

Banting Middle School PAC

What is the PAC?

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of our school.

Who is the PAC?

All parents and guardians of students at Banting are members of the Banting PAC. Your elected PAC executive for 2019/2020 are

- Noelene Ahern – president
- Mimi Yue – treasurer
- Lucky Saini – co-secretary
- Marit Heideman – co-secretary



Why do we need a PAC?

Parents' voices add tremendous value to our school.

The PAC's purpose is to

- advise the school principal and staff on parents' feedback on school programs, policies, plans and activities,
- organize PAC activities and events,
- encourage parent involvement in the school, and support programs that promote parent involvement,
- communicate with parents, and promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children,
- assist parents in accessing the system and advocate on behalf of parents and students,
- provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.

The PAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

How do I contact the PAC?

You can reach us by email at BantingPAC@gmail.com. There is also a PAC web page connected to the school website under the Parents section where you can find meeting minutes etc., at www.sd43.bc.ca/school/banting/Parents/PAC.

Or follow us on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Banting-Middle-School-PAC-277977166167820/>

What PAC activities are coming up?

Now is your chance to get involved! We welcome any ideas to improve our school community.

PAC meetings

All parents are invited. Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, but our first meeting will be on **18 September at 6:30pm** in the library.

Family donation

Instead of a long list of fundraisers, we will be asking each family for a family donation to the PAC in early October. We appreciate any contributions.

Pizza lunch

The monthly pizza lunches will continue this year, with the first being on **4 October**.

School wish list

Now that the outdoor area at the new school is almost complete, there will be public spaces within the school that could do with some **sturdy indoor and outdoor furnishings** – benches, tables etc. If anyone is able to source corporate donations or low-priced items, please let us know.

Where does the money raised go?

PAC money is used to purchase various classroom supplies, sports equipment, music equipment, books and computer equipment, as well as provide special performances at school. The PAC also contributes to the Grade 8 year end event and staff appreciation lunch.

We look forward to your ideas and support.