


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

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

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12 Attendees

Chris Bobrownik, Erin Harvie, Elizabeth McCrank, Laura Creech, Kristen Fryer, Sean Halliburton, Arin Bird, Maria Ramsey, Chris Morris, Gurpreet Bhatti, Jennifer Wilson, Dave Warner.

PAC meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm in the school library. Upcoming 2017/2018 Meetings (no meetings in Dec/March/June): 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! And find us on Facebook!** www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/ 

Welcome and introductions by Erin H.

Playground Replacement: Guest Speaker Dave Warner from *Habitat Systems*

- this company doesn't just sell and build playgrounds; they also assist with lots of support and fundraising ideas, advertising for fundraising, flyers, posters, scratch-cards, etc.
- encouragement to involve the kids in the selection process; voting on a few final designs.
- entire transaction & purchase order goes through the school district; 4-8 weeks from order to delivery.
- can offer us a list of possible grants; will send to Sean.
- Habitat sees a lot of playgrounds being funded these days by corporate donations.
- no swings, no teeter-totters allowed by Surrey School District.
- next steps are to create a preliminary plan and vision for the space we have, and for Habitat to create a few proposals.
- discussion about fundraising for both playgrounds (red/yellow plus old wooden one at north end); fundraising fatigue if we try to fundraise now, and again in a couple years.
- very rough estimate for replacement of southern red/yellow accessible playground: \$150k.
- agreement from PAC to go ahead with using *Habitat Systems* for our playground replacement project.
- Still need a few more parents to help out on Playground Committee – please email PeaceArchPACNews@gmail.com

Admin Report ~ Mr. Bobrownik

- Recent Events:
 - Terry Fox Run and Cops for Cancer was great; approx. \$500 raised
 - first non-instructional day was Sept 25 and the staff worked on supporting students with challenging behaviour and using reading assessment data to plan appropriate instruction and interventions
 - Grade 6-7 students "Fit Kids" training was great, planning regular circuits and buddy PE classes
 - Back to School BBQ was lots of fun, good turnout and nice to meet our new staff
 - Orange Shirt Day Sept 29 - many learning activities throughout the school, resources were borrowed from District Aboriginal Department (picture books, novels, etc.)
 - Student Photos - proofs sent home and orders were due Oct 18th; "Get to Know You" conferences Oct 4-5
 - Soccer playdays - lots of great teamwork and athleticism; volleyball practices have begun
 - K/1 classes visited the White Rock Firehall; "We Day" today Oct 18 at Rogers Arena
 - Cross-Country - regular season wrapped up, only "Mud Run" in two weeks left
 - FSA's are underway for Grades 4 and 7
- Upcoming Events:
 - provincial non-instructional day Oct 20, Curriculum implementation Nov 3
 - K and K/1 classes to pumpkin patch; WITS presentations for all grades
 - Halloween activities (costume parade); 9:30am for Kindergarten; 10:45 for Grades 1-7
 - Author presentation for intermediate classes (historical fiction) John Wilson, local Canadian author
 - photo retakes Thursday, Nov. 2nd; Remembrance Day assembly Thursday, Nov. 9th

- Body Science presentations for parents and students by Saleema Noon; parent night Monday, Nov. 20th, student workshops Thursday, Nov. 23rd by grade groupings (K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7)
- Interim report cards may go out by the end of Oct; go out twice a year, teachers choose the format (may have just been the parent-teacher conference early Oct)
- Items to Discuss:
 - FSA perception by parents (Foundation Skills Assessment): is this seen as a "Grade level" test? Admin has had a higher number of parents excuse their children and are curious about the reason.
 - in the past the FSAs were administered in the Spring; this year it's happening this fall
 - discussion about reasons for parents opting out of FSA; French Immersion parents worry that the test is in English and puts FI kids at a disadvantage; lots of information from BCTF about opting out
- Technology needs:
 - Priority is 3 more laptops for the 100-pod (Cost approx. \$3,400).
 - Second priority is replacing the iPads and possibly changing carts; iPads for both primary and intermediate would cost \$21,150; two carts if needed cost \$4,200.
 - school's technology budget for the year is approx. \$3,000, but it can be increased with permission from the District - would take away from other learning resources though; textbooks, novels, etc.)

Treasurer's Report ~ per Laura C.

- **MOTION: to set aside an extra \$15,000 from operating account for playground savings, for a total of \$25,000; moved by Laura C., seconded by Elizabeth M.; all in favour, none opposed; motion passed.**

Annual PAC Fundraising Campaign ~ Erin H.

- this year our goal is \$20k, plus increased participation from more families.
- we don't have a current accurate picture of our fundraising tally; don't have a current record of online donations; best guess is approx. \$4,000 as of Oct 18th; should have a better idea by this Friday, and will be able to report next week.

Emergency Preparedness ~ Arin B.

- PAC provisions the storage container in the parking lot full of emergency preparedness supplies; this year we are restocking our expiring food supplies; **ideas for where to donate expired rations??** 72hrs of food rations for 550 ppl.
- 24 hrs of rations costs \$1,500; enough rations for 590 people (students and staff)
- this year needed 3 more survival kit backpacks for our three new divisions
- **MOTION: to increase the Emergency Preparedness budget to \$2500 (from \$2000) to provide 3 new divisions with survival kit backpacks: moved by Arin B., seconded by Chris M.; all in favour, none opposed, motion passed.**
- discussion about who carries the key for the storage container.

Other Business ~ Erin H.

- **We still need Spring Fling Coordinator (lead the army of Spring Fling volunteers; most Spring Fling roles already filled, just need a boss! We have a whole binder of instructions from years past!)**
- **Parent Presentations:**
 - "Saleema Noon Body Science"; Monday, Nov. 20 for parents in gym; Thursday, Nov. 23 workshops for kids
 - Carol Todd: parent-only talk about cyber bullying; Erin trying to arrange some time in the new year; will collaborate with the South Meridian PAC for this presentation.
 - Feb. 2018 DPAC meeting: Jesse Miller free talk on internet safety for children/teens (Wed., Feb 28th, 7-9pm at the District Education Centre 14033 92nd Ave., Rm 2020)
 - Carol D. is looking into District resources through Safer Schools regarding internet safety
- DPAC meetings on 4th Wednesday of each month; Nov meeting on Communicating Student Learning
- discussion about posting personal requests/ads on our PAC Facebook page; decision that posts should only come from PAC; too hard to administer which personal posts are/aren't acceptable
- **Arin and Maria - Snowball Dance: Friday, December 8th, 5-8pm**
 - DJ Cuz-O booked! And we are seeking donations of wine for wine wall, and gift cards for "Plinko Gift Card Challenge"; please email Maria mc_dimou@yahoo.ca for more info.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm. Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the School Library.