

President	Erin Harvie	10 Attendees
Vice-President	Elizabeth McCrank	Erin Harvie, Kristen Fryer, Laura Creech, Elizabeth McCrank,
Treasurer	Laura Creech	Ken Wuschke, Dawna Kistritz, Rowland Wallenius, Fiona
Secretary	Kristen Fryer	Eckert, Arin Bird, Julie Ross.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 16th → AGM and election of 2017/18 PAC Executive.

Ideas for next year? Comments on fundraising, money allocation, PAC events, etc.?

Please join us at the last PAC meeting of the school year and have your say!

ALL parents and guardians of Peace Arch students are welcome, and are voting members of the PAC.



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Admin Report ~ Fiona E.

- Admin changes for next year: Ms. Thorvaldson is retiring end of June, and Ms. Eckert is moving on to Surrey Traditional School. Our new incoming Principal is Ms. Carol Davison, an experienced, bilingual Principal who will be visiting classes next week, and will attend our Spring Fling on April 28th. The new Vice-Principal will be named in the coming weeks.
- Learning Commons update: due to the new class size and composition limits in place for next year, the space planned for the Learning Commons will instead be used for LST; PAC funds allocated to the Learning Commons have therefore been requested for the purchase of materials to transform the Library space.
- '100 Acts of Being a Raven' program
- PAC funds for technology: \$6,000 has been spent on 5 new laptops for the school.
- Thurs., April 27th 'Earth Rangers' presentation in celebration of Earth Week. (www.earthrangers.org)
- Track season is up and running with a somewhat soggy Track Attack over the past couple weeks; students are keen and excited about a great season ahead.
- Grade 7 "School Leaving": afternoon event Wed., June 28th, with the school-wide year-end assembly on the morning of June 28th. The Grade 7 School Leaving Assembly will be in the afternoon of Thurs., June 29th, the last day of school.
- Grade 7 Camp Jubilee, May 1-3rd: Mr. Grant, Mrs. Dunning, and Ms. Thorvaldson will attend.
- April 24-28th: Safety Week at Peace Arch (fire drill, earthquake drill, school safety alert).

Treasurer's Report ~ Laura C.

- PAC is in a healthy financial position at present, although under target for playground fund.
 - Currently \$5,408 to allocate to playground savings.
- Financial records circulated and back statements available at any time.

Spring Fling (Friday, April 28th) ~ Elizabeth M.

- **Website for parent volunteers has been sent out:** www.volunteersignup.org/XMHT3.
 - Some Gr.6/7 student volunteers, plus Leadership students from EMS.
- PAC has invested this year in high-quality games, signage, & posters for Spring Fling, which can be used year after year.
- Punch-cards have been ordered.
- **Donations: we still need much more!!**
 - reminder needs to be sent home for Raffle Basket items (each Grade has a theme)
 - Silent Auction: we're low on restaurant gift cards; need to drum up more donations!
 - Silent Auction donation letter went home to all parents in Feb; also available on PAC website
 - Wine bottles for Wine Grab (please hand in to office)
- Concession: White Spot food truck will be there approx. 4:45-8:00pm; serves a max of 450 people.
- Replacing "Duct-tape the Principals" with "Win a Pizza Party with the Principals".

Playground Committee ~ Erin H. per Sean H.

- Sean is waiting to hear back from School District about approved vendors.
- We need to better communicate that we've been advised of the life expectancy of two of our playgrounds (only 2-3 years until the playgrounds are slated for mandatory removal), and that long-term fundraising is needed now.
- School District pays to take it out and fix the surface on which the new one is going, but WE pay for new playground equipment and installation (very rough est. \$100k-\$150k).
- Swings are allowed to stay, but if we remove them, we can't have new swings put in.
- Suggestion for a display board at Spring Fling (or Sports Day or Parent Appreciation Tea, etc.) re. playground info, such as timeline, school district role, costs, etc., to better educate our parent community.

Bike-to-School Week ~ Ken W.

- Ken works @ Hub Cycling in Vancouver; willing to volunteer & coordinate a Bike-to-School program at Peace Arch.
- Bike-to-School Week: May 30 - June 2 (June is Bike Month); coincides with Bike-to-Work Week.
- Proposal for teaching road skills, bike safety, helmet safety in each classroom.
- Encouraging parents to bike to school with their kids.
- Discussion and concerns about bike safety around our school, given our number of out-of-catchment drivers.
- Program feasibility to be discussed with admin.

DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) ~ Rowland W.

- Last DPAC meeting was Feb 22nd: drug awareness, RCMP attended.
- Since then, there has been the education funding announcement from the Province, including \$217 million in capital funding for the Surrey School District.
- Next DPAC meeting Monday, April 24th: an all-candidates meeting with specific focus on education.
- May 6th weekend: BCCPAC at the Guildford Sheraton; parents can attend.
 - Rowland has reviewed the book of resolutions, pertaining to next year's mandate (eg. single-stall inclusive washrooms, installing of defibrillators in schools, etc.)
 - Resolutions can be found on the BCCPA site (<http://bccpac.bc.ca/news/2016-bccpac-resolutions/>) and can be reviewed by our parent community; input can be sent to Erin/Rowland at PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com.
- DPAC AGM on Thursday, May 25th at the District Education Centre; updates on class sizes and composition; election of next year's DPAC Executive.
- Rowland will be passing on the role of DPAC rep for next year. Any volunteers to take over?

Other Business ~ Erin H.

- Looking towards next year: our next PAC meeting is the AGM, and elections for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and DPAC Rep. Time to start drumming up interest from potential new volunteers! Rowland will be concluding his 2-year term as DPAC rep. After Spring Fling, we'll send out info about elections and available positions and responsibilities. All are welcome!! Newsletter to go out in May.
- Erin H. to confirm date of Staff Appreciation Luncheon in June.
- **Hot Lunch:** we continue to need weekly Hot Lunch Leaders and volunteers for each classroom.
 - please sign up here to volunteer for weekly hot lunch distribution: www.volunteersignup.org/XFEAF
- Julie R. is sourcing and purchasing more track spikes (shoes) for our Track & Field program. The first batch that we acquired have been working well so far this season!

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm.

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