

École Irvine Elementary

1st 2020 PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

7:00pm Welcome and Sign-in via Zoom – review process for Voting via Zoom, practice round! 28 people attending
G- summary of things that were not done last year due to Covid & how to vote

7:10pm Budget Report – Amara Garcia **Amara – raised money last year**
Class room funds \$1900 for teachers
Gaming extra curricular -tennis
Field trips weren't completed still left over \$2500
\$5000 for playground in the future
Sensory wall Hallway for the teachers \$1500
Went over budget excel

7:20pm Principal's Report – Dennis Shannon **Dennis – explaining why/how things were set up at the beginning of the year with cohorts etc.**

Info on Cohorts

Construction updates -he is outside for about 3 hours because of the multiple lunches etc.

Music Program this year

IXL math subscription -they are charging for it now \$2100 for 200 students

7:40pm New Business (max 5 minutes per item)

➤ **Gaming Funds** – We have some gaming money to spend! In lieu of Art Starts and other interactive in school performances and activities, typically funded by the Gaming Grant through the PAC each year, we would love to hear from parents some ideas on how we might spend the money. Ideally Covid friendly ideas! Here's a link to more information and a list of Eligible & Prohibited Uses of the Gaming Grant Funds: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-pac.pdf> ~ We will conduct a survey and collect ideas through our Facebook Community in the coming weeks and Vote on it at the November PAC Meeting. Ideas so far have included a gift of \$2500.00 (\$250.00/cohort x 10) to purchase new books for all the classrooms. ****TBD: Maybe Vote on Pumpkin Patch allocation (amount TBC) pending School Admin confirmation that it's a viable option this year on school property given the limited play area available and Covid safety protocol.**

Usually get 7800-8000 per year only get it if you have an active PAC

List on eligible and non-eligible things we can use it on.

Up on facebook and getting ideas from parents to see what we could use it on

Maybe use them on books for the teachers \$250 per class? Can vote on Nov meeting for all of or part of the gaming fund

Pumpkin patch idea put them out in the field so we bring the patch to the kids, but we don't have our field so talks about other ways of doing it.

➤ **Sensory Wall/Path** – Some of the Kindergarten teachers reserved their Teacher Funds over the past two years (currently totaling \$800.00) to go towards a future sensory path in the new school. Gaming revised its list last year to include sensory path purchases so this is now something we can cover within Gaming. We'd like to propose that we earmark \$700.00 from Gaming to put towards the sensory path when the new school is built. This would bring us up to \$1500.00 on reserve to purchase the sensory path. ****Need to Vote.**

Proposed \$700

Shawn second all in favor 17 in favor no one is against

Passed

Big stickers with different colors and shapes on the floor and the walls -in the new school. Going to keep the 800 from before and can pay the rest with gaming funds as the rules have now changed.

Want to vote to spend \$1500 in the sensory wall in the new school

Atash -can we give 800 back to the teachers? We can decide where the money comes from, we would top up the purchase from the gaming funds. Can we give the \$800 back to the teachers?

Some don't even spend the \$200 so what would they use it for? Many don't need it and don't use it. Last year only spend \$1900 of the \$4000. Some teacher just have everything and make due with what they have. Others still building their stash.

Few years back fundraiser \$5000 for many years a playground, playgrounds start at \$100,000 so it won't go far but could go towards something on the playground as a legacy fund. That is why the money is on the reserve for the new school

➤ **Liaison System Update – Ray**

Quick history for the system, prior to this year role was a coordinator making email groups and distributing to PAC email fro distribution to the school

Some changes this year there is an addition in the key forms

No longer forwarding the PAC emails they will be distributed through Dennis class room liaison won't need to be required to do emails on behalf of the PAC.

Volunteer looking for four more this year

Will create the class list so families can stay connected, less intermingling so class list will allow to reach out and connect and get information and get in touch with classmates if needed, etc.

Used for play date and parties and may use it in the future

Ray will still have her groups if she needs to have contact with them

Still working somethings with Dennis

Get permission forms from families to allow private info to be distributed to the class list.

Have separate group for grade 5 for fundraising for the year end events kids are tech savvy and are in touch with their friends.

Shawn what divisions need volunteers

Div. 2, 3, 6, 11 will get it out on fb to get people. Shaw will take Div. 3

➤ **Family Donation Program – Not Doing at this time as activities will be limited and we have funds from last year to use up. We will look at doing various Fundraising initiatives like Neufeld, Purdy's, Gift Basket Facebook auction, etc. throughout the year as needed.**

Show we fundraise or just take donation so we can do a vote. Don't know if there are any field trips etc. Everything is on hold, but just in case we've budgeted for the spring if it is ok.

If we are fundraising need to have a purpose for raising funds.

Who would like to still do family donations.

Atash- Can we have a specific things to contribute to so that it is not vague.

Colleen- must have a purpose sell tickets chocolate etc. Do things at Christmas for vulnerable families etc. N.farms is not the same.

Amara could fundraise for Math etc. just make it optional and let families decide what they want to donate. It is voluntary and we can recognize that it's not been an easy year, and some things we would want money to go to

Should we even ask for family donations when it's been a hard time with Covid.

Must use gaming funds and not sure if we will even be able to use all of that.

Gaming funds are for extra curriculum items, balls, pumpkin patch, extra books. Donations we can do what ever.

Cathey seconds to make a family donation – All are in favor

Atash can draft the letter to families, optional so don't need a purpose to donate.

➤ **PAC Positions – We have several Executive Positions that need to be filled including Treasurer, Secretary, & Co-Chair (Colleen/Geneve staying on for rest of this year as needed, but ideally bring 1-2 new people on to transition into the roles in January for the 2021-2022 school year). Time for new blood!**

Secretary – Aram

No one else putting up their name so she is voted in

Treasurer – No one put in their name.

Chair for next year- Atash will shadow for next year

➤ **Classroom Teacher & Staff Funds and Field Trip Bus Funds – 404 Students, 20 Divisions, 10 Cohorts – Motioning to offer \$200.00/full time staff member as usual, \$150.00 per division for Field Trip **Need to Vote.**

Motion to pass, Shawn 2nd for both and all in favor to pass.

**Atash – do teachers aids get anything? Yes there is a special ed fund that the teachers share
1 day is .2 and so four days is .8 and the funds get split**

➤ **Grade 5 Committee** – Need a small team of parents to come together to help bring about a fun and memorable Grade 5 Year for the kids!

Going to do something **for the kids even though there is no fieldtrip. Will put out an emails to get things started**

➤ **Staff Appreciation & Volunteer Recognition** – Motion \$1200.00 to cover expenditures as needed for all treats and gifts! i.e. end of year staff luncheon, Coffee/Timbits treats, volunteer appreciation gifts, staff/admin gifts at Christmas and EOY.

This is on hold and can't do volunteer gifts but will do end of year, Christmas, secretary day, maybe wine, etc. will have \$1200 for it.

motion 2nd by Elinor, 13 in favor – non apposed.

➤ **Beyond the Bell/After School Programs** – currently on hold, stay tuned!

➤ **Hot Lunch** – currently on hold, stay tuned!

Munch lunch is \$336 for fee plus charge every time there is a transaction, swipe fee last year was \$1200.

Qn. Why don't we use school cash to avoid the fee? Because it goes to school fund and it muddies what is school related and what is PAC munch lunch. Munch lunch is an easy platform and is already set up and for this year it is better to just keep using it.

8:30pm Meeting Adjourned ***List items to be carried over to next meeting.*

NEXT PAC MEETING: WED., NOV. 18, 2020 @ 7:00PM VIA Zoom **email 027-PAC@sd43.bc.ca to request an invitation.

If you would like to add a topic for discussion to the next meeting's agenda please email 027-PAC@sd43.bc.ca.

Thank You / Merci!