Michelle Bastien

STAFF FUNDING REQUESTS

Music Department Request | Mercedes
Choir and band students make up of between 200-250 students

1. Chilliwack Lions Club Choir Festival – Concert Choir $800 – Feb
2. Chilliwack Lions Club Festival Chamber Choir - $800 - Feb
3. Victoria Trip: Truck/Uhaul Rental $600 – April
4. Greater Victora Concert Band Festival: $ 400
5. Double Bass for $2500 – used for extra-curricular festival - $400

Total Request: $5100

Drama Department Request | Tasha Devries
65 Total students
Expenses would cover the costs of purchasing the rights of the play, building sets, new lumber & costumes.
This year's production will be "Shrek."
Musical Theater Request: $5000

*All requests will be assessed at upcoming budget meeting on Oct 13th and voted on at next general PAC meeting Oct 21st. Then staff will be notified of amounts that can be fulfilled.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – CARLA CAMPBELL/PAULA THOMPSON

Carla Campbell | Recent School Incidents Update

Abby PD has confirmed that this matter is currently under active investigation within their General Investigations Section. They emphasized that they are treating the situation with utmost seriousness. Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, no further details can be released at this time, but efforts to identify the individual(s) responsible are underway.

General discussion followed, with parents asking several questions.

Q: Are any students experiencing anxiety due to these incidents? A: Yes. Some students have expressed anxiety. Teachers and counsellors are checking in with students, and Abby PD has offered victim services to both students and staff.

Q: Will information about the perpetrator(s) be released once identified? A: It is unclear; information may or may not be released depending on the outcome of the investigation.

There was discussion regarding confusion around lockdown protocols for parents and students. It was agreed that sharing the Lockdown Procedures with families would be helpful as a refresher, particularly outlining what parents should and should not do during a lockdown. Some parents attempted to pick up their children during these lockdowns; however, students cannot be released during these situations.

It was noted that the letters sent to parents were drafted by the district, not by school administration.

Parents expressed concerns that the communication was not fully transparent about student safety. Because the incident occurred during lunchtime, students were spread across school grounds and off site. The letter stated that all students were safe in their classrooms, which was not accurate. Many students walked home because they were not on school property when the lockdown began.

Carla indicated that she has provided feedback to the district and will continue to do so including this discussion.

Paula Thompson | Emergency Preparedness Kits

- Paula shared updates on the **new emergency protocols** being developed for reunification procedures across the district. Reunification forms were recently sent out to parents to determine if they opt to have their child return home in case of emergency disaster type scenarios.

  For **Grades 9–12**, students who live within walking distance will be permitted to go home during certain emergency situations. For students who cannot walk home, the school will maintain a **grab-and-go emergency kit** stored in a designated crate.

  A preliminary list of recommended items has been provided, and PAC is being asked to determine the best way to verify which items are needed and help assemble and pack these kits. The items should support students for **12–24 hours outdoors** in the event of an extended reunification or evacuation scenario.

  The school will be conducting **reunification drills in October** as part of these updated protocols. PAC is being asked to assist with **supplying materials** for the emergency kits and supporting the preparation process.

- **Post Secondary Fair | Oct 6th, 6-8pm | Mouat Secondary**
  Open to parents and students to explore different BC options for Universities and Colleges.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MOTION:** Acceptance of May 20, 2026 & AGM meeting minutes motioned to accept by Michelle Bastien seconded by Tammy Siganakis. **All in favor, APPROVED.**

- **Gravel Track Project** – no update, no quotes yet. Paula will look into this and get back to us.

- **Year End Staff Event** – Event took place in June and was very well received by staff. Every staff member received a $10 gift card in addition to the food and beverages provided.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT | MICHELLE BASTIEN

- A new parent, **Jen Romero,** has joined the PAC as **Member at Large**, appointed by PAC recently.

- **Yearbook Review:** Last year's yearbook showed significant improvement. However, it was noted that the Grade 9 basketball team was not included, and the track and field photos used were from the previous year's team, many of whom have since graduated. Discussion highlighted the need for a better process to capture events that occur later in the school year and closer to the yearbook print deadline.

- **School Trustee Elections:** Elections are currently underway. A reminder was provided that campaigning is not permitted on school property, and PACs must remain neutral and do not endorse or support any candidate. (Please confirm election guidelines with official district sources.)

DPAC REPORT | REVALYN WALLACE/MICHELLE

- Next Meeting: Sept 24th at the school board office at 7pm.
- All candidates' forum for school trustees is to be held on Oct 1st 7-9pm at Abby Arts Centre, everyone welcome.
- BCCPAC Report: Townhall Meeting Oct 6th 7-8pm https://bccpac.bc.ca/events/ A virtual Town Hall, an opportunity to connect, share experiences, and discuss topics important to members. Membership is not required to register for the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- **PAC Donations:** A request for PAC donations will be sent to parents in October. Last year's contributions totaled **$3,500**.
- **PAC Scholarships:** Discussion took place regarding whether to offer **two $500 scholarships** or **one $1,000 scholarship**. The PAC will need to establish clear criteria for the awards and determine who will be responsible for selecting the recipients. Members will brainstorm potential criteria and revisit the decision at the next meeting.
- **Communication:** A new **Facebook page** and **Instagram account** have been created by Michelle. Tammy will review the best approach for merging or transitioning followers to the new accounts.

FINANCIAL REPORT – SARANNA GREVELING

- Please see included reports for exact financial updates for June, July and August.

OPEN FLOOR

- **Silent Auction:** A silent auction was discussed as a strong fundraising opportunity to support PAC initiatives, including scholarships. Dee considering taking the lead on this project and will begin reviewing ideas and establishing a proposed timeline.

- **Purdys Fundraising:** Tammy will confirm whether Ruby is comfortable continuing to coordinate the Purdys Christmas and Easter fundraisers.

- **Band Equipment on Buses:** General discussion took place regarding the new rule prohibiting band equipment on school buses due to safety concerns.

NEXT MEETING

- Next Meeting Oct 21, 2026, at 7pm
- **MOTION:** Adjourned at 9:06pm by Michelle Bastien.

Yale Secondary PAC
Statement of Revenue & Expenses and Cash Balance
as of June 30, 2026

			General Account	Gaming Account	Total
Opening Balance (June 1, 2026)			6,893.88	19,009.03	**25902.91**
Revenue					
					0
					0
					0
					0
Total			**0.00**	**0.00**	**0**
Expenses					
06-02-26		Chq # 12 - Yale	1072.96		1072.96
		Chq# 3 - Yale		5619.77	5619.77
06-24-26		Chq # 15 - Michelle Bastien	1050		1050
	2026-06-25	Chq #4 - Yale		1694.93	1694.93
					0
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Total			**2122.96**	**7314.7**	**9437.66**
Ending Cash Balance			**4770.92**	**11,694.33**	**16465.25**
Outstanding Cheques					
		Dee Sekhon	760.65		760.65
		Yale Secondary		638.4	638.4
		Yale Secondary	273.42		273.42
					0
					0
Total Outstanding Cheques			**1034.07**	**638.4**	**1672.47**

Yale Secondary PAC
Statement of Revenue & Expenses and Cash Balance
as of July 31, 2026

			General Account	Gaming Account	Total
Opening Balance (July 1, 2026)			4,770.92	11,694.33	**16465.25**
Revenue					
	2026-07-02	Parent Donations	1540		1540
					0
					0
					0
Total			**1,540.00**	**0.00**	**1540**
Expenses					
07-06-26		Chq #5 Yale Secondary		638.4	638.4
07-02-26		Chq #16 Dee Sekhon	760.65		760.65
07-06-26		Chq #17 Yale Secondary	273.42		273.42
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					0
					0
					0
Total			**1034.07**	**638.4**	**1672.47**
Ending Cash Balance			**5276.85**	**11,055.93**	**16332.78**
Outstanding Cheques					
					0
					0
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Total Outstanding Cheques			**0**	**0**	**0**
Ending Cash Less Outstanding Cheques			**5276.85**	**11,055.93**	**16332.78**

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Yale Secondary PAC
Statement of Revenue & Expenses and Cash Balance
as of August 31, 2026

	General Account	Gaming Account	Total
Opening Balance (August 1, 2026)	5,276.85	11,055.93	**16332.78**
Revenue			
			0
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			0
Total	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0**
Expenses			
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Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ending Cash Balance	**5276.85**	**11,055.93**	**16332.78**
Outstanding Cheques			
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Total Outstanding Cheques	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ending Cash Less Outstanding Cheques	**5276.85**	**11,055.93**	**16332.78**
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