


# École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | January 17, 2018 | 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](#)

<b>President</b>	Erin Harvie	<b>17 Attendees</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	Elizabeth McCrank	Erin Harvie, Elizabeth McCrank, Laura Creech, Carol Davison,
<b>Treasurer</b>	Laura Creech	Chris Bobrownik, Meagan Peters, Arin Bird, Gurpreet Bhatti,
<b>Secretary</b>	Kristen Fryer ( <i>absent</i> ); Arin Bird	Ken Wuschke, Sean Halliburton, Reid Christiansen, Larae
		Ravenstein, Michelle Johansen, JoAnn Stan-Barnes, Alynne
		Penner, Jenn Vanlderstine, Jennifer Wilson.

**PAC meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm in the school library. Upcoming 2018 Meetings (no meetings in Dec/March/June): Feb 21, Apr 18, May 16 (AGM). ALL parents and guardians of Peace Arch students are welcome, and are voting members of the PAC. PAC Website: [peacearch.hotlunches.net](http://peacearch.hotlunches.net). Not just for hot lunch! It's our general PAC website!**

## Admin Report ~ Ms. Davison & Mr. Bobrownik



- Recent Events/Field trips: More skating, VSO, grocery store, rock climbing, waste to energy facility...
  - First ever Young Entrepreneurs Fair – amazing response from students and community
  - Winter concerts Dec. 19-20 (2 afternoons, 1 evening). Format worked well – not overcrowded, space for all!
  - Middle Years Development Instrument survey – grade 4. School level data will be released to us in February
  - Term 1 Student progress reports. Next term ends middle of March
  - Basketball teams – Girls and Boys; Ukulele Club began
  - French Immersion sibling registration – Kindergarten registration began January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade 7 course selection visits from EMS; RCMP liaison officer follow-up drug awareness presentations
  - Staffing changes – increased Learner Support allocation by 1 day/week; Mme Lavoie retiring end of Jan.; K/1 teacher Ms. Hua 8-wk compassionate care leave; Change of band teacher due to previous teacher taking leave.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Badminton; Skills Canada career presentations for grades 6/7 (and 5/6); Golf lessons for grade 4 students
  - Lunar New Year (Feb. 15), Pink Shirt Day (Feb. 28), French Speech Fest (Concours d'art oratoire) on March 8 at the school; Vaisakhi (April 13), Earth Day (April 23), National Aboriginal Day (June 21)
- Items to discuss:
  - Preliminary projection for student enrollment – 541 students (Current this year is 545). Staffing entitlements usually out in March, divisions will be roughly decided then, hopefully making a more streamlined September.
  - Community Forum – annual event with our Board of Education to engage the community in understanding the direction and challenges of our school district. Mini sessions on topics of interest: over-crowding, expanding programs of choice, etc. **Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 6:45 – 8:30 PM. Parent to attend?**
  - English students (intermediate) will participate in an English Speechfest - Ted Talks format.
    - speeches will be done in classrooms; 4-5 students will be chosen to perform them at a school event.

## Treasurer's Report ~ Updated financial reports circulated ~ Laura C.

- final tally from the Annual PAC Fundraising Campaign is \$11,647 from 87 families and one business.**
- \$1,000 from *Dayhu Group of Companies* came in during last week of December; many thanks to the Sandhu family.
- PAC contributed \$5600 to new furniture for library & learning commons - furniture is now in
- Snowball Dance raised \$2800!; Hot Lunch - Round 1: \$6300
- Spent ½ operating budget so far; Gaming ¼ spent, \$8000 left in gaming account
- Looking on track to put \$45,000 to playground fund, wait until next month to make motion about this as there may be more info on gov't announcement of playground funding with February's provincial budget.

## Playground Replacement ~ Sean H.

- Waiting for lists of components with costs (has been requested).
- Playground Committee preparing to send donation request letters to local businesses. Set targets for donors to get a plaque or other recognition; need to ask Habitat for assistance/guidance for this.

## Hot Lunch ~ Elizabeth M.

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- We're in **desperate need of volunteers on Hot Lunch Fridays (some Thursdays) to be Hot Lunch Leaders**
  - **Mainly a 2-hour time commitment to load up the 22 bins with all the food.**
- Announcement to be made Thursdays prior to Hot Lunch reminding students there is no longer a concession window.
- Student helpers (primary grades) are to meet parent helpers at the classroom – parents should be responsible for getting the bins to the classrooms (NOT primary student helpers)

## DPAC Report (Surrey District Parent Advisory Council) ~ Ken W.

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- 60% of students are not engaged in school - reported by the principal of principals.
- **Next DPAC meeting is Wed., Jan. 24, 6:45-9:00PM @ Surrey School District offices, 14033 92 Avenue, Surrey;** Topics: Learning; DPAC C&B Review; Hub Cycling: Bike to School Week May 28-June 1, 2018.
- **Following DPAC Meeting: Wed., Feb. 28 – Topic: Internet Safety with Jesse Miller**

## Spring Fling Family Carnival – Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm ~ Erin H.

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- Hope to bring in \$5000; Raffle baskets make the most profit - \$1400.
- **Games, cakewalk, raffle baskets, concession, Silent Auction items needed, get started now.**
- Wine pull - donations accepted anytime at the office.
- **New ideas? Meeting in Feb., Spring Fling Committee; able to help? Email [PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com) for info.**

## Succession Program of PAC Executive Committee ~ Erin H.

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- Succession program of PAC – Erin Harvie is no longer eligible for President position after June 2018; she will have served 4 years as PAC President, the longest allowed by our PAC Constitution & Bylaws.
- Elizabeth M. agrees to continue with Hot Lunch next year, so not taking on President position.
- Laura C. able to continue as Treasurer, Kristen F. able to continue as Secretary; their terms will both expire June/19.
- **New parents are needed to step up and fill Executive roles! Email [PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com) for more info.**
  - PAC meets only 7 times a year: Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, April, May.
  - 3 fundraisers: 1. Annual Fundraising Campaign (fall); 2. Hot Lunch (Sept-June); 3. Spring Fling (April); fundraising pays for supplies/programs/equipment/fieldtrips/transportation etc. that benefits entire school
  - 3 events: 1. Welcome Back Coffee (Sept); 2. Snowball Dance (Dec); 3. Staff Appreciation Luncheon (June).
  - We participate in the school's Back to School BBQ in late Sept (set up a PAC info table), and slice/hand out watermelon at the school's Sports Day (June).

## Other Business ~ Erin H.

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- Larae R. re. **Grade 7 grad**; Last year (2017) - \$1000 from PAC for graduation celebrations.
  - Asked about fundraising for year-end party, etc. (Shelly David spearheaded Menchies and Hot Lunch fundraisers last year specifically for Grade 7)
  - Discussed other ideas - popcorn, freezies, candy bags - getting Grade 7 kids involved.
  - Is PAC okay with these types of fundraisers? YES. Dates must be cleared with admin.
  - Medals previously purchased in bulk (last year's budget); DJ \$350; Pizza \$200; Parents donated drinks.
- Grade 7 Camp - no camp this year. So far planned - Snowshoeing trip, Dragon Boating, Assembly & dance party (June 26th). Carol is meeting with a parent on Friday to discuss other year-end activities to celebrate grad.
- **Cell phone policy - devices are to be off and out of sight unless permission is given by teacher.**
  - **Not to be used at recess or lunch. Not to be used while on school property.**
- **Musical Production** - staff supports a school-wide musical production every 3 years. They will make sure kids will have many opportunities for performing arts within that time. Colette Chalifour may be organizing a talent show in Spring.
- Zumba - keep it for primary grades. Looking at new ideas for intermediate grades. Hip Hop? Or something similar.

**Meeting adjourned 7:52pm. Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm in the School Library.**