

# École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | November 19, 2019 | Meeting MINUTES

6:30pm, Peace Arch Elementary Library | [peacearchpacnews@gmail.com](mailto:peacearchpacnews@gmail.com) | [peacearch.hotlunches.net](http://peacearch.hotlunches.net) |  [Peace Arch PAC](#)

President	Jennifer Wilson	<b>11 Attendees</b>
Vice-President	Katie Everson	Jennifer Wilson, Katie Everson, Shannon Versluis, Fiona Kehler,
Treasurer	Tana Jennings	Carol Davison, Chris Bobrownik, Sean Halliburton, Mikki Kinnaird,
Secretary	Kristen Fryer	Kirsten Yanicki, Tana Jennings, and Kristen Fryer.

Ideas for fundraising, Phase 2 playground design, money allocation, PAC events, etc.? We want to hear from you! **PAC meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm in the school library.** (No meetings in Dec/March/June): Jan 21, Feb 18, Apr 21, May 19, 2020. ALL parents/guardians of Peace Arch students are welcome, and are voting members of the PAC.

**PAC Website:** [peacearch.hotlunches.net](http://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 the website to stay up-to-date with our school community.**

Find us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/](http://www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/) 

## 1. Introductions – Jennifer W.

- Welcome, and introductions. **Many thanks to Grandview Starbucks and Fiona K.** for donating tonight's coffee and tea; to **Jennifer W.** for tonight's cookies; and to **Katie E.** for tonight's mugs.

## 2. Admin Report - Carol D.

### 2.1. Recent Events:

- Student Vote for grades 5-7 in October
- Foundation Skills Assessment for grades 4 and 7 was completed, results were returned and will be going home to families soon (went home in agendas the week of Nov 25th)
- Hallowe'en costume parade was once again a great display of creativity!
- Food drive by Divs. 7 and 15 had great response from our community, for the White Rock Food Bank
- Volleyball wrapping up soon for grade 6 and 7 students - Playday is first week of Dec; Basketball starts in January
- Remembrance Day assembly went very well – student-led
- Field trips: Seniors' centres for Halloween songs; Earl Marriott Science class with M. Gill; Symphony and Vancouver Public Library (Thank you PAC for funding the school buses!) ←
- Grade 7 Leadership students attended We Day; 20 students + Mr. Grant and Mme. Wilson
- BCAA school safety patrol program got started thanks to Cst. Sears and Mme. Ahonen;
- 11 grade 6 students, before and after school
- Coat Drive underway for Holly Elementary in North Surrey; brings donations to classroom or office
- Working on lanterns for the White Rock "Festival of Lights" along Marine Dr.; opens Dec. 6th



### 2.2. Upcoming events:

- Young Entrepreneurs' Fair – fall edition by classes in Salmon (300) Pod on Thursday, Dec. 5th; spring edition by classes in the Orca (100) Pod will be before Mother's Day
- Christmas concerts – afternoons Dec. 17 and 18 at 1:00pm; evening Dec. 17 at 6:30pm. (Ticket information will be sent home this week; same as last year, tickets will be \$1.00 and available for purchase online)
- Field trips – Skating, Historic Stewart Farm, Extreme AirPark (Gr. 7s)

### 2.3. Items to Discuss:

- Term 1 Point of Progress reports will be provided to families near the end of December – Paper format or digital portfolios (educator's choice). No format changes from last year. Proficiency scale language also unchanged – this is clearly provided to families in both formats (what is the difference between Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending?) Parents can get lots of information on [Surreyschools.ca/CSL](http://Surreyschools.ca/CSL)
- Approximately 50% of Peace Arch's teachers are now using FreshGrade.

### 3. Business from Last Meeting - Jennifer W.

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#### 3.1. Parent volunteers still needed for several positions on PAC

- Many thanks to parent volunteers Shannon Versluis, Stephanie Gilmour, Mikki Kinnaird, and Angie Burrows, for stepping up to organize this year's Snowball Dance!
- **DPAC: District Parent Advisory Council.** Our PAC needs a parent rep; meetings held monthly on 4th Wednesday (except Dec, Mar, June) at the District Education Centre 14033-92 Ave. Rm 2020, 7-9pm. Info: [www.surreydpac.ca](http://www.surreydpac.ca).
- **CPF: Canadian Parents for French.** Our PAC needs a parent rep; monthly meetings held Sept-June, in English, and are open to anyone interested in French as a second language in Surrey School District. Info: [www.cpf-surrey.com](http://www.cpf-surrey.com).
- **Playground Committee:** we need committee members to help with an opening ceremony for Phase 1 (installed July/19), plus fundraising & design for Phase 2. [peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com](mailto:peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com)
- **Hot Lunch Volunteers:** parent volunteers needed weekly for hot lunch, most Fridays, occasional Thursdays. Pod supervisors: 11:45am-12:20pm. Hot Lunch Leaders: 10:45am-12:45pm. Sign up: [volunteersignup.org/FB8YB](http://volunteersignup.org/FB8YB).

3.2. **Hot Lunch Update: parents please remember to send cutlery this year on Hot Lunch days!** If students don't have cutlery, they may sign out a fork or spoon at the PAC kitchen on each Hot Lunch day, and return it at the end of lunch.

3.3. **LifeTouch Family Portraits:** raised \$700 directly to our PAC! Thank you Gurpreet Bhatti for organizing, and Katie Everson for the beautiful Christmas backdrop! We would like to do this event again next year, but earlier in October.

3.4. **Parking on Roper Ave.:** discussion about adding parallel parking lines along the north side of Roper Ave., along the grass field; there were lines there until 2009; spaces are now required to be 7 meters long.

- let's seek input from our parent community via a PAC email requesting input (Kristen to send), and a Facebook poll on our PAC Facebook group (Kristen to post); input sought until Nov. 30th

### 4. Playground Replacement Project – Sean H.: [peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com](mailto:peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com)

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4.1. On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Sean, Carol, and Kristen met with District Manager of Grounds Maintenance, Dirk, to initiate a site survey for Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement Project (the intermediate, blue/green playground at the north end).

- There will be no extra charge to remove the playground earlier than scheduled
- We inquired about increasing the size of the footprint; a small increase could likely happen, pending the survey
- Our choice of equipment will dictate if any alterations to the current footprint would be necessary, and if a fence would need to be installed between the current basketball court and the playground
- South Meridian's phase 1 was recently installed, and is now open; circuit style; cost of approx. \$85k
- playground committee meeting in Dec or Jan to get our design started

4.2. Rotary would like to have our playground INSTALLED no later than this summer

- Rotary: annual book sale Dec 7-8 at the Rotary Fieldhouse – Peace Arch parents, please try to attend!
- Flyer will come home in December advertising the book sale to our school community

4.3. **Always looking for more help on the Playground Committee!** Several more parent volunteers needed to continue fundraising, collaborate on design, plan grand opening ceremony, organize recognition campaign, etc. Please get in touch!

### 5. Treasury Report – Jennifer W. and Tana J.

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5.1. **Donations Drive** is very slowly underway; this year's goal is \$10,000; suggested amount was \$20/student, but traditionally we have only 25-30% of families participate; need to keep up the pressure and keep advertising that we're still fundraising for Phase 2 of the playground, and please give generously!

- Until Friday, Dec 21, donate through [School Cash Online](#) if tax receipt is required (donations \$25+) as in past years, or by cheque to PAC if no tax receipt required

5.2. Rotary is aiming to give us \$50,000 for Phase 2 of our playground (Thank you White Rock Rotary!!!)

**MOTION: to allocate \$35,000 of PAC funds to Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement Project. Moved by Katie E. Seconded by Sean H. All in favour. None opposed.** (Rotary's \$50k + our \$35k will give us \$85k as a starting point for planning Phase 2.)

- 5.3. Discussion about starting a savings account, perhaps next year after both playgrounds are installed; a long-term savings plan for the Peace Arch PAC many years down the road; for large-ticket items such as playground equipment or significant requests for funding technology items.
- 5.4. Discussion about French Carnaval; Mme Yalpani is putting on the annual event for all Grade 7s this year, both Neighbourhood and French Immersion. Thank you, Mme. Yalpani! Request for extra funding can be fulfilled by the school.

**6. Snowball Family Dance (Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>) – Shannon V.**

- 6.1. Snowball plans are well underway! New things we're researching for this year: snow cones; candy canes; washroom hall security; inflatable decorations; balloon arch; Starbucks coffee and hot chocolate
  - Discussion about using a “Square” for electronic Snowball payments: wine wall, plinko, concession? would have to be connected to one of our phones or tablets; using data (the school's wifi is not secure); PAC Exec will decide by this Friday if we'd like to go ahead with purchasing one for the PAC (approx. \$65) and trying out at the Snowball
  - Snowball tickets are \$3.00, and on sale through the PAC website ([peacearch.hotlunches.net](http://peacearch.hotlunches.net) > Orders) until Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>; tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00 (so order SOON online!)
  - **Many donations and volunteers are needed!**
    - ✓ THINGS we need donated:
      - Wine
      - Gift Cards (any store/restaurant, any amount; please label with amount)
      - Ice
      - Baked Goods for Treat Table (nut-free cookies, cupcakes, squares, etc.)
    - ✓ JOBS we need volunteers for:
      - Set-up (all day Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> in the gym/stage) and Clean-Up
      - Pizza concession; Treat Table; Popcorn Machine
      - Ticket Table
      - Photo Booth
      - Wine Pull and Plinko Gift Card games
      - Security for Washroom-Hall-Shenanigans

• Please sign up to donate and/or volunteer: [www.volunteersignup.org/XLDD7](http://www.volunteersignup.org/XLDD7)

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm. Next meeting Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm in the school library.

*Looking ahead to 2020... Mark your Calendar!*

Monday, Jan 6	Back to School after Winter Break
<b>Tuesday, Jan 14</b>	<b>Body Science by Saleema Noon – Evening Parent Presentation</b>
Tuesday, Jan 21	PAC Meeting 6:30pm
<b>Sunday, Jan 26</b>	<b>Surrey Eagles Star Wars Night</b> (tickets go on sale first week back in January)
Monday, Feb 17	Family Day Stat – No School
Tuesday, Feb 18	PAC Meeting 6:30pm
Friday, Feb 21	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Monday, Mar 30	Back to School after Spring Break
Tuesday, Apr 14	Class Photo Day
Tuesday, Apr 21	PAC Meeting 6:30pm
<b>Friday, Apr 24</b>	<b>Spring Fling Family Carnival 5-8pm</b>

