# École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | February 18, 2020 | Meeting MINUTES

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

9 Attendees

President Jennifer Wilson Vice-President Katie Everson Treasurer Tana Jennings Secretary Kristen Fryer

Jennifer Wilson, Katie Everson, Carol Davison, Chris Bobrownik, Sean Halliburton, Jennifer Smith, Tana Jennings, Kristen Fryer, and Kirsten Yanicki.

Ideas for fundraising, Phase 2 playground design, money allocation, PAC events, etc.? We want to hear from you! **PAC meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm in the school library.** (No meetings March/June.) Next meetings are Apr 21 & May 19, 2020. ALL parents/guardians of Peace Arch students are welcome, and are voting members of the PAC.

PAC Website: <a href="mailto:peacearch.hotlunches.net">peacearch.hotlunches.net</a>. This is not just for hot lunch! It's our general PAC website!

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

#### 1. Introductions – Jennifer W.

• Welcome, and introductions. Many thanks to Grandview Starbucks and Fiona K. for donating tonight's coffee and tea; to Katie E. for tonight's mugs; and to Kristen F. for tonight's cookies.

#### 2. Principal's Report - Carol D.

#### 2.1. Recent Events:

- 'Ready, Set, Learn' was held Jan. 23 for 3-4 year olds; earlier than usual this year
- Ski and Snowboard Club began
- Lunar New Year orange theme; 'wishing tree' in the gym entryway
- Gym upgrades new, adjustable basketball backboards have been installed by the District
- Carnaval de Quebec week Feb. 10 14 : "The Maple Man" and French Film
- Festival sponsored by CPF, "ice" sculptures (sugar cube sculptures: the classes of Mme Peters and Mr. Morris won the fieldtrips to Fort Langley for their creative sculptures!), 'Voyageur' dress up day
- New pickleball equipment is getting a workout!!
- Received DPA (Daily Physical Activity) kits for each pod thank you to PAC
- Gymnastics cancelled so no need for PAC contribution this year; unfortunately the gymnastics program did not have a teacher available for our school

## 2.2. Upcoming events:

- Coldest Night of the Year team walking on Saturday, Feb. 22, 3pm
- Pink Shirt Day (Wed. Feb 26) and Kindness Challenge Week Feb. 24-28
- English program Intermediate Science Fair Wednesday, Feb. 26
- Choir to the District Choir Festival Friday, Feb. 28
- Concours d'art oratoire (speech fest) March 11 (Grades 4-7 FRIM)
- Grade 7 Carnaval Thursday, March 12
- During Spring Break acoustic paneling to be installed in the gym, old pegboard will be removed

#### 2.3. Items to Discuss:

- Timeline for playground replacement: White Rock Rotary Club is motivated to provide the funds raised by mid-April (possibly \$50,000) and would love to see installation by end of June if possible.
- Contacted Facilities department and are waiting on details about removal timeline for old equipment (ie. lag between work order and removal; possible removal during Spring Break?); Requested information from the playground vendor (SwingTime) about expected delivery after Purchase Order is issued; likely 6 weeks from PO to install.
- Work to be done now consultation and decision on equipment to be installed. Rotary would like images and cost breakdown once the final plan is approved (for promotional purposes).

#### 3. Business from Last Meeting - Jennifer W.

- 3.1. **Parking Lines on Roper Ave.:** Jennifer is following up with the City of White Rock to ask if they'll reconsider adding parallel parking lines along the north side of Roper Ave., just in the section along the grass field.
- 3.2. **Thrift Ave. Pedestrian Safety:** great news a pedestrian crossing with lights and signage has been approved for the intersection of Thrift and Kent!
- 3.3. **Peace Arch Elementary at the Surrey Eagles Game Jan. 26**<sup>th</sup>: good turnout from Peace Arch families; 81 people bought tickets through our PAC, raising \$320; lots of fun with the Star Wars theme and the family skate following the game.
- 3.4. Parent volunteers still needed for several positions on PAC...
  - **DPAC: District Parent Advisory Council.** Our PAC needs a parent rep; meetings held monthly on 4th Wednesday (except Dec, Mar, June) at the District Education Centre 14033-92 Ave. Rm 2020, 7-9pm. Info: <a href="www.surreydpac.ca">www.surreydpac.ca</a>.
  - **CPF: Canadian Parents for French**. Our PAC needs a parent rep; monthly meetings held Sept-June, in English, and are open to anyone interested in French as a second language in Surrey School District. Info: <a href="www.cpf-surrey.com">www.cpf-surrey.com</a>.
  - Playground Committee: we need committee members to help with an opening ceremony for Phase 1 (installed July/19), plus fundraising & design for Phase 2. <a href="mailto:peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com">peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com</a>
  - **Hot Lunch Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed every week, most Fridays, occasional Thursdays. Pod supervisors: 11:45am-12:20pm. Hot Lunch Leaders: 10:45am-12:45pm. Sign up: volunteersignup.org/KWXT7.
- 3.5. Hot Lunch Update: parents please remember to send cutlery this year on Hot Lunch days! If students don't have cutlery, they may sign out a fork or spoon at the PAC kitchen on each Hot Lunch day, and return it at the end of lunch.

### 4. Treasury Report -Tana J.

- 4.1. An up-to-date balance sheet was presented; our Operating Account is looking very healthy, with \$52,215 currently earmarked for Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement Project.
- 4.2. A few more **Donations Drive** contributions have come in since last month, bringing our total for the 2019-20 school year to \$7,200. Parents/businesses can still donate through <u>School Cash Online</u> if tax receipt is required (donations \$25+), or by cheque to PAC if no tax receipt required. Annual Fundraising Campaign History:
  - Many thanks to all the generous families who donated your contributions make a huge difference to our kids' school experience at Peace Arch!

## 5. Spring Fling Update – Kirsten Y. and Jennifer S.

- 5.1. Peace Arch's **10**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Spring Fling: Friday, April 24**<sup>th</sup>, **5-8pm** only 2 months away!
  - THANK YOU to parents Kirsten Yanicki and Jennifer Smith who have volunteered to coordinate this year's event! They were officially appointed as Committee Co-Chairs for Spring Fling 2020.
  - Silent Auction items needed, let's get started now! Donation request letter available on PAC website > Documents.
  - Lots of help still needed please get in touch if you'd like to volunteer: <a href="Peacearch.springfling@gmail.com">Peacearch.springfling@gmail.com</a>

0	Concession - Elizabeth IVI.	0	Garage Sale – Katle E.
0	Games	0	Wine Wall - Maria R.?
0	Raffle Baskets - Nikki M.	0	Cake Walk
0	Silent Auction - Vanessa G.	0	Decor (pennants day of)
0	Prizes - Kristen F.	0	Volunteer Coordinator - Erin H.?

- Discussion about using grass field for bigger games like "Hungry Hippos"
- New this year, "Unlimited-Play Bracelets": \$15 presale; \$20 at the door; also \$5 small punchcards
- Taco Fino food truck booked instead of White Spot
- more signage advertising Spring Fling; approx \$20 each weatherproof lawn-signs
- our concession: hotdogs and pizza, drinks, snacks
- Monday, Feb. 24 1:30 Committee meeting, all are welcome!

### Playground Replacement Project – Sean H.: peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com

- 6.1. SwingTime says 6 weeks from Purchase Order (PO) to delivery for installation
  - We haven't heard back from Habitat re. design proposals for Phase 2
  - Sean emailed RecTech; they can meet us any time (Thurs/Mon?); Sean will follow up
  - Option 2 from SwingTime; kids would be able to vote on what will replace the SlideGlide section; Sean showed options; minimal cost difference
- 6.2. Always looking for more help on the Playground Committee! Several more parent volunteers needed to continue fundraising, collaborate on design, plan grand opening ceremony, organize recognition campaign, etc. Please get in touch!

## 7. Other Business – Jennifer W.

- 7.1. Hot Lunch: Round 3 Ordering will be open March 1-14, for lunches delivered April 3 June 12<sup>th</sup>
  - The Sports Day Hot Lunch (Hot Dog Day) on Friday, June 12th will be run by Grade 6 parents as a fundraiser for the following year's Grade 7 grad activities.
- 7.2. Discussion about purchasing some shelving units for the school/PAC storage room beside the girls' washroom in the gym.
  - The storage room desperately needs organizing; Snowball and Spring Fling decorations and supplies.
  - Different shelving options were discussed; agreed that rolling shelves would be ideal for the space we have.

**MOTION**: Motion to set aside \$500 in our budget for shelving for PAC storage room. Moved by Katie E.; Seconded by Tana J. All in favour. None opposed. **Motion passed**.

- 7.3. Rotary is helping us bridge our funding gap and reach our goal of \$85,000 for Phase 2 of the **Playground Replacement**Project. Thank you White Rock Rotary!!! Our PAC has already set aside \$52,215 for the playground (as of Feb 15, 2020).
  - Rotary has been fundraising since September 2019 for playgrounds at both Peace Arch and White Rock Elementary.
  - We are now into the 'final push' for playground donations, and are so grateful to **Landmark Premier Properties** for their contribution, *plus* their offer to double all donations that are made in this last stretch of the fundraising effort!
- 7.4. Discussion about a new option for a physical education program at Peace Arch: 'Generation Pound' fitness class; Kristen to send info to admin.
- 7.5. **Saturday, February 22, 3-7pm at White Rock Beach is the annual "Coldest Night of the Year"** event, hosted by Sources Community Resources Society and sponsored by the Rotary Club of White Rock: a family-friendly walk that raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. 2km, 5km, or 10km walk.
  - École Peace Arch has a team registered sign up today, or donate to our team! https://cnoy.org/location/whiterock

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm. Next meeting Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm in the school library. Minutes prepared by Kristen Fryer, PAC Secretary.