
MJS PAC News

Parent Advisory Council @ Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School

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As students are welcome back to school, it's time to welcome parents and guardians back to actively participating in their child(ren) education by getting involved in our school parent advisory council (PAC).

Last year, we successfully organized a welcome back BBQ, sponsored a variety of school wide performances i.e. Green Thumb Theatre, Kunda African Culture Music & Dance. We provided funds to start a knitting club, invite presenters into the classroom and donated to our grade sevens to help fund their graduation ceremony. There were more activities planned but postponed due to Covid.

During these unprecedented times, I understand that it is difficult for parents and guardians to meet in person, so I have created a Microsoft teams account and listed the "organization" as **Mary Jane Shannon PAC**. I am hoping this will make it easier for parents and guardians to keep track of the comings and goings of Parent Advisory Council (PAC) activities and make it easier for other parents to participate in PAC meetings.

The link below is the link to join the team.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/as84utar8b41>

Sincerely,

Ashley Milligan
PAC President
Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School

Our first PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 4pm** on TEAMS. We will be discussing our up-coming Annual General Meeting (AGM), elections for PAC executives, our PAC constitution and welcome back BBQ.

You're invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting
Title: Mary Jane Shannon PAC Meeting
Join the meeting on your computer or mobile app
[MJS PAC Meeting Sept. 23rd @ 4pm](#)

MJ Shannon PAC Notice

We are looking for parents to help out by becoming a PAC member. Our PAC is very important to our school.

The purpose of a PAC is to promote, support and advance meaningful parent participation at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School in order to advocate for the success of all students. Through our membership, to promote leadership, communication, cooperation, and representation in our local elementary school.

Last school year our PAC has been able to pay for school-wide Artstarts presentations, funds to start a knitting club, and bring in presenters in the classroom. The PAC has also donated to our grade sevens to help fund their graduation ceremony. Next year we are looking to plan some creative ways to fundraise and provide more events for our students all at the same time!

The current PAC Executive members are:

- Ashley Milligan – President
- Tina Eang, Vice President
- Lee Thung – Treasurer
- Danielle Petit – Secretary

We are looking for parents to volunteer to be on our PAC for next year. If you have a little bit of time or a lot of time, we would very much appreciate your help! We meet only once a month for about 30 – 60 minutes. Our meeting times are flexible.

The nominations are open for next year's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive, and can be deposited in the box outside the front door of the school until the election, which will be taking place in the "**Mary Jane Shannon PAC**" TEAMS (online) on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00pm.

All parents of students at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary are, by default, voting members of the PAC, and therefore, any parent wishing to fill a role on the executive may be elected for any position.

As per our MJS Constitution and Bylaws, we ask that a PAC executive member commits to at least attend 4 executive and 4 general meetings throughout the school year, if elected.

The positions for nomination are: 1. Chairperson 2. Vice-Chairperson 3. Treasurer 4. Secretary

To nominate someone, you may submit a nomination containing the name of the person you are nominating and the role for which you would like them to be considered to the front office of MJS, where there is a box to contain nominations.

If you wish to vote, please consider attending **online “Mary Jane Shannon PAC” TEAMS** on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00pm (link below).

- Join the meeting on your computer or mobile app
- [MJS PAC Annual General Meeting, Oct. 21st @4pm](#)

All positions will be voted on at this meeting.

Decisions made by your PAC and money fundraised and distributed through them include the following: Monies for class field trips, monies for each classroom to purchase materials and teaching resources, new books for the classroom and school libraries, funding for the band and athletic programs, including the restoration or purchase of new equipment each year, bussing for children to attend special events, running the weekly hot lunch program, book fairs, Movie Nights, and many, many more small requests and functions throughout the year.

Please consider getting involved – many hands really do make light work, and without this Parent Advisory Council, all of the above programs and opportunities can’t happen!

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