

## **Newton PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Oct 05/2022 at Newton Elementary School Library room

**Attendees:** Ms. Newman, Ms Kooner, Ms. Rose Deo, Ms. Juli, Ms Chahal , Ms Sutherland and parents.

**Time:** 6 p.m

### **Ms Rose Deo: Introduction to PAC**

- Welcoming all parents who attended the First PAC meeting of school year 2022-2023.
- Welcoming New Principal of Newton Elementary Ms.Newman.
- Introducing all past members of Newton PAC Executive to all parents.
- What is PAC? Parents Advisory Council where any parents whose children going to Newton Elementary will be able to participate and vote.
- PAC meetings are once a month where we present:
  1. President Report
  2. Treasure Report
  3. Secretary Report
  4. DPAC Report
  5. Principal Report
- PAC has very critical role to pay to organize Funds to help our children and school by hosting certain events throughout the year like hot lunches, Movie night, Popcorn day, Bottle drive, and Pizza Day.
- Vote to elect New PAC Executives for school year 2022-2023.
- As all last executives has been on these position for last consecutive three years.
- Anybody from parents has right to nominate themselves for any executive position.
- We will vote in the end to elect new members for PAC.

## Principal Report: MS Newman

6.20 p.m

- Ms. Newman joins Newton Elementary as Principal in September 2023.  
Principal is attach



## NEWTON ELEMENTARY

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### PAC Meeting

### Principal's Report Oct. 5, 2022

#### Thank you

Welcome everyone and thank you for being here. Being a member of the PAC and attending meeting is so important to help enrich the experiences of all Newton students!

#### Introductions

Beginning my 10th year as a school administrator. Before that I worked as a teacher, music teacher, Faculty Associate teaching student teachers at SFU, and as a Helping Teacher at the District. I am a musician and still actively play. I have just completed a doctoral dissertation and I have 2 daughters and a granddaughter and a husband who makes dinner for me when I work late! (Jas intro)

#### Staffing Update

Classes have now all settled in. Our enrollment is sitting at 468students. Families are still registering and coming to us from many different places. We have 22 divisions.

Welcome to our new staff:

- Head Secretary: **Ms. Cole**
- Kindergarten **Ms. Dominique**
- Kindergarten **Ms. Kaur (filling in for Ms Sohi)**
- Grade K/1 **Ms.N. Sidhu**
- Grade 1**Ms. Bains**
- Grade 1/2 **Ms. Jammu ( job sharing with MsKainth)**

- Grade 2 **Ms. Reid**
- Grade 2 **Ms. Grant (Returning to teach grade 2)**
- Grade 3 **Welcome back Ms. Warner**
- Grade 4/5 **Ms. K. Gandham (job sharing with Ms. Brar)**
- Grade 6/7 **Mr. Bertoia is back (filling in for Ms. Pabla's mat leave)**
  
- Integration Support Teacher **Ms. Kaur (full time) and Ms. Tumolva (1.5 days)**
- LST (Learning Support Teacher) **Ms. Bains (4 days/week)**
- Counsellor **Ms. Kaler (Alternating Wed/TH/FRI)**
  
- Education Assistant/ABA: **Ms. Arnold, Ms. Pooni, Ms. Basran, Ms. Singh (returning), and Ms. Rafiq (covering a maternity leave)**

## **BC curriculum**

Access online at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

Surrey Schools Learning by Design <https://surreylearningbydesign.ca/>

## **School Safety**

We have had our first fire drill of the year, which went very smoothly. We will be having our first earthquake drill on Oct 20. We will join BC's Great ShakeOut. We met our new School Resource Officer last week. His name is Constable Adam McBride. You will see him in and around the school as he visits, does educational programs and helps to keep us all safe!

## **COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING**

Teachers have choice in how they report student learning to parents. Surrey School District has a new digital platform for reporting called SPACES. Some of our teachers may use this to communicate student learning. Many teachers will use a paper report to share student learning. You will receive 3 progress reports and be invited to participate throughout the year by reading, commenting, and supporting your child's learning as it unfolds.

## **Events and Activities**

We had a lot of people come to our Meet the Teacher Night, had a great Terry Fox Assembly and run. We have recognized and honored indigenous peoples with our Orange Shirt Day activities, art projects and full school Assembly. During one of our pro-d days our staff focused on Truth and Reconciliation and what that can look like in a school setting.

## **Calendar**

### **OCTOBER**

Oct 5 – PAC meeting

October 10 –Thanksgiving – No school

October 11-14– Yoga classes with Nathalie Plumondon

October 19–NEW DATE: Diwali School Celebrations(Assembly, after school event)

October 20 – ShakeOut BC - Earthquake Drill

October 21 – Non-Instructional Day (No school)

October 24 –Diwali& Individual Photo Day

October 26 and 27: Student Led Conferences - Early Dismissal at 1:30 - more info to come.

October 31: Halloween(Safety information coming home in a newsletter tomorrow)

### **NOVEMBER**

Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 10 – Non-Instructional Day (no school)

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Stat Holiday (no school)

### **DECEMBER**

Dec. 7– Winter/Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal at 9am (school watches)

1:00pm –Winter/Christmas Concert Performance for parents

Dec. 8 – Photo Retake Day

Dec. 16 – Term One Progress Reports Go Home

Dec. 15 – School Sing Along @ 10:45am

Dec. 16 – Pajama Day; Last Day of School

*Please check our website for ongoing update*

### **Vice Principal Report: Ms. Kooner**

**6.40 p.m**

- Need funds to update digital devices for school like new iPods.

- Art Supplies
- Literacy program will be continuing where she has specialty
- Diwali Celebration will be held on Oct 19 due to some issues
- We will need more parents to volunteer to organize this event.

**Vote For New Executive Members**

**6.45 p.m**

President	Ms. Varinder (Bindi) Gill
Vice President	Mr. Daljit Singh
Treasure	Ms. Rose Deo
Secretary	Ms. Ravinder Bahia
DPAC	Ms. Sheaka Sutherland
Hot lunch Coordinate	Ms. Baljit Sandhu

**Meeting finished at 7.00 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by Harminder Chahal**

**Newton PAC Secretary**