



The **PAC** meeting held on October 13 focused on upcoming PAC Fundraisers, Drills and various other items.

Lunch Program Issues

- The "Bowls of Hope" lunch program is failing due to low student appeal and high district subsidy costs.
- Problems:
 - Soups are often "not child friendly," leading to significant food waste.
 - Participation is down this year, possibly due to the start-of-school "honeymoon phase."
 - Food safety rules now prohibit sending leftovers home with families.
- Current Mitigation: The school supplements meals with sandwiches and food cart items.
- District-Wide Issue: DPAC reports other schools face similar problems (e.g., excessive yogurt deliveries).
- Action: Admin will explore alternatives. Carrie will compile school feedback for the November DPAC meeting to advocate for a district-wide solution.

New Fundraising Strategy

- The PAC will pursue a multi-year, large-scale project to fund a major school improvement.
- Initial Goal: A climbing wall for the gym, estimated at ~\$10,000.
- Rationale: A large project can be funded by a few major grants or donations, avoiding "10,000 fundraisers" and leveraging the PAC's current strong financial position.
- Potential Funding Sources:
 - Dogwood Monarchs Grant: DPAC noted this group is actively funding school projects. Titer Evans Elementary successfully used it for a sensory room.
 - School-Wide Garage Sale: A past success. The idea is to have families pay a small fee (\$10) for a table or donate items for the PAC to sell.
 - Family Photo Fundraiser: Photographers offer services for free, with a portion of proceeds going to the school.

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Purdy's Fundraiser:
 - Lookbooks arrive this week.
 - Runs through the end of November for Christmas delivery.
 - New this year: free direct-to-home shipping option.

- Domino's Pizza Fundraiser:
 - Runs through June.
 - Code **BRONCO** gives 25% off online orders; 20% goes to the school.
- Hot Lunch & Bake Sale Dates:
 - Nov 13, 2026: Hot Dog Day
 - Nov 26, 2026: Bake Sale
 - Dec 1, 2026: Popcorn Day (generates ~\$500 profit)

School Dance (Oct 29)

- Policy Update: Attendance is restricted to current students and their younger siblings.
 - Rationale: To ensure a safe, age-appropriate environment and prevent issues with older teens.

Admin & DPAC Updates

- School Activities: Soccer and cross country are active. Afternoon Adventures (Gr 2/3) and 3D club have started.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Oct 15, 2026: Earthquake Drill (Great Canadian Shakeout)
 - Oct 22, 2026: Early Dismissal (8:30–11:30 AM) for parent-teacher meetings.
- DPAC Meeting Recap: The meeting focused on the trustee election, advising voters to choose candidates who prioritize collaboration over empty promises.

Next Steps

- Update the Oct 29, 2026 dance event page with the new attendance policy.
- Forward the DPAC family event info to Carrie.
- Compile school feedback on the "Bowls of Hope" program for the November DPAC meeting.
- Research the Dogwood Monarchs grant application process.
- Research grant opportunities for the proposed climbing wall.
- Promote upcoming fundraisers (Purdy's, Domino's, Hot Dog Day, Bake Sale, Popcorn Day).
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Action Items

- [] DPAC family event info + Purdy's online link
- [] DPAC to add Carrie to distribution list
- [] Update Dance Comms: Bernard students only; no older siblings
- [] Schedule Nov 13 Hot Dog Day in MunchaLunch
- [] Schedule Nov 26 Bake Sale
- [] Schedule Dec 1 Popcorn Day in MunchaLunch
- [] Research Grants for gym/climbing wall; share options w/ PAC
- [] Find Dogwood Monarchs grant application; share w/ PAC
- [] Update PAC Calendar / Comms