École Peace Arch Elementary PAC

April 18, 2018 | Meeting MINUTES

6:30pm | Peace Arch Elementary Library | peacearchpacnews@gmail.com | peacearch.hotlunches.net | F Peace Arch PAC

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Erin Harvie Elizabeth McCrank Laura Creech Kristen Fryer



#### **12** Attendees

Erin Harvie, Elizabeth McCrank, Laura Creech, Kristen Fryer, Chris Bobrownik, Linda Toniolo, Julie Ross, Jennifer Wilson, Gurpreet Bhatti, Arin Bird, Reid Christiansen, Katie Everson.

#### Next meeting is Wednesday, May $16^{th} \rightarrow AGM$ and election of 2018/19 PAC Executive. Ideas for next year? Input 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.

### Find us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/

PAC Website: peacearch.hotlunches.net.  $\leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow$  Not just for hot lunch! It's our general PAC website!

#### Admin Report ~ Mr. Bobrownik

- **Recent Events:** •
  - Pink Shirt Day (Feb 28); "Nice needs no filter"; student-led assembly
  - Buddy Bench is planned and ready to go; bench near the climbing wall; STILL just waiting for painting weather!
  - Choir participated in the District Choral Festival on Feb 27 at the Bell Centre
  - Sand the Clown; Grade 7s had workshops then participated in performance for the whole school; "Clowning" PE materials are in the equipment room
  - French students attended the Film Festival supported by CPF
  - Grade 7s attended the Earl Marriott Powwow
  - French Speech Fest (Concours d'art oratoire) and Intermediate English Speech Fest; 3 students from PAE won their categories at the District Festival and are going to the provincial concours on May 5!
  - Term 2 student progress reports were issued right before Spring Break; some teachers using FreshGrade
  - Grade 4 Victoria trip and Grade 7 year-end fundraisers are underway (popcorn, candy, etc.)
  - French Immersion Drama workshops and play "Crème-glacée"
  - Green Thumb Theatre presented "Land of Trash" for Grades 1-7
  - Grade 7 leaders held "Fit Kids" sessions for other classes; gave collaboration time to other teachers; admin is keen to foster a culture of collaboration among staff at PAE
  - had teacher practicum students with Mmes. Chalifour + Hill; EA practicum students here for the next month
  - Welcome to Kindergarten: 48 of 58 registered K's attended with their families
  - Divs 15 and 19 went to the Surrey Dance Festival with a performance choreographed by the students
- Upcoming Events:
  - Earth Day: several classes are going on a "Community Cleanup" walk and litter pick-up Monday, Apr 23
  - Vaisakhi assembly will be on Tuesday, Apr 24th; students and parents helping to plan and present; a high school bhangra dance group will also be there
  - Spring Fling Friday, Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm; Talent Show: May 1st afternoon in the gym; parents welcome to attend!
  - Ultimate team will attend "Gymboree" playday on May 3 afternoon
  - o upcoming community forums on new Grandview high school; Monday, Apr 30th 6:30-8:00pm at EMS for Peace Arch families; KF send reminder email on Sunday Apr 29th
  - Fri, Apr 20 Gr. 7 candy fundraiser; Mon, Apr 23 Gr. 4 popcorn + freezie fundraiser; KF send reminder emails/FB

### Treasury Report ~ Laura C.

- We are in a healthy financial position; could allocate another \$20k to the playground (for a total of \$45k) and we'd still • have a reserve of nearly \$2k, plus a set-aside for next year's budget of \$31k. If we make more than \$5k at the Spring Fling, and/or more than \$5k in HL Round 3 (we seem to be tracking ~\$6k/round), we could probably even commit as much as an additional \$25k to the playground fund, which would bring us up to an even \$50k to start off next year.
- still waiting to hear about possible playground funding from provincial government.

### Spring Fling - Erin H.

- GAMES: Laura, Jennifer, Gurpreet; games are pretty much ready to go; still need the instruction sheets made up and laminated for the 2 new games
  - Surf's Up is out; Pizza Toss refurbished; two new games added "Tic Tac Toe" and "Hoppin' Horse Races"
  - Slap Shot radar game might not be available this year; need to find out about Goofy Goggle Golfing
  - Two free-play areas featuring hulahoops, ribbons, skip-it balls, circus equipment, devil sticks; will be supervised, maybe on basketball court
- PRIZES: 5 tix small candy bag; 10 tix medium prize (freezie or ring pop); 15 tix large candy bag
- CONCESSION: hotdog roaster \$70 to rent = too expensive; discussion about drinks (just water? juice? pop? chocolate milk?); discussion about freezies... move freezies from Prizes to Concession
- VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET hopefully going out tomorrow → <u>www.volunteersignup.org/L9AL4</u>
- lots of alumni students have volunteered to help out for the night
- raffle baskets: collection happening on Mon Apr 23
- will need parent volunteers on the morning of Friday 27th (8:30am) to put up pennant decorations (or Thursday??)
- EH to enquire about getting the gym first thing in the morning
- KF Thursday flyer to go home re. raffle basket reminder, volunteer signup link
- Pete H. will run face-painting with Reed and Zia

# Hot Lunch ~ Elizabeth M.

- we could always use more parent volunteers to hand out Hot Lunch on Fridays, especially kindergarten classes!
  - Mme. Toniolo to pass along this message to kindergarten parents; also discussion about including K's in Hot Lunch year-round going forward, not just beginning in Round 3 as we've done in the past.
- please use the online sign-up sheet at <u>www.volunteersignup.org/8999M</u>
- lively discussion about having student leaders distribute Hot Lunch instead of parents; could have 1-2 parents per POD to supervise instead of a parent per class.
- we always struggle to get enough parents to distribute to each class; should we switch to student volunteers for the duration of this year? maybe just for classes that are regularly missing parent volunteers, then next year start a program for student volunteers?

# Other Business ~ Erin H.

- Carol Todd parent presentation evening April 12th; good presentation but low attendance, had hoped to get more parents from South Meridian and White Rock Elem, as well as more from our own Peace Arch community.
- Date for Staff Appreciation Luncheon in June TBD.

# Upcoming AGM and PAC Elections ~ Erin H.

- next meeting is the final PAC meeting of the year; AGM and elections for PAC Executive positions for next year
- current President Erin Harvie and Vice-President Elizabeth McCrank are at the end of their 4-year terms
- Laura needs to begin training a new Treasurer, and Kristen a new Secretary, as both of their 4-year terms are up at the end of *next* school year.
- suggestion to run a PAC info session maybe 1:30-2:30pm in May, to let parents know we urgently need new PAC volunteers! Especially need to get the message out to parents of the younger grades.
  - Need to educate parents on what the PAC is, what our fundraising provides for all students at Peace Arch, what's involved in being a PAC member, and why we need more parents to volunteer!

for over a year we've been trying to let families know that WE NEED MORE NEW PARENTS
TO STEP UP AND GET INVOLVED WITH PAC; many of our most active parents are on their way out of the school in the next 1-2 years, and we don't have enough new parents getting involved to run a successful PAC. KINDERGARTEN, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 3 PARENTS... WE NEED YOU!

Meeting adjourned 7:59pm. Next PAC meeting is the AGM on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm in the School Library.