


École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | January 18, 2017 | Meeting MINUTES

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

President	Erin Harvie	12 Attendees
Vice-President	Elizabeth McCrank	Erin Harvie, Laura Creech, Elizabeth McCrank, Fiona Kehler, Deb Thorvaldson, Kristen Fryer, Alexandra Wong, Dawna Kistriz, Rowland Wallenius, Shelley David, Julie Ross, Sean Halliburton.
Treasurer	Laura Creech	
Secretary	Kristen Fryer	

- **PAC meetings will alternate this year: Tuesday/Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm in the school library.**
 - Future Meetings 2017: Tues. Feb 21st, Wed. Apr 19th, Tues. May 16th.
- **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 new Facebook page!

www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/



Admin Report ~Deb T.

- big thank you to PAC for the fabulous Zumba program that just wrapped up, taught in both French and English!
- big thank you also for the beautiful sports jerseys delivered last week!
- Canada's 150th anniversary upcoming; kickoff happened today, video presented to the kids
 - library initiative: "We All Read for Canada" reading challenge ties in with 150th anniversary celebrations
- Learning Commons on hold due to lack of space and waiting to find out if PAE will be getting new teachers with the recently announced Provincial funding
- Feb 7th community forum with the Board of Education; to get more acquainted with district happenings; admin can take up to 3 parent reps; if interested, please let Deb know; more info here: [CommunityForumFeb7](#)
- first week of February celebrating Year of the Rooster
- basketball is in full swing and the teams are loving their new jerseys
- Chantal Sears, new RCMP liaison officer for our school; planning a South Surrey community forum on fentanyl crisis, possibly late February; details TBA.

Treasurer's Report ~ Laura C.

- PAC bank documents circulated; PAC is in healthy financial shape, although we haven't managed to save the planned \$30,000 for Playground Replacement savings; only \$3,500 so far.
- Snowball Dance raised over \$5,000 for kindergarten student Benny and his family
- Oliver!: given the funds raised from tickets, t-shirts, concession, and DVDs, the Oliver! production was a net cost of less than \$3,000 paid for by PAC
- having trouble playing Oliver DVD? (might not work in older DVD/VCR combos); replacements are available, please contact the PAC: peacearchpacnews@gmail.com

DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) ~ Rowland W.

- last meeting focused on new curriculum & reporting options; less fact-based, more teaching HOW to learn/discover
- there are extra Pro-D days this year pertaining to teacher education on the new curriculum
- DPAC meeting Jan 25: Mental Wellness & Resources; DPAC meeting Feb 22: RCMP on Drugs & Awareness
- April: BCCPAC Resolutions & BC Elections – Candidates Meeting (entire province, advocacy group for all DPACs)

- Province is looking for feedback from parents on the new systems of reporting. From the Surrey DPAC website: "The Ministry of Education is seeking feedback from parents on how student progress is communicated. The province has re-vamped the curriculum in kindergarten through Grade 9 and is now looking to develop a new approach to reporting student learning. In Surrey, depending on the school and the teacher, progress is currently relayed in several ways, including traditional report cards, student digital portfolios and parent-teacher meetings. In a letter to parents, Education Minister Mike Bernier says the goal is "to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school through timely and comprehensive information. Until February 28, 2017, input can be shared at <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/>. Meetings will also be held in 10 communities, including Surrey, in the coming months. The province will gather the feedback and unveil a reporting plan in June 2017."

Facebook Update ~ Erin H. ~ <https://www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/>

- PAC Facebook page is up and running; 62 people 'following' so far!
- not a forum for community advertising; just a method to send out PAC info and updates

Hot Lunch ~ Shelley D.

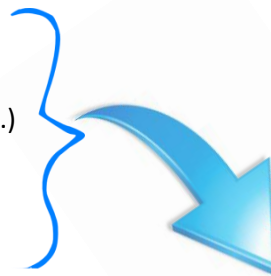
- one extra parent helper needed for the 100-pod, going forward (total of 2 parent helpers needed each week exclusively for the 100-pod intermediate classes)
- New: students helping with hot lunch will now come in through the library; too chaotic in the hall by the office
- still need parent helpers for Friday hot lunches (some Thursdays); sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/9F9WH

Playground Committee ~ Erin H.

- Sean H. & Julie H. are starting us off!; ideas to contact developers, community groups, City of White Rock, etc.
- we need to have an exploratory meeting with parent reps, PAC reps, teachers, and outside supervisors to determine what is needed for our school's needs; February meeting to be planned
- company "Habitat" is used by many schools for playground construction
- discussion about separate fundraising once a dollar amount is decided upon for playground fundraising

Spring Fling ~ Elizabeth M.

- our 7th Annual Spring Fling Family Carnival is planned for Friday, April 28th
- much work is needed in the next few months to make this PAC fundraising event a success!
- planning is underway, and **thank you** to those who have volunteered to lead the following:
 - Silent Auction.....(Vanessa G.?)
 - Raffle Baskets.....(Lisa W.)
 - Wine Wall.....(Fiona K., etc.)
 - Prizes.....(Erin H. & Kristen F.)
 - Cake Walk.....(Carla R.?)
 - Concessions.....(Julie R.)
 - Games.....(Laura C. & Arin B.)
 - Tickets.....(Shawna B.)
- PARENTS: we still need help in each of these areas! Please email us to volunteer! peacearchpacnews@gmail.com**
- every role has a set of instructions on what work is needed, contact numbers, timeline, etc.



Other Business

- while parked at the curb at our school, request to not idle while waiting for pick-up/drop-off
- Costco folding tables + stand on sale; Elizabeth M. will research
- parent presentation this year? Ideas: Jesse Miller, tech safety; Nancy Smith, Safe Schools through the district; etc.
- We still need parent volunteers to take over the roles of Hot Lunch Coordinator & Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator for next year;** Shelley D. needs to train replacements as this is her last year at our school
 - Contact Erin peacearchpacnews@gmail.com or Shelley: peacearchhotlunch@gmail.com for info!

Meeting adjourned 8:06pm.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at 6:30pm in the School Library.