



**Walnut Road Elementary School**  
**PAC Meeting Minutes – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Executive Council  
in Attendance**

Susan Légaré  
Amanda Widdes  
Bob Gill  
Kirsten Harms  
Saakshi Khanna

**Other P.A.C. members**

Sunhee Gooding  
Vicki Hunter  
Julie Hinshaw  
Heather Horwood  
Candy Li

Shona Oyono  
H. Papi  
Tracy Zhao  
Sarah Baxter  
Jacqueline Reyes

**Others in Attendance**

Bree Berman (guest)

**Regrets**

Mike Leschyson

**School Representatives**

John Horstead, Principal  
Tina DaCosta, Vice-Principal

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

**1. Welcome**

General welcome to all parents and school representatives who attended the meeting. PAC encourages everyone to attend P.A.C. meetings. P.A.C. is a vital part of the school system and we can't do it without all the volunteers who help. The meeting will be in a different order as there is a major topic with a guest speaker.

**2. Elections**

P.A.C. thanked all executive members for their hard work over the past year. Susan especially wished both Bob Gill and Mike Leschyson for all their hard work over the last decade. They have submitted their resignations as their children are finishing up at Walnut Road Elementary. All other members were then asked to step down at the time for nominations.

Nominations were put forth and accepted as follows:

- Chair: Susan Légaré
- Vice Chair: Sash Soni & Kirsten Harms to share the responsibility of the position
- Secretary: Vicki Hunter
- Treasurer: Amanda Widdes
- Volunteer Coordinator: Heather Horwood

- Member at Large: Sunhee Gooding

P.A.C. is still looking for a D.P.A.C. Representative for the school. If anyone has any leads, contact Susan.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Organization Account: \$24,872.14

Gaming Account: \$44,123.63

P.A.C. was approved for the BC Gaming Grant again this year (\$13,600).

P.A.C. banks with Prospera Credit Union. We have a system in place where cheques being issued need to be signed by two authorized P.A.C. members. Receipts must be handed in to the Treasurer in order to be reimbursed for funds used.

Money in the organization account comes from our many fundraisers including hot lunch. P.A.C. is able to use the money in the organization account as they see fit.

Money in the Gaming account comes mainly from Government grants. Because of this we must use the money for non-curricular items and activities only. In the past this money has been used to fund activities such as Zumba and new gym equipment. This year P.A.C. has used Gaming grant money on individual classroom sports equipment and a digital art display for the hallway near the office.

### 4. P.A.C. Updates

- Playground

Mr. Horstead reported:

\$90,000 raised as of May 20, 2021.

First purchase order has been placed and should be received in 4 weeks.

Mr. Horstead thanked all the families who helped to raise the funds for the new playground.

P.A.C. originally pledged \$5,000 toward the playground. Due to the Gaming grant coming in, there is more to be considered. P.A.C. originally had deemed all 2019 Spirit Wear proceeds go towards the playground. A vote was proposed by Susan.

P.A.C. is to combine the Spirit Wear proceeds with Gaming funds to round the contribution up to \$15,000 towards the playground fund

For: 9 votes    Against: 0 votes

Vote passed unanimously.

- Buddy Bench - A bench has been fully funded and the school is hoping for installation in the fall.
- Abbey Road Complex Fire – There was a fire on May 14, 2021 at the Abbey Road Complex. This fire affected seven Walnut Road families in the burned building as well as many in the adjacent one. P.A.C. would like to extend a big thanks to all parents who have contributed to helping these families by donating gift cards or supplies for the families in need. P.A.C. created backpacks filled with supplies and gifts for the children and distributed them at the school. Shortly after a mini Toy Drive was put together for the kids and gift cards have been coming in daily (\$7000 and counting).

Susan introduced guest speaker, Bree Berman, from Fleetwood Community Association (FCA). She spoke about the current needs of the families affected by the fire. Rental space is top priority. Families are staying with friends, families or hotels.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the families:

[https://www.gofundme/f/w5xwn-abbey-road-apartment-fire-infleetwood?member=11033935&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme/f/w5xwn-abbey-road-apartment-fire-infleetwood?member=11033935&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)

**Fleetwood Community Corner** – is the Facebook group where you can see Bree's posts

Bree's contact information is [bree-annaberman@hotmail.com](mailto:bree-annaberman@hotmail.com)

## 5. Principal's Report

Mr Horstead let P.A.C. know that the school is looking at possibly having one extra division in the school next year. Kindergarten registration is down from previous years but children are still enrolling. Class placements will not be happening until September.

Mr. Horstead informed P.A.C. that teachers will be learning about anxiety on their next Professional Development Day.

The school is working with the grade 7 classes to figure out what the Leaving Ceremony will look like this year. The school is unfortunately unable to have a drive-up grad like last year.

The school will also be working with community groups such as Surrey By-law, RCMP, etc in the new year to address traffic concerns in front and around the school in order to make pick-up and drop-off safer for everyone.

## 6. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

## **Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.**

Next P.A.C. meeting is TBD.

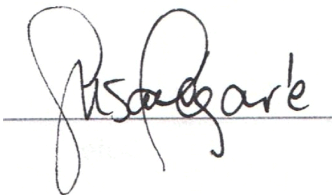
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Minutes Approved and Verified by:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Garg", is written over a horizontal line.