

École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | September 20, 2017 | Meeting MINUTES

6:30pm | Peace Arch Elementary Library | peacearchpacnews@gmail.com | peacearch.hotlunches.net |  [Peace Arch PAC](https://www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/)

President

Erin Harvie

Vice-President

Elizabeth McCrank

Treasurer

Laura Creech

Secretary

Kristen Fryer

21 Attendees

Carol Davison, Chris Bobrownik, Joyce Ahonen, Erin Harvie, Elizabeth McCrank, Laura Creech, Kristen Fryer, Jenn Van Iderstine, Sean Halliburton, Arin Bird, Julie Ross, Maria Ramsey, Chantal Sears, Manraj Heir, Sukhpreet Heir, Kirsten Bratlien, Alexandra Wong, Alynne Penner, Sherrin Kovach, Donna Palatinus, Terri Bahi.

PAC meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm in the school library.

2017/2018 Meeting (no meetings in Dec/March/June): Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17, 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. This is not just for hot lunch! It's our general PAC website!

If you have a child at Peace Arch, please register for our website to stay up-to-date with our school community.

And follow our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/ 

Welcome and introductions by Erin H.

Admin Report ~ Carol D.

- great start-up: 548 kids, exactly what was projected by district
- increase to 25 divisions; 9 English and 16 French Immersion
- portable arriving in the next couple of weeks
- 1st day assembly: introductions to admin, fun and silly intro; more assemblies in Oct to cultivate school culture
- Fri Sept 22 Terry Fox & Cops for Cancer tour stops by
- Cross-country (Gr. 3-6), Soccer (Gr. 6-7), Choir, leadership (announcements and lunch monitors) have all started up
- Fit Kids training for Gr 6-7 to be fitness leaders; throughout the year kids will set up stations in the gym for younger kids
- Back to School/Meet the Teacher BBQ Thursday Sept 28th 5-7pm
- Orange Shirt Day on Friday Sept. 29th; age-appropriate teaching re. First Nations reconciliation efforts; motto "every child matters"
- Individual student photos Mon Oct 2nd
- early dismissals for "get-to-know-you" conferences; 1:25pm dismissal for Kindergarten – Gr. 7
- "We Day" Wed. Oct. 18 at Rogers Arena
- staff are hoping to have a representative attend each PAC meeting (different staff member each time); thank you to Mme. Ahonen for attending tonight's meeting!

Treasurer's Report ~ per Laura C.

- as this is the first PAC meeting of the year, we need to vote on a budget
- each month Laura will update the budget for PAC to re-evaluate and adjust as needed
- every year we apply for and are awarded the "Gaming Grant" of approx.. \$11,000, usually comes in early Oct; must be spent each year, with constraints (eg. must be extracurricular)
- proposal to set aside another \$15k for playground
- last year we made \$48k in fundraising
- last year the school asked for \$10k for the Learning Commons, but with the adjustment of classroom placement, the space intended for the LC is now a classroom, so instead of the \$10k, PAC provided \$3,763 for new library furniture
- **Emergency Preparedness – Arin B.:** we're in a 3-year cycle where we must replace food rations every 3yrs. Our current supply is for 575 PEOPLE; with 548 students + 55 staff, we need to increase amount; Arin requests more than \$2,000 for this year's stock, will advise with an estimate; need more first aid kits for the increase in divisions; tents, tarps, portable toilets, flashlights, emergency blankets, megaphone, portable radios, etc.

- considering 2 parent presentations this year: Saleema Noon sexual health presentation, and internet safety
- this year we are trying to balance the need for the huge playground expense, with still providing a great school experience for our kids like we do every year
- **Gardening Committee – Maria R.:** we have money in our budget to maintain some of the garden spaces around the school; looking for volunteers to help with weeding and maintaining pots and gardens around school. Please email Maria if you can help! mc_dimou@yahoo.ca.

Playground Committee ~ Sean H.

- The Surrey School District maintains and looks after the safety of a playground; they don't replace it
- Peace Arch Elem. has been given a 2-year warning that south-most red/yellow playground will need replacing
- this summer Sean met with "Habitat" playground company, and provided examples of new playgrounds around Surrey, and approx. new playground costs
- no 'new' swings allowed in Surrey school district; allowed to keep existing swings
- the north-most (farthest away) playground (intermediate playground) is scheduled for removal a couple years after the yellow/red one (south-most)
- parents will likely be invited to help with certain aspects of installation
- playground must be kept within same footprint that already exists
- Sean needs help with the project! Many thanks to Chantal S. for volunteering! A few more parent volunteers are still needed to join the Playground Committee. Please email peacearchPACnews@gmail.com.

2017-2018 Cheque-Writing Campaign (Newly branded as "Annual PAC Fundraising Campaign") ~ Erin H.

- last year our goal was \$50k, and we made \$11k from approx. 20% of families at the school (74 families out of 350)
- this year our goal is \$20k, plus increased participation from more families
- CWC; Hot Lunch; Spring Fling = our only 3 fundraisers
- Carol will inquire if we can add the CWC to the school's online payment system (donations would attract a tax receipt)
- discussion about changing wording from CWC to Fundraising campaign or other; "annual fundraising"; "project Peace Arch"; "Project Peace Arch Annual Fundraising Drive"; etc. Ideas?

Other Business ~ Erin H.

- **MOTION: to accept the Proposed PAC Budget for 2017/18.** Moved by Laura C. Seconded by Julie R. and Sean H. All in favour, none opposed, motion passed.
- **We still need parent volunteers to fill a few roles on the PAC:**
 - **CPF co-volunteer** (attend Canadian Parents for French meetings every couple of months, and report to PAC)
 - **DPAC volunteer** (attend monthly District PAC Meetings in Surrey, and report to PAC)
 - **Spring Fling Coordinator** (lead the army of Spring Fling volunteers; most roles already filled, just need a boss!)
- Lively discussion about drop-off zones on Roper Ave:
 - continues to be a problem, people parking and leaving their vehicles unattended in the drop-off zones
 - discussion about how to educate parents about the parking rules
 - Const. Sears is inquiring about lit School Zone signs from City Engineering; discussion about Buena Vista and Thrift crosswalks; Carol D. to request 'No Idling' signs from Healthy Schools BC
- To clarify, there are **TWO Drop Off Zones** on the north side of Roper (westbound traffic only):
 1. from the driveway/gate of the lower grass field, west until the main crosswalk on Roper
 2. from the main crosswalk on Roper, west until the staff parking lot driveway

