Ecole Panorama Heights PAC Meeting - October 19, 2026, 7:00pm (Virtual)

Minutes Approval

- Motion by Alexis, seconded by Maria
- Approved with no objections

Open House Recap

- Strong positive feedback overall
- Hot chocolate ran out (unexpectedly popular)
- Jason's PAC slideshow well received
- Messaging opportunity: many attendees didn't know food would be served
    - Worth advertising food more clearly next year

Recent Events

- First PAC treat day: Nestle chocolate bars, big success
- First pizza hot lunch: ran like clockwork (thanks Alexis)
- Pumpkin patch: weather cooperated, great turnout
    - Christine set up decorations; volunteers helped place pumpkins
- First hot lunch: hot dogs, froyo, donuts; seamless with Bettina Brewery

Financial Update

- Hot lunch presales revenue: ~$32,600 (before expenses)
- Coupon book revenue: ~$10K; expected profit ~$3,400
    - ~206 books sold so far; chasing returns on outstanding books
- Recovered $1,400 from Created by Kids (unpaid from last year)
- Contingency spend: ~$200 on replacement pumpkin patch banner (original lost)
- Gaming account: $7,000 grant deposited October 1
- Munch a Lunch cash flow will appear high early in the year, tapering as hot lunch expenses are paid out

Meridian Meats

- Meridian Meats gift card fundraiser deferred to January/February (quieter period)
    - 30% kickback per $100 card sold; strong margin

Christmas Movie Night

- Proposal: Christmas-themed movie night (pajamas, popcorn, candy, pizza)

    - Grinch (2018 animated, 1hr 26min) suggested and well-received
- Date options: November 6, 13 or December 4
    - Late November ruled out due to gymnastics conflict
- Permission slip process: move to Munch a Lunch online to avoid door chaos
    - Need parent contact list accessible on the night; past issue with kids arriving without permission
- Format question: kids-only drop-off vs. open family event
    - Consensus leaning toward open family/community framing
- Christine, Jason, Amy, and Rachel to finalize date and logistics offline

Christmas Pancake Breakfast and Santa Visit

- Proposed: pancake breakfast during school hours on December 19 (Friday)
    - Classes rotate through gym in groups of 5–6, ~3 sessions
    - Would need to be a PAC-funded event open to all students as an opt-in only option would mean that some kids won't get to attend the Christmas event
    - Budget of ~$1,500 can be set aside if needed
- Santa visit component still being worked out
    - Concern: parents likely can't attend during school day
    - Alternative floated: add Santa to movie night as a family photo opportunity
- Pancake logistics question: kids receiving pancakes at various times may be an issue for when they have time to eat and when they might actually be hungry.
- Executives to brainstorm and finalize Santa/format details offline

Spring Dance vs. Community Bingo Night

- Rock'N'Beau (preferred DJ) fully booked until May; weekend morning slots only
    - Strong consensus: not worth doing without her
- Options discussed:
    - Find a different DJ (not favored)
    - Skip the dance; replace with a family bingo night (50/50, community-focused)
    - Weekend morning dance date (not favored due to extracurricular conflicts)
- Bingo night idea well-received: indoor, slower time of year, families together
    - Jason suggested pairing with craft tables to preserve the Christmas market tradition

- Grade 5 parents not on the call; worth checking if skipping the dance would disappoint them
    - Option noted: grade 5 mini-grad dance at year-end if needed
- Behnaz suggested “Mr I,” a retired music teacher who does kids’ concerts (ages 5–10)
    - https://placedesarts.ca/members/yurgen-ilaender-mr-i/
- Art fundraiser (kids’ art on mugs, keychains, etc.) confirmed for the New Year

Bottle Drive

- Only ~3 families participating so far; more outreach needed
- More communication planned via WhatsApp group and lobby display (after coupon books wrap up)

Next Steps

- **Finalize movie night date (Nov 13 or Dec 4) and logistics** Christine, Jason, Amy, and Rachel to align offline; ticket sales and pizza orders need at least one week lead time.
- **Confirm December 19 pancake breakfast plan with staff** Advise teachers early; evaluate what time pancakes will be served and whether Santa is included during the day or moved to movie night.
- **Reach out to contacts about Santa availability and cost** Behnaz has a card from a previous event; will need to confirm if it's by donation or fee.
- **Boost bottle drive participation via WhatsApp and lobby display** Only ~3 families signed up; lobby display to go up once coupon book campaign wraps.