



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

**PAC Minutes
Monday, September 16, 6:30 pm
PME Library**

Meeting begun: 6:30pm meeting called to order

Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm

Minutes by: Lianna Henderson

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| Welcome & circulation of Attendance Sign In Sheet | 2 minutes |
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| Review & Acceptance of Agenda | 2 minutes |
| ○ <i>Agenda accepted. Motion by Kristen McDonald, seconded by Anthony Hadfield. Accepted.</i> | |
| Review & Acceptance of previous meeting minutes | 2 minutes |
| ○ <i>Motion to accept minutes by Kim Lee, seconded by Anthony Hadfield. Accepted.</i> | |

Administration Reports

Principal's Report (Joanne Rowen and Sarah Campbell)

- Start to the school year: a smooth start with 560 enrolled. A number of new staff members due to annual layoffs. We have a 0.6 fine arts (art, music, and drama) teacher who has been able to set up in the empty room.
- Charges for the school supplies have been delayed to give parents the chance to sign up through the district portal. Parents are encouraged to sign up – it will help parents track spending, and it will limit funds coming to the school office. A notice of expenses will be sent out shortly.
- Meet-the-teacher will likely be set up in order to visit all the classrooms and see some of the learning opportunities in the school. We are hoping to have popcorn for the students and their families, and we will need parent or student volunteers to pop. The Pitt Meadows Theatre has also in the past, provided popcorn if needed.
- All teachers have agreed to the new reporting format, moving away from content-based knowledge to competency-based knowledge. The newsletter will have insert sections to teach parents about how and why we are reporting this way. Alfie Kohn is coming to the district (hosted by DPAC) and will speak at a parent session about the importance of competency based learning.
- Possibility of CUPE strike – negotiations continue after being without a contract for a year. If a strike occurs, districts may be affected differently.
- April 25/26 will be the celebration of 100 years in Pitt Meadows, and Joanne is hoping that the student body and families can attend. PME (the original) was founded in 1909, so the history is strong. If we host a related event, funds are available to apply for.
- Student Credit Union (YCU) will be hosted every second Tuesday. It is run by a board-of-directors, and this year they will be asked to choose a charity to receive the money made. All students are welcome to deposit their money, but the board of the directors are from grade 5 up.

- There will be a few divisions a month responsible for FoodBank drives.

Committee Reports

Chair Report (chaired by Lisa Hannah)

- District French Choir- will begin next Tuesday, September 10 at Laity View Elementary. Registration begins before choir which runs 2:45-3:45pm. It would be nice to see PME well represented!
- The garden club is requesting \$100 to purchase shelves and supplies for the new greenhouse
- We welcome the new music teacher to PME so we won't be running after school guitar club. She will be able to tune the guitars and so the previous \$80 used to tune are not necessary this year.
- We would like to consider looking into guest speakers regarding internet safety to visit the school. It may be appropriate for the intermediate students. If there is interest we can investigate costs.
- We have also heard of parent-information sessions being offered in other districts. Sessions included: internet resources, taxes for families, sexual health education for families/children, parenting resources and advice. We would like to see how much interest there might be, or whether we can seek experts through the newsletters.
- Class reps- please sign up. Sign-up sheet circulated, and will be added to newsletter.
- Treat list- please sign up! We are still looking for monthly contributors!

Treasurer's Report (Anthony Hadfield)

- We would like to review how to request money to be provided or reimbursed by PAC. It is important that all groups maintain and submit receipts.
- Review budget- we haven't spent any money since June. There is just under \$8000 in the gaming account and just under \$15000 in the general account. That being said, some receipts will be submitted shortly for items (buses from last school year's field trips).
- There is an opportunity with a new treasurer and a new secretary responsible for budget items to review the way in which funds are exchanged between school and PAC.
- Musical theatre budget- Allie Wakeling has requested that it remain in budget.

CPF Report (Lianna Henderson)

- October 29 will be the start day for the pilot of Lisons Ensemble at the library. Sign up will begin shortly.
- French book fair- we will be bringing Savoir Faire books to the library, and we were hoping to do it Sept 25-27 to overlap with Meet-the-Staff Open House and have FRIM classes and teachers come in to look before. It may be in the gym as the library will be a school hub.
- Welcome-to-K kits coming soon

DPAC Report (Dionne MacDonald)

- The first DPAC meeting is on Oct 10th at Thomas Haney Secondary School from 7-9pm
- Alfie Kohn presentation for parents is on Sept 23rd at THSS - a very informative session about grades and the impact on a child's learning. This evening session is sponsored by DPAC and we are hoping for a full house. Registration online.

Fruit & Veggie Report (Denean McLelland)

- We have already started, blueberries were recently delivered. Deliveries of fruit and vegetables come every 2 weeks, to introduce children to BC produce. The reverse consent form went out.

Health & Safety Report (Sonja Fletcher)

- Sonja will check water and the contacts through SD42 and the ministry to see how many waters need replacing and find out the cost.
- The fence at the east of Mme Whitelock's room will be coming out so that the students will not bottleneck when moving to the field for emergency drills.

Fundraising Committee Report (Colleen Kirkham)

- As a fundraising committee, we feel like making Carnival an event that occurs every 2 years. During the other years we can consider Bunny Bingo. This year would be a Bunny Bingo- we are looking for organizers. Denean, Marsha, and Christine are experienced and worth speaking to about how it was run and how to run it again. Colleen is looking for someone passionate to head a team of volunteers.
- We will continue making money through Subway and Pizza lunch. Luba is willing to continue organizing Subway Lunches and Colleen will take over Pizza lunch. We would like to look at Subway for October, (Wednesday, October 9) and Pizza for November. There is also a possibility of Taco Del Mar providing a lunch.
- Movie night dates- movie license has been renewed. Kim, Cate, Luba and Pam are willing to be part of the movie committee.
- Christmas card art project will be running again. The fine-arts teacher has been approached.
- Other ideas: spring fling dance, October-in-February-fest, cake walk and loonie jar store night, supporting restaurants that will pay a portion of the tab back to PAC, pubnight. Anyone interested in organizing any of these, or other, events is welcome to table their ideas!

New Business

Next PAC meeting:

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

What	When	Where
PAC Meeting		

