

École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | February 21, 2017 | Meeting MINUTES

6:30pm| Peace Arch Elementary Library | peacearchpacnews@gmail.com | peacearch.hotlunches.net |  [Peace Arch PAC](https://www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/)

President	Erin Harvie	8 Attendees
Vice-President	Elizabeth McCrank	Erin Harvie, Elizabeth McCrank, Deb Thorvaldson, Fiona Eckert,
Treasurer	Laura Creech (absent)	Kristen Fryer, Jenn Van Iderstine, Sean Halliburton, and
Secretary	Kristen Fryer	Constable Pannu (White Rock R.C.M.P.).

PAC meetings will alternate this year: Tuesday/Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm in the school library.

Future Meetings 2017: (no meeting in March), Wed. Apr 19th, Tues. May 16th.

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

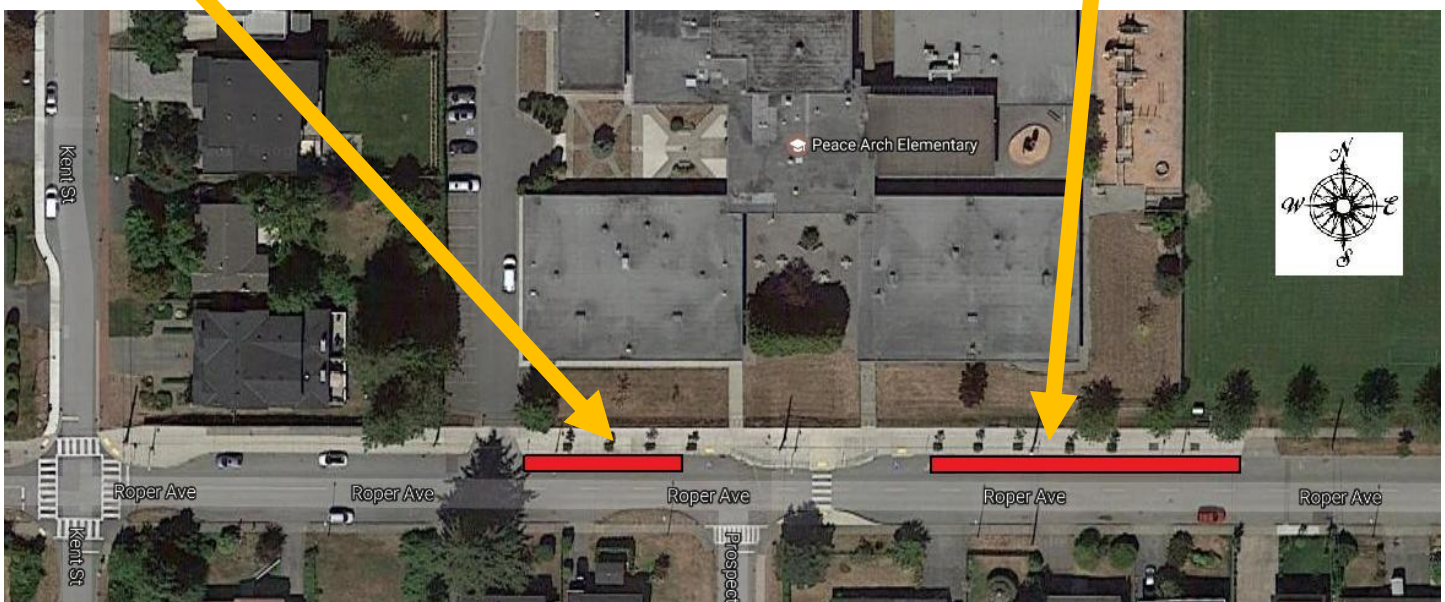
PAC Website: peacearch.hotlunches.net. This is not just for hot lunch! It's our general PAC website!

If you have a child at Peace Arch, please register for our website to stay up-to-date with our school community.

And follow our new Facebook page! www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/ 

Special Report from Constable Pannu of the White Rock R.C.M.P.

- Increasing concern from parents, school staff, and admin about the drop-off/pick-up situation for students who are driven to/from school. Specifically, that the **"Drop Off Zones"** directly in front of the school property on the north side of Roper are not always being respected, and parents are parking there and leaving their cars unattended to take children into the school in the mornings.
 - use **common sense** and **courtesy** when dropping off/picking up at school.
 - respect the Drop Off Zones** and do not leave your vehicle unattended.
 - pull into the Drop Off Zone, pull as far forward as possible, let your child out, and depart.
 - do not stop in the "through lane" (active traffic!) to let your child out.**
- White Rock Community Policing Volunteers will be observing and issuing reminders during school drop-off for the next two weeks (Feb 20 – Mar 3rd), and **R.C.M.P. will begin issuing tickets to violators** the following week (starting Mar 6th).
- The intention is to keep the flow of traffic moving in and out in an orderly and timely way, so that everyone has a space to drop off their child SAFELY.
- Questions? Please contact the school office at 604-536-8711
- To clarify, there are **TWO Drop Off Zones** on the north side of Roper (westbound traffic only):
 - from the driveway/gate of the lower grass field, west until the main crosswalk on Roper
 - from the main crosswalk on Roper, west until the staff parking lot driveway



Admin Report ~Deb T.

- February has been “Kindness Month”; comes together with Pink Shirt day tomorrow and the message of anti-bullying
- First Nations performance March 1 (funded by PAC); Les Bûcherons for F.I. March 3 (funded by French Learning funds)
- next reporting period is just before Spring Break
- \$2 Krispy Kreme donut sales tomorrow (Feb. 22nd) for Grade 7 camp fundraising
- Thurs. Feb 23rd: Community Drug Forum here at Peace Arch, 7:00pm; opioid crisis on the Peninsula, hosted by our RCMP liaison Chantal Sears; also Safe Schools will be presenting; informational evening for parents and our community
- Peace Arch Choir performing Tuesday, Feb 28th at the Bell Centre 11:00am-2:15pm
- Girls’ Basketball Playday at White Rock Elementary, Friday, Feb 24th
- Peace Arch is focusing on literacy skills for both Neighbourhood and French programs; student engagement with books, accuracy, fluency, understanding, ability to make connections between their reading and their own world
 - literacy is the cornerstone of learning; reading at home is the best thing we can do for our kids
 - discussion about our and our children’s experience with literacy; strengths, challenges, and wishes for literacy.
- Admin & parent reps attended “A Community Event with the Board of Education” Feb 20
 - **Parents are invited to have their say on Communicating Student Learning:** <http://bit.ly/sd36parents>, and for online consultation regarding the District Budget: www.Placespeak.com/sd36budget

Treasurer’s Report ~ per Laura C.

- Oliver!, Cheque-Writing Campaign, and Round 1 Hot Lunch totals are finalized and updated in the financial report.
 - Oliver! cost PAC a net total of approx. \$2k between last year and this year
 - the Ravens jerseys cost \$600 more than planned, so between the musical underspend and the jersey overspend, we are expecting to come in at least \$2k under budget.
 - the final Cheque-Writing Campaign total for this year is \$10,726.70.
 - Hot Lunch Round 1 netted approximately \$5250, which is \$350 more than expected.
- Because the Gaming Account budget is expected to be under-spent, our available playground reserve has increased to approx. \$5k (assuming \$40k reserve for 2017/18), or \$10k if we want to reduced next year’s PAC reserve to \$35k.

Playground Committee ~ Sean

- Feb 10, had a meeting with Sean, Ms. Thorvaldson, Mme. Chalifour, and playground supervisor Mr. Farris
 - Consensus is to seek playground structures that can be used by various ages & multiple kids at the same time.
 - Observation of a lot of kids digging holes in the baseball diamond; would a sand pit be worthwhile?; get city involved, to reduce maintenance costs of the baseball diamond?
 - Grades 6 & 7 not playing on playground as much; need a social area instead of play area; tables and chairs?
 - lots of dog waste on field!; request from Mr. Farris for PAC to address the City of White Rock on this subject
- Cambridge Elementary has a great new playground, good example; Feb 24th next meeting for Playground Committee.

Spring Fling (Friday, April 28th) ~ Elizabeth

- We have all the main roles filled; thank you to everyone who volunteered!; Duct-tape the principals again this year!
- In the Feb PAC newsletter, the Silent Auction donation letter went home to all parents; also available on PAC website
- Discussion about recruiting student leadership volunteers from EMS.
- Need to get megaphone and t-shirts for PAC volunteers; or could we just use the school’s speakers/microphone?
- Will need more volunteers for tasks closer to the event; volunteersignup.org will be emailed in April.

Other Business ~ Erin

- **CPF:** Carnival upcoming at the end of April; Concours d’Art Oratoire, Grades 4-7, April 4th at Panorama Ridge; speech-writing is underway; CPF interested in Scholastic book fair in conjunction with our library; perhaps for next year?
- **Hot Lunch:** THANK YOU to the parents who answered our call for organizers for next year; we have assembled a team to keep the program running, but will continue to need weekly Hot Lunch Leaders and volunteers for each classroom.
- **Hot Lunch Round 3:** order Feb 26 - Mar 10 for Hot Lunches April-June. Peacearch.hotlunches.net. Kindergarten - Gr. 7.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm. Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the School Library.