


École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | October 16, 2018 | Meeting MINUTES

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

President	Laura Creech	21 Attendees
Vice-President	Erin Harvie	Laura Creech, Navroop Mangat, Ruby Mangat, Gurpreet Bhatti, Reid
Treasurer	Jennifer Wilson	Christiansen, Jennifer Wilson, Erin Harvie, Fiona Kehler, Div. 13 student
Secretary	Kristen Fryer	teacher Andrea Watts, Mme. Joyce Ahonen, Kirsten Yanicki, Sara Raouf, Kristen Fryer, Carol Davison, Chris Bobrownik, Shannon Versluis, Manraj Heir, Carrie Mogollon, Sean Halliburton, Tana Jennings, Chantal Sears.

Ideas for fundraising, playground design, money allocation, PAC events, etc.? We want to hear from you!

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

2018/2019 (no meetings in Dec/March/June): Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 19, Apr 16, May 21 (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 the website to stay up-to-date with our school community.

Introductions - Laura C.

- Welcome to our Peace Arch PAC meeting! Another great turnout – delighted to see so many parents participating.
- Reminder of how we approve our monthly meeting minutes: PAC Secretary will complete and email the minutes to all attendees for approval/edits; will make any necessary changes, then distribute minutes via email to parent community, and will post on PAC website (www.peacearch.hotlunches.net) & school website (www.surreyschools.ca/schools/peacea).
- Many thanks to Fiona K. and Grandview Corners Starbucks for donating tonight's coffee!
- Child-minding will be available at future PAC meetings. Big thank yous to PAC kids Brooke and Julia!

Admin Report - Carol D.

- **Recent Events:**
 - lots of activities underway, working on community service, school cohesiveness
 - really good play from Green Thumb Theatre: "What If?" about differences and anxiety
 - White Rock RCMP "WITS" Assembly for Grades K-3; support materials were purchased with PAC funds in Principal's account; ("Walk Away - Ignore - Talk It Out - Seek Help")
 - Sept: Terry Fox Run and Cops for Cancer; over \$500 was raised for each organization
 - Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 28) recognizes and observes the courage of residential school survivors; many follow-up activities throughout the school
 - Special assembly: social inclusion and differences with [Michael Bortolotto](#), a renowned public speaker with Cerebral Palsy; importance of being a friend, including people, not judging people based on how they look or walk or talk
 - Student Photo retakes on Friday, Oct. 26 in the morning
 - "Get to Know You" conferences with teachers & parents were successful during the last week of September
 - Mayor Baldwin visited and spoke to intermediate students about local government
 - Safe Schools presentations - online safety/digital footprint for Grade 6-7s Oct. 15; parent presentation evening Oct. 9
 - Soccer Playday last week; Peace Arch came in 2nd in our area!; showed good sportsmanship
 - Cross-Country had their last meet today, season wrap-up
 - Field trips: pumpkin patch, fire station
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Student Vote
 - Volleyball starting soon
 - Hip Hop & Zumba for all students Oct 22-26; parents invited to attend the final day's performances on Friday 26th
 - Halloween; reminder of guidelines for costumes (no weapons, nothing scary or gory)
 - Young Entrepreneurs - 9 classes this year! (only 4 participated last year); week of Dec 10th

- Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, Nov 8th
- Field trips - Tynehead hatchery, library, climbing centre, skating
- **Items to Discuss:**
 - iPads & cart being ordered to fulfill that portion of the technology upgrade (full replacement of the primary iPad cart)
 - mid-to-end November for new signage on pods; using animal names in the Semiahmoo language to rename the pods

Treasurer's Report - Jennifer W.

- A lovely thank-you note was read out from Mrs. Frew, Integration Support Teacher, thanking PAC for our annual allocation of \$150 to Integration Support needs and Peace Arch's team of EAs.
- BC Gaming Grant came in higher than last year - \$13,104
- Annual Fundraising Donations Drive is currently at \$1,520 from 12 families
- Request for teachers to include reminders for the Donations Drive to be written in agendas periodically
- Suggestion to provide weekly updates for every classroom's window with picture of the playground & thermometer image with fundraising tally; suggestion to have parent pod monitors place notice in each class's window every hot lunch day
- Explanation of **Annual Fundraising Donations Drive** (previously 'Cheque-Writing Campaign'): instead of selling a bunch of stuff we don't need or want, we just ask parents for a simple donation! Cash, cheque, and online donations accepted.
 - Runs Sept-Dec, online donations through the Surrey School District website over \$25 earn a tax receipt: (<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/829/90/false/true>)
 - 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)
- **With approximately 350 families at Peace Arch, our goal this year is to significantly increase participation in our annual fundraising effort. PAC funds benefit ALL STUDENTS at Peace Arch from Kindergarten to Grade 7, and we encourage ALL FAMILIES to make a contribution, no matter how big or small.**
- Hot Lunch Volunteers: parent volunteers needed weekly for hot lunch distribution, most Fridays, occasional Thursdays. Sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/WE7RA. Pod supervisors: 11:45am-12:20pm. Hot Lunch Leaders: 10:45am-12:45pm.

CPF Update (Canadian Parents for French) - Sara R.

- The Sept CPF meeting was cancelled (first time in 5 years!); no CPF update at this time.

DPAC Update (District PAC) - Laura C. per Rubeena M.

- Rubeena attended the DPAC meeting in Sept; there are still exec roles unfilled on the DPAC, including President
- Lively discussion at the DPAC meeting about the first week or two of school, and how long it takes to set the classes
- PAC 101/Finance 101 is title of next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the District Education Centre (14033 92 Ave.), Room 2020, from 7-9 pm. Registration begins at 6:45 pm. Light refreshments are available. All general meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday monthly (except December and March), and all parents of Surrey students are welcome to attend.

Surrey Eagles Community Event - Chantal S.

- We're planning a community event and playground fundraiser with the Surrey Eagles on **Sunday, January 13, 2019, 4:00pm**
- Surrey Eagles players are going to come do a reading program and floor hockey with the kids this fall.
- We're planning to sell 100 tickets, and we'll keep 50% for playground fundraising; tickets will be \$10 each.
- At 6:45pm the ice will be cleaned, and players will come back out to skate with the kids/families and staff of Peace Arch!
- We'll have a whole section and we can decorate it! School Spirit building!
- Discussion about selling tickets through the HL website or the Surrey Schools Cash Online system
- Interested in helping with this event? Please email peacearchPACnews@gmail.com.

Playground Update - Sean H.

- had a committee meeting earlier this month - thank you to the 5 parents who attended
- need to go out into our community to organize donations and grants

- still working on the final design of the playground; Dave from Habitat is coming later tonight to present new design, and also the second section of the playground due to come out in 2020
- need to figure out how we'll recognize our community donors; what donation amounts will get your name on the plaque?
- Need more committee members to continue fundraising, collaborate on design, etc.
- Sean needs more help with the project! Several more parent volunteers needed. PeaceArchPACplayground@gmail.com

PAC Meeting adjourned 7:30pm. Next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, November 20th, 6:30-8:00pm in the school library. Tonight's PAC Meeting will be immediately followed by Playground Committee Meeting.

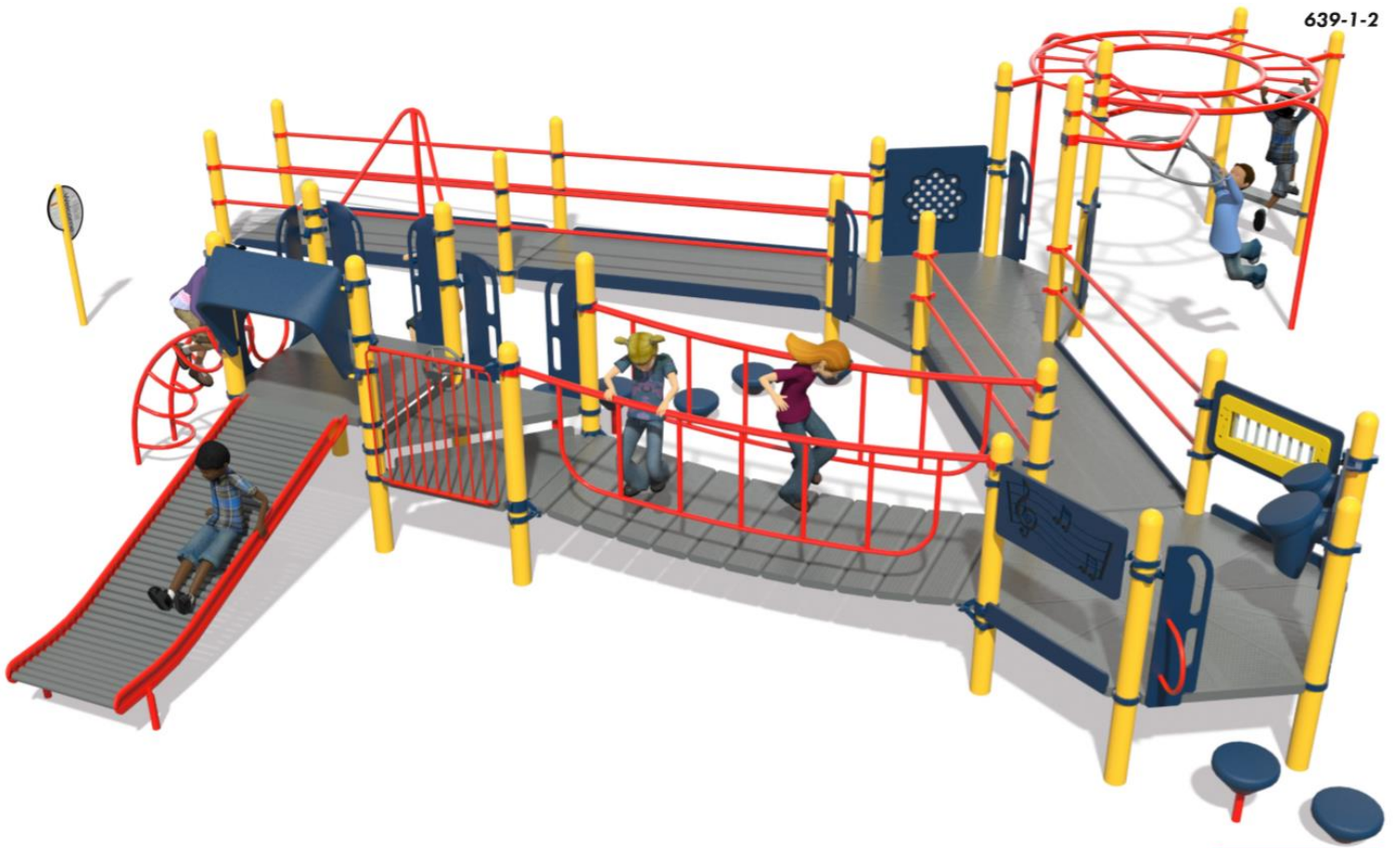
PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30pm

- Sean H.: welcome to Dave Warner from Habitat Systems
 - Presented a new proposal based on feedback from school staff, parents, and students (see next page)
 - New proposed structure has better ramp accessibility, and provides better space for group play
- 6-8 weeks from once we order to when equipment is delivered; goal is to have all funds in place by late Spring 2019?
- measuring, surveying, digging holes: all done by Habitat
- the supervised install can be done in one Saturday, with help from school parents
 - Habitat would come on a Wednesday for drilling, etc.
 - on the Friday after school the equipment would be delivered (some parent help needed), install on Sat.
- "pour-in-place" rubber is the premier surface for accessibility = \$25 per square foot
 - Tire Stewardship BC; early January deadline to apply for a matching grant (50%)
 - "engineered wood fibre" is what we currently have (wood chips), and it *is* considered wheel-chair accessible
- Phase 2 for the north playground: a lunar net climbing structure (larger size \$40k, but would require expanding the footprint/ground structure of the area at a cost of approx. \$10k, plus an "Oodle swing" (\$8,000) = approx. \$60k!
 - large lunar blast can't be a community install; must be installed by Habitat
- we **must** get out into the community to begin seeking grants and donations from businesses and organizations
 - Supersave Gas; GNF Financial have donated to school playgrounds in the past; Adera, Bosa, Altus; should ask as many local developers as possible; grand opening ceremony, balloons, media, etc... donors want publicity!
- we currently have \$50,000 saved for the playground; after seeing the new proposal tonight, it's clear we will need \$150,000 rather than \$125k. By the end of this school year's PAC fundraising (Hot Lunch, Donations Drive, Spring Fling, etc.), we expect to have \$75k saved, leaving us with another \$75k needed from the community.
- **Here's who we're planning to approach; do any parents/relatives/friends work at these businesses and could help us get a foot in the door?? Please email peacearchPACplayground@gmail.com if you can help!**

City of White Rock, City of Surrey, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club of South Surrey, Rotary Club of White Rock - Peace Arch, Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula, Semiahmoo Rotary Club, White Rock Rotary, White Rock Elks, Royal Canadian Legion - White Rock Branch #8, Royal Canadian Legion - Crescent Branch #240, Peace Arch Monarch Lions Club; Developers: Mann Group, Bosa, Polygon Homes, Morningstar Homes, Foxridge Homes, Miracon, Square One Homes, Marca by Mortise, The Quorum Group, B&B Contracting Group, Oviedo Developments, RDG Management Ltd., Magnum Projects Ltd., Westport Properties Group, Rick Hansen Foundation, Shaw Communications, Vancity, Coast Capital, Envision, Telus, Choices Markets, Thrifty Foods, Save-On-Foods, School Community Connections Program, Hamber Foundation, Success by Six, BMO, TD, RBC, CIBC, ScotiaBank, Canada Post Community Foundation, Community Recreation Program, Surrey Foundation, Boston Pizza, Shell Canada, Aviva Community Fund, Surrey Cares, BC Pacific Blue Cross, Royal LePage Northstar Realty, White Rock VW, White Rock Honda, Murray Hyundai White Rock, King George Nissan, Barnes Wheaton GM South Surrey, Haley Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, Ocean Park Ford, Midway Mazda, Peace Arch Toyota, Homelife Benchmark Realty, Re/Max Colonial Pacific Realty, Coldwell Banker Marquise Realty, Hugh & McKinnon Realty, Sutton Group - West Coast Realty, Vantage Real Estate Group, Macdonald Realty South Surrey/White Rock, Sasso Home Marketing Group, Safeway, Nature's Fare Markets, Superstore, Shopper's Drugmart, etc.

Playground Meeting adjourned 8:55pm. Next Playground Meeting TBA.

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