

Ecole Peace Arch Elementary
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the PAC
October 19, 2021
7:00 PM

“We would like to acknowledge that the shared, unceded territory of the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and other Coast Salish Peoples on which we work, play and learn”

Location of Meeting: School Library

Present at meeting: President – Kirsten Yanicki
Vice President – Amy Chen
Treasurer – Tana Jennings
Secretary – Luana Recchia

16 Attendees – Kirsten Yanicki, Tana Jennings, Amy Chen, Luana Recchia, Laureen Boulet, Kristy Crnkovich, Anna Morris, Simryn Mann, Sarbjit Sahota, Manraj Heir, Kristen Fryer, Shannon Versluis, Jennifer Smith, Fiona Kehler, Lucy, Hanieh Borg

Meeting called to order October 19, 2021 @ 7:00PM

Meeting agenda as been proposed to keep track of staying on topic. Agenda was distributed and any new topics will add as “new business”.

Minutes from last meeting have been approved. Minutes will now be in PDF format for easy access by all.

Teacher’s Message Simryn Mann & Anna Morris – Outdoor Learning Committee

- The outdoor learning committee has proposed new outdoor learning accessories.

Sensory Pathways

- A colorful, creative and playful space for kids to build neural connections
- A way to develop motor skills, including balance, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness
- An opportunity for movement during the day and during breaks from structured learning times
- A scaffold to encourage and guide movement during recess and lunch play times



What we need:

- Road paint in a variety of colours
- Stencils to create pathways
- A volunteer from our school community to do the painting

Mud Kitchen

- An opportunity for play-based learning outdoors
- A place to freely create and explore to support confidence and self-esteem
- A low-pressure environment to build on communication skills
- A space for children of all ages to connect and develop new friendships



What we need:

- Manufactured mud kitchen (or two!)
- Chain to attach to fence
- Old kitchen items (pots, pans, spoons, etc.)

OR

- Wood
- Volunteer from our school community or woodshop students from EMS to construct
- Chain to attach to fence
- Old kitchen items (pots, pans, spoons, etc.)

Music Wall

- A wall or fence of any household items (pans, sieves, cookie tins, wooden spoons, washboards, etc.) that can make sound on their own or be combined to make a sound
- A fun, sensory experience for children of all ages to explore how sound is made through vibrations

- An opportunity for unstructured play
- An area to build on learning in music and band classes

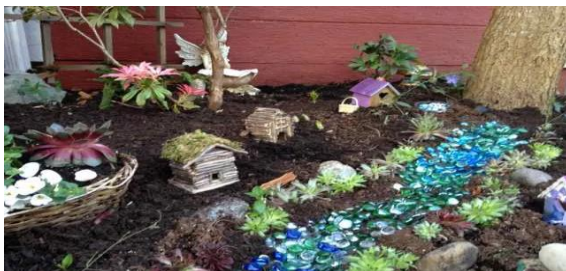


What we need:

- Retired household items from our school community or thrift store
- Materials to attach the items to a fence or a wall of our school
- Lettering to label our wall

Fairy and Dinosaur Gardens

- An area of the school that often receives little attention (overgrown flower beds, dirt surrounding trees) is spruced up with fairies, dinosaurs, and loose parts
- A quieter activity that can be an alternative for children who read outside during lunch and recess play times
- A space for all children to engage in imaginative play
- A place to play alone or to connect with peers and develop new friendships



What we need:

- Fairies
- Fairy accessories (mushrooms, cottages, bridges, gems, etc.)
- Mini dinosaurs

Items, such as the mud kitchens, will be tethered to the fence and loose items will be collected and brought inside the school to prevent loss.

The committee has requested funding from PAC and is included in the financial report.

Principal's Message - Lauren Boulet & Kristy Crnkovich

- Friday October 22 will be our next non-instructional day
- Wednesday October 28 & Thursday October 29 will be our early dismissal days to allow teachers to meet with parents.
- Halloween activities will take place Friday October 29. This will include a parade. Parents are asked not to attend this year to help with covid restrictions.
- Our PAC pumpkin patch will also take place October 20th with much anticipated excitement. Pumpkins will be delivered to the school and with the help of volunteers and Grade 7 students, will be set up in the open field to simulate a pumpkin patch. Students will then be able to pick a pumpkin to take home and carve. We will also be having a pumpkin carving contest with following categories: The Scariest, The Silliest, The Most Unique and the Most Adorable.
- Remembrance Day assembly will also take place outdoors to abide by covid restrictions
- We will be having a "Celebrate the Community" event. This is to raise awareness of multiculturalism and diversity in our school and community. We will have a large map where we can demonstrate are all the different countries that make up our community. Teachers will also be sending home student surveys so we can learn about each student's heritage and background. Paper dolls will also be sent home for student's to decorate in their traditional heritage clothing. The paper dolls will then be hung around the school. These projects will commence on November 14th and will end with a multicultural parade, where students will be welcome to dress in their heritage clothing on November 30th.
- Volleyball is also back up and running. We will be competing with 3-4 of our neighbouring schools.
- Soccer program has wrapped up for the season. Although we weren't successful in gaining a win, students do need to be acknowledged for their fantastic sportsmanship and how they conducted themselves through the season.

Financial Report - Tana Jennings

End of the Year financial report was not approved at last meeting. Report was distributed for review.

Tana moves to approve the financial statement from end of year. Kristen second the motion. All in favour no one opposed. Motion passed.

Tana moves to start a new Playground Savings Fund (in an effort to create a nest-egg for when next playground replacement arises in the in the future), and to designate \$2400.00 from this year's budget for this new line item. Kristen F. seconds. All in favour. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Please see attached latest financial report.

V.P Report – Amy Chen

- Surrey school board has agreed to purchase another DPAC Zoom license. This will be useful for future on-line PAC meetings
- There is a lack of PAC executives in the Surrey school boards which is making it difficult for other schools to obtain the gaming grant which we can now use to pay PAC fees.
- Committees for Diverse Learning have been established in all schools.
- Lack of Technology in our schools will be discussed at next DPAC meeting.

Fundraising – Shannon & Kristen

- Neufeld farms – Fundraiser will be launched in November. Parents will be able to create an online account where orders can be placed and then picked up at the school. Stay tuned for further instructions on how this will be done.

New Business – Fundraising

- We would like to get Spirit Wear back up and running. Company used in the past already has our logo and needs to just open their online store. Is there a parent volunteer willing to take on this fundraiser for PAC? Please get in touch with us. Peacearchpac.info@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm. Next PAC meeting to be held Tuesday November 16, 2021. Location & Time TBA