



**Parent Advisory Council  
Pitt Meadows Elementary School  
École Élémentaire Pitt Meadows**

**PAC Agenda  
December 8, 2020  
Zoom**

Meeting begun: 6:34PM  
Meeting adjourned: 7:31PM  
Minutes by: Joy Logie

Welcome & circulation of Attendance Sign In Sheet

Review & Acceptance of Agenda

- *Motion to accept agenda by [Rachel ]. Seconded by [Luba K] . Approved.*

Review and acceptance of Minutes of last meeting

- *Motion to accept agenda by [Rachel R]. Seconded by [Heather H] . Approved.*

“To begin, we would like to acknowledge that Pitt Meadows Elementary is located on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.”

Dominique St-Armour

- support teacher
  - Works only with FI this year, learning challenges and behaviour challenges
  - works on projects with students
- Supports 11 classes in FI
- If a child needs support in French reading, lots of new websites
  - Je lis website and flash cards
  - Reading is the strong foundation for being a good writer and reader
  - Read as much as you can with your kids
  - Fun reading
  - Lunch program, put orders through the food bank. They are providing individually wrapped items
  - Each teacher has a bag of snacks for their students; kids have a stronger connection with their teacher and tend to ask them more
  - Can the PAC support in any way?
  - Alternate work stations
  - Stand up tables for kids who cannot sit for a long time
  - Rocker chairs
  - Calm down box for every classroom (quiet fidget items – fidget

- spinners, putty)
- See the inner garden as a more therapy area, heavy lifting and digging area, more benches; beautify the garden (not one teacher has sole control over the garden)(outdoor shed that can be quiet area); more spots for students to sit for reading
  - She will be taking the librarian position in September
  - Do parents know that the children are being supported?
  - Address at the classroom level
  - Then Dominique would come in to help
  - Will not work without permission from the parents

## **Administration Report**

### **Principal's Report**

- Shelley
- Getting ready for Christmas and the holidays; a little more difficult this year
- Some classes have made wooden snowmen, wreaths
- Some classes are preparing a musical presentation for parents
- Gearing up for conferences
- Would like feedback about conferences on zoom
- Grade 7's received their hoodies (don't forget to add names to the hoodies)
- Always sending the kids outside to play (even on rainy days)
- Jen
- Will be having new student teacher in the new year
- Donating lost and found the Friday before the break)

## **Committee Reports**

### **Chair Report (Heather Rhodes)**

- Spider Web update
- Parent donate 30K for the spider web in the primary playground
- Ordered and installation Feb or March
- Saleema Noon Sessions
- This is the year coming up for these sessions
- Discounted price for the new year (Grade 6/7 teachers would really like it)
- Pricing \$67/class (?)
- Usually do in April or May
- Poll for doing (100%)

- Shelley and Jen will look into dates and which presentations are the best for each classes
- Masks mandatory on school grounds ? - was asked at DPAC meeting submitted to Global for Townhall because it's a public space
- Shelley – never been brought up at meetings from the H&S officer
- Street Presentation for intermediates – Mme Nielsen (1 program for Grades 4/5 and 1 program for Grades 6/7)
- Safer Space Presentation (ask for an honourarium \$100)
- Online safety
- Very important especially for online socialization
- Poll (100% in favour of)

### **Treasurer (Luba King)**

- Spirit wear and masks - \$1792 in profit
- \$694 - Poinsettias
- \$1107 – Bid wars
- Gaming \$1130
- Gaming funds paid for Aldor Acres
- Tire Stewardship in the bank
- We have money!

### **Fundraising Committee Report (Alicia Shandler)**

- Spirit Wear / Poinsettias - Heather
- Beautiful and this fundraising went really well
- Spirit wear – week of the 16th
- More photos with a scale
- Gift Cards - Rach and Charissa
- Will be getting them in on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Corresponded with Karen and help to distribute them
- Art Cards - Heather
- Karen helped organized – thank you!
- Hopefully, we have an update on what we made

### **Hot Lunch (Rachel & Charissa)**

- Feedback from DPAC seems like it is a no for lunches
- Hot lunches for Jan?

### **CPF Report (Shelley Machan)**

- No Update

### **DPAC Report (Erin Schwarz)**

- Presentation from Maple Ridge Transportation Advisory Committee: Jenny Wright, Gary Hare and Pascal Shaw

About Active School Travel (AST) (Walking, cycling..) and School Travel Planning (STP) (Community based approach leading to increased rates of AST). Promoting and supporting active transportation in Maple Ridge.

Committee makes recommendations to council in regards to transportation initiatives. School Travel Planning is a process through which school and regional stakeholders work together to create and implement an action plan to each school or group of schools. Can inquire if any school travel planning projects are underway or in place in MR schools. Benefits of AST – healthier children, less traffic and pollution, safe school zones

Resources (in attached pdf): The Canadian STP toolkit: copies of both the Regional Stakeholders and the Facilitators Guide can be downloaded as well a general info on Active School

Transport. <https://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/school-travel-planning/school-travel-planning-toolkit/>

- Translink: general info including TravelSmart for Schools <https://www.translink.ca/rider-guide/travelsmart>
- HUB Vancouver: educational resources for safe cycling for kids and families <https://bikehub.ca/bike-education>
- CRD: Ready, Step, Roll Active Transport to School program; access to examples of programs in 46 schools across 11

municipalities <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/regional-transportation/active-school-travel-planning>

- Move Commute Connect-B.C's Active Transportation Strategy [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/funding-engagement-permits/grants-funding/cycling-infrastructure-funding/](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/funding-engagement-permits/grants-funding/cycling-infrastructure-funding/activetransportationstrategy_report_web.pdf) activetransportationstrategy\_report\_web.pdf

- City of Maple Ridge: Safer School

Travel <https://mapleridge.ca/234/Safer-School-Travel>

Can lead to discussion like bike security – bike lockers – funding may be available; need assessment done to find barriers, sight lines under district maintenance, help with safe route maps for walking

- Sylvia Russell (Superintendent) discussed presentation from nov 19<sup>th</sup> to board chairs/superintendents given by Dr Reka Gustafson – Deputy Prov Health Officer to give perspective of COVID in schools. 549 active COVID exposures (students and staff) – 12 in school transmissions otherwise community/home transmissions
- COVID has affected 14 school districts. 83% of provincial schools have no COVID. 600,000 students in BC (70,000 staff)

- 4x less likely to have COVID in school than in any other event (community at large). Home or unstructured indoor settings is where transmission is occurring.
- Fairview Elementary was closed due to vandalism – will be re-opening November 24<sup>th</sup>
- COVID exposure notification letters have been sent to Albion, SRT, Golden Ears, Yennadon, and Thomas Haney.
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- Still no hot lunches at this time. No visitors except essential.
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- PAC Guidelines on Community Gaming Grants and Conditions (pg. 8): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-pac.pdf>
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- Newest PAC – SD42 Odyssey K-9 PAC
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- Education Appreciation Day – Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am – email was sent out of PACs and Reps - SD 42 DPAC is organizing a time to recognize our teachers and support staff. We are encouraging our district to honk horns, cheer, clap, and make some noise at 8:30 am for our educators for all that they do.
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- Next DPAC Zoom meeting Monday Dec. 23rd @ 7 pm

### **Fruit & Veggie Report (Joy Logie)**

- Update

### **Health & Safety Report (Megan Mercier)**

- All required water is replaced and good until 2021
- Nice set of shelves with backpacks in the front and all the water is there; very organized and easy to maintain
- We were gifted the shelves
- Maybe use
- Backpacks – 25 foil blankets each; need inventory of the backpacks and of what is in it; checklist what is on the backpack on the tag on the backpack
- Water barells and solo cups
- Nitrile gloves provided by Shelley
- Pop up tent, bucket and toilet seat
- Megan will submit recipet
- First Aid fundraiser – first aid kit fundraiser sell to parents of the school and the PAC would get a kick back; Megan is looking into it

## New Business

- Possibly do a family pizza night in January

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**We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.**

Upcoming Dates to Remember

	<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>
<b>What</b>		
<b>PAC Meeting</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm (January 14t)	Zoom

Date :

Name	Email	Voting member
Shelley		
Heather		
Rachel R		
Jennifer B		
Brenda B		
Shelly L		
Luba		
Dominique		
Joanne		

