

President	Jennifer Wilson
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Treasurer	Tana Jennings
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9 Attendees

Jennifer Wilson, Katie Everson, Shannon Versluis, Gurpreet Bhatti, Carol Davison, Sean Halliburton, Jennifer Smith, Tana Jennings, and Kristen Fryer.

Ideas for fundraising, Phase 2 playground design, money allocation, PAC events, etc.? We want to hear from you! PAC meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm in the school library. (No meetings in March/June): Feb 18, Apr 21, May 19, 2020. ALL parents/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!**

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 **Jennifer W.** for tonight's cookies.

2. Admin Report - Carol D.

2.1. Recent Events:

- Young Entrepreneurs' Fair – fall edition by classes in Salmon (300) Pod
- Christmas concerts – format (2 days, one evening) seemed to work out well again this year
- Field trips – Skating, Historic Stewart Farm, Extreme AirPark (Gr. 7s)
- New staff and students: Mr. Geoff Morgan – Grade 6; Ms. Meaghan Noakes – Office Clerk; Mr. Jaime Mullan - Health (intermediate prep); 8 new students registered in January for a total of 534
- Wrap-up of volleyball season – thanks to Mr. Grant, Mme Chalifour, Mme Yalpani, & Mrs. Harvie for coaching!
- Start of Basketball– Girls' team coached by Mme Adams & Mme Sawatsky, Boys' team by Mr. Grant & Mr. Hodson
- Body Science – Sexual Health presentations were very well received by families, students, and staff. Thank you PAC for bringing this to our community! Approx. 60 parents attended the Parent Session on January 14th.

2.2. Upcoming events:

- Young Entrepreneurs' Fair – spring edition by classes in the Orca (100) Pod will be before Mother's Day
- Ready, Set, Learn! for 3 and 4 year olds on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 1:30 – 2:30 PM, led by Ms. Decaire
- Ski and Snowboard Club starts this week for 4 sessions
- Lunar New Year – school-wide activity week of Jan. 21 and spirit day Fri., Jan 24 (wear red/gold!); wishing tree
- Early Dismissal on Jan. 29 – the purpose is program review and evaluation by staff
- Gym upgrades – new basketball backboards (early Feb) and acoustic paneling to be installed during Spring Break
- Carnaval de Quebec week Feb. 10 – 14 : "The Maple Man" and French Film Festival sponsored by CPF (Feb. 12)
- Gymnastics lessons begin Feb. 13 – March 11 for all classes. Cost \$11.55 per student = \$6,202.00; GymSense; 4-6 lessons per class over the course of the program

2.3. Items to Discuss:

- Projected enrollment for 2020-21: We are now Closed to out-of-catchment registrations for Neighbourhood Program; 21 sibling registrations for 40 Kindergarten spaces in French Immersion, so far 17 registrations for English Kindergarten; likely more than 1 proof of address will be required now
- Contribution for Gymnastics – budget has \$4,250 for cultural events and \$1,224 already paid for Hip-Hop. Is there anything else in "cultural" besides gymnastics?
- Suggestion from parents to do a 2nd clothing drive this Spring for our sister school Betty Huff Elementary
- PAC will follow up on the approved Grab & Go sports/activity packs for each pod (\$930 allocated)



3. Business from Last Meeting - Jennifer W.

- 3.1. **Parking on Roper Ave.:** Jennifer enquired with the City of White Rock to say that we were in favour of parallel parking lines; City said no, lines are too industrial looking in residential neighbourhoods; JW to follow up with the city manager; safety concern for kids; might need support from Roper residents? Respondents to our Facebook poll in November were 79% in favour of parking lines (26 in favour, 7 opposed).
- 3.2. **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: www.surreydpac.ca.
 - **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: www.cpf-surrey.com.
 - **Playground Committee:** we need committee members to help with an opening ceremony for Phase 1 (installed July/19), plus fundraising & design for Phase 2. peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com
- 3.3. **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.
- This year we switched the Gr. 4 fundraising from R3 to R1, to help pay for the annual Gr. 4 daytrip to Victoria; this Round 1 hot dog day raised \$1963.20 for that.
 - **Round 1 net income = \$4,238.** THANK YOU to all our weekly parent volunteers for helping with Hot Lunch! 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.

4. Snowball Family Dance Recap (Friday, Dec. 6th, 2019) – Shannon V.

- 4.1. Our 6th Annual Snowball Family Dance was a great success! Huge thanks to parent volunteer **Shannon Versluis** for stepping up to coordinate this year; and to Stephanie Gilmour, Mikki Kinnaird, & Angie Burrows for all your hard work!
- 4.2. The Dance made a profit of \$3,768 thanks to strong tickets sales, as well as the Wine Wall and Plinko Gift Card Challenge.
- 4.3. Recommendations for next year:
- start earlier collecting donations earlier! we were competing with other Christmas fundraisers; start acquiring prizes/donations in Sept for concession, wine wall, and silent auction!
 - needed 2 parent volunteers at Snowcone station to speed up the line; 'Cotton Candy Kids' provided SnowCone booth at no charge to PAC, and give 20% of their profit back to us
 - next big event - inquire with Surrey School District about borrowing recycle and garbage bins
 - start looking now for better software for photo booth

5. Treasury Report –Tana J.

- 5.1. **Donations Drive** wrapped up at the end of December with \$6,050 contributed by 65 families. THANK YOU to all who donated! This fell short of our \$10,000 goal, but parents can still donate through [School Cash Online](#) if tax receipt is required (donations \$25+), or by cheque to PAC if no tax receipt required. Annual Fundraising Campaign History:
- **2019/20 Campaign: \$ 6,050 from 65 families (approx. 18% participation)**
 - 2018/19 Campaign: \$13,630 from 108 families (approx. 33% participation)
 - 2017/18 Campaign: \$11,697 from 87 families (approx. 25% participation)
 - 2016/17 Campaign: \$10,726 from 74 families (approx. 20% participation)
 - 2015/16 Campaign: \$11,575 from 93 families (approx. 30% participation)
- Many thanks to all the generous families who donated – your contributions make a huge difference to our kids' school experience at Peace Arch!
 - Several families were able to donate through their work or their union; parents, it's not too late to check with your employer or union – ask if they have a charitable giving/matching program.
 - While our Donations Drive has officially wrapped up for the purpose of 2019 tax receipts, donations to the PAC or Phase 2 Playground Project are gratefully accepted year-round

6. Rotary Club of White Rock & Phase 2 Playground Replacement

- 6.1. 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 **\$35,000** for the playground (as of Jan 20, 2020).
- Rotary has been fundraising since September 2019 for playgrounds at both Peace Arch and White Rock Elementary, with the Turkey Run in October and the Book Sale in December, raising an amazing **\$90,000** so far!
 - Discussion about a possible Rotary Dinner & Dance event this spring, tickets \$300/ea; no appetite for such a high-end fundraiser amongst those present, or others who had heard about it.
 - In early January we received a **\$2,500** grant donation from the Charity Foundation of Canada, via the Business Development department of the Surrey School District, to support our playground project.

MOTION: Motion to transfer **\$8,000 + interest** from PAC Term Deposit at VanCity to our PAC Chequing Account, for the purpose of funding Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement Project; the funds are to be added to our Playground Budget. Moved by Tana Jennings; Seconded by Sean Halliburton. All in favour. None opposed. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Motion to set redirect **\$6,715** from our Operating Account to our Playground Budget. Moved by Tana Jennings; Seconded by Jennifer Smith. All in favour. None opposed. **Motion passed.**

- **These 3 additional amounts will bring our playground savings to \$52,215! Only approx. \$35k left to go!** (\$35,000 savings + \$2500 grant + \$8000 term deposit + \$6715 PAC funds = \$52,215)

- 6.2. 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. Saturday, February 22, 3-7pm at White Rock Beach. 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>

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

- 7.1. Mid-December (2019) Sean, Jennifer, Carol, and Kristen met with Tammy from [Swing Time Distributors](#)
- Swing Time is the District-approved vendor for Blue Imp playground equipment
 - Discussed the vision for Phase 2 of our Playground Replacement: the north green/blue intermediate playground
 - Kids love the monkey bars and playing “Grounders” on this playground
 - Would like to have a circuit-style design
 - Tammy sent three design proposals, which were passed around at the meeting, and attached below
 - All 3 designs are approx. \$85,000
 - Discussion about removing the zip-line in favour of more monkey bars
- 7.2. Will also contact Habitat to review their proposal for a Phase 2 design from last year
- The third District-approved vendor is [RecTec Industries](#) using Galaxy Equipment
- 7.3. Rotary is optimistic that we’ll be able to have the playground installed by this summer!
- 7.4. **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!

8. Other Business

- 8.1. Peace Arch Elementary at the Surrey Eagles fundraiser! Game is this Sunday, January 26th. Tickets \$10 at the school office, ages 6+. Includes FREE family skate with the Eagles following the game! Star Wars theme; characters in attendance.
- 8.2. Spring Fling: Friday, April 24th, 5-8pm – only 3 months away!
- THANK YOU to parents Kirsten Yanicki and Jennifer Smith who have volunteered to coordinate this year’s event!
 - Silent Auction items needed, let’s get started now! Donation request letter available on PAC website > Documents.
 - Want to help with Spring Fling? Prizes, silent auction, concession, raffle baskets? Peacearch.springfling@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm. Next meeting Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 6:30pm in the school library.



Option 1



Peace Arch Elementary - Option 1
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Option 2



Peace Arch Elementary - Option 2
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