

École Peace Arch Elementary PAC November 15, 2016 Meeting MINUTES

6:30 pm | Peace Arch Elementary Library | Email: peacearchpacnews@gmail.com | Website: peacearch.hotlunches.net

President	Erin Harvie	11 Attendees
Vice-President	Elizabeth McCrank	Erin Harvie, Laura Creech, Elizabeth McCrank, Fiona Eckert, Arin Bird, Kristen Fryer, Rowland Wallenius, Alynne Penner, Shelley David, Julie Ross, Sean Halliburton.
Treasurer	Laura Creech	
Secretary	Kristen Fryer	

- **PAC meetings will alternate this year: Tuesday/Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm in school library.**
 - Future Meetings, 2017: Wed. Jan 18th, 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!** If you have a child at Peace Arch, please register for this website to stay up to date with our school community.

Admin Report ~ Fiona E.

- the school is settling in post-Oliver! From Erin H.: sincere thank you to all the parents who worked so tirelessly for the amazing production of Oliver! The parent group at the school is so enthused to do another musical production ASAP, perhaps in two years.
- successful Remembrance Day ceremony last week; beautiful performance by choir; excellent audience skills demonstrated by all students, including younger grades (bravo!).
- staff is fully engaged in helping to design the new Learning Commons space.
- discussion about how we communicate at the school; admin would like to know what works and what doesn't.
 - core is the child's agenda; next is the school website: (<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/peacea/>)
 - school Twitter account (@PeaceArchElem) and "SchoolLink" app
 - teachers' emails will hopefully be updated to school website
- 3 new filtered water fillers: gym entrance, 300-pod, 400-pod; students can use to fill their own bottles.
- the school's **Technology Plan**, including the Goals and Vision over the next three years:
 - to outfit each classroom to be projection- and technology-ready, including for example document cameras, Apple TVs, iPads or iPad minis, laptops, etc.
 - to support student learning with 21st century tools, in both classrooms and the Learning Commons.
 - to ensure all classrooms/students have technology tools for Communicating Student Learning.
 - our school's technology plan is looked at and revised as needed every year as technology evolves and our school community's needs evolve.
- 3-Year Plan for 30 additional student laptops, 30 iPad minis and cart, and 20 items to replace older tech.
- the Surrey School District has improved WiFi in Surrey elementary schools.



Parents: get the 'SchoolLink' app!

Treasurer's Report ~ Laura C.

- PAC bank documents circulated; PAC is in healthy financial shape, without any savings for eventual playground replacement.
- final Oliver numbers (still waiting for DVD sales to conclude): approx. \$3,500 final cost to PAC for Oliver.
- Cheque-Writing Campaign is woefully short if we're hoping to start raising funds this year for playground replacement; we've had donations from only 13% of families at the school.

DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) ~ Rowland W.

- last DPAC meeting was Oct 26th; focused on advocacy for funding for education.
- DPAC continues to meet with MLAs, and advocate against the provincial budget as the next provincial election approaches.
- PAC 101, educating PACs on how to run meetings, financial checks and balances, etc.
- 'Societies Act' coming into effect this year; we have 2 years to transition (http://www2.gov.bc.ca/societies_act_transition_guide.pdf)
- next meeting Wed., Nov. 23 at the District Education Centre (14033 92nd Ave. Rm 2020) 7:00-9:00pm: curriculum reporting options & guidelines; FreshGrade; Ministry of Education is seeking feedback from parents re. new curriculum reporting system.
- plans for new Grandview Heights secondary school: not until year 3 of the current capital plan (2015-2018), i.e. work won't begin on new high school for at least 2 years.

CPF (Canadian Parents for French) ~ Erin H. for Tamsin & Jo Ann

- Wed Nov 15 & Thurs Nov 16th: French Immersion Peace Arch students participating in the French Film Festival.
- Carnival will be hosted by Riverdale Elementary in the spring.
- Trustees meeting this Thurs evening (Nov. 17th), everyone welcome.
- many parents in the French Immersion community are concerned about overcrowding and the movement of F.I. programs.

Snowball Dance ~ Friday, December 2nd, 5-8pm ~ Arin B. and Maria R.

- Snowball Dance this year will be a fundraiser for the Kehler family whose Kindergarten son at Peace Arch is undergoing cancer treatment this fall (another son in Gr.2, and baby due in Feb.).
- wine wall; cookies and cupcakes to be donated by Elizabeth and Shelley; plushy snowballs have been purchased, and will be available to buy for \$5, will stage an indoor snowball fight!
- Arin and Maria are organizing decorations.
- DJ Cuz-O will be up on the stage this year.
- **help needed with concession:** pizza, juice, water, chips, candy bags.
 - Save-on Foods is donating a lot of food, and a big gift basket to be raffled off.
 - also Save-On Foods is providing Grades 3-5 with gingerbread houses, and will donate the prizes from the contest.
 - price \$5.00 for pizza and drink.
- tickets will be \$5.00, max 350 tickets to be sold, sold through website, with limited availability at the door.
- Elizabeth will send out volunteer.org sign up soon.
- posters will be printed tomorrow, and emailed this week.
- tix available to order Nov 15 – Monday, Nov 28 through the PAC website (www.peacearch.hotlunches.net)
- wine wall \$20, plush light-up snowball \$5, pizza and drink (water, juice, pop) \$5, treats \$1-3.
- Kristen make email with blurb about Ben, details of snowball dance, ticket ordering info.

Other Business

- Reminder that Oliver! DVDs are available to order until Friday, November 25th, either through the school office or the PAC website. Both casts are on one high-quality, professionally produced DVD, for only \$12. DVDs will be delivered no later than the last day of school before Winter Break (Friday, Dec. 16th).
- Hot Lunch Round 2 Ordering will take place Dec. 4th – 16th for Hot Lunch in Jan, Feb, March.
- **We still need parent volunteers for the following positions! Please email if interested:**
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator: **Shelley D. is looking to train replacement or share position.**
 - Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator: (vacant)
 - Spring Fling coordinator: (vacant)
 - Playground Replacement Team: (vacant)
 - **Contact Erin:** peacearchpacnews@gmail.com or Shelley: peacearchhotlunch@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

No PAC meeting in December. Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the School Library.