



## École Irvine Elementary School

### PAC Annotated Agenda

February 9, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

**Participants:** Atash Askarian, Dennis Shannon, Jennifer Trumpour, Candice Ng, Marie-Eve Kirkpatrick, Shawna Vincenzi, Maggie Harder, Janel Casey, G H Huie, Kathy Simmonds; shravan; Colleen Morel; Michaela Ross

#### **Adoption of agenda – Atash Askarian**

**Motion: Janel forwards**

**Motion: Marie-Eve seconds**

**All in favour**

#### **Adoption of November minutes – Atash Askarian**

Dennis requests a change to the minutes: MDI instead of NBI in the Principal's Report

**Motion: Marie-Eve forwards**

**Motion: Shawna seconds**

**All in favour**

#### **Principal's Report - Dennis Shannon**

- Cross-catchment applications closed this afternoon.
- French Immersion registration - currently just under 40 spaces filled, no waitlist - spots will be offered to families on waitlists in other areas.
- Pink shirt day coming up, shirts will arrive from Terry Fox tomorrow (Friday).
- Valentine's Day, kindergarten 'interview' from Mr Shannon coming up.
- Valentine's Day - information sent home to parents from classroom teachers about plans for each class.
- Kids have been preparing cards for seniors, and those will be distributed.
- Family Day Holiday is February 21st.
- Next hot lunch is February 24th.
- Next Pro-D day is February 25th.
- Next early dismissal day is March 8th; report cards will be March 11th.
- The first TCBY day is March 8th as well.
- Spring break runs March 14-25th.
- The district has received money to improve ventilation in classrooms - they have determined priorities are: 1) portables; 2) modular buildings; 3) classrooms with windows that do not open.
- 2 HEPA filter purifiers arrived this week for Irvine and are in the two portable classrooms.
- 5 teachers are interested in the STEM Pro-D day. Atash will coordinate dates with Mr. Shannon.
- A Running Club will start after spring break and run until mid June - every student will get a chain necklace, and they can collect 'feet' charms for sets of 5 km runs completed. Kids will be able to keep necklaces as they move through grades at Irvine (will continue

year to year), and can accumulate the charms which will be different for different milestones reached. More info to come.

- A parent portal will be available sometime in the 3rd term - will allow access to report cards online and information about contact info.
- The school will be setting goals regarding social responsibility; a survey will be sent for feedback from parents and students - things that could be worked on at school, and that will benefit the community.
- Starting to see inappropriateness around internet use and messaging platforms, particularly with older students. Looking into an internet safety workshop for parents, who may not be aware how some kids are using the internet.
- New school: will be ready to move into in 'spring' - sometime before the end of the school year. Some delays due to supply chain. First round of purchasing of equipment for the school under way.

Atash: Marc Fernandez organized Safe Spaces workshops (online) last fall. Can try to bring back. They also have something catered to kids.

Shawna: Can this be presented to classes?

Mr. Shannon: will try - live is better than virtual, but would be good to do.

### **DPAC Debrief – Michaela Ross**

- Discussed daily health checks.
- Isolation periods have changed - now 5 days for kids under 18.
- More information is available on the Irvine and DPAC websites.
- Programs of choice - a lot of spots may come available due to attrition, parents urged to keep their spots on waitlists.
- Threshold for covid closure - 10% over historical averages for absenteeism.
- Budgets for EA's and counsellors - will be discussed at budget meetings in April.
- Parents are encouraged to reach out to DPAC reps for anything parents want addressed at a district level.
- Presentations: 1) Erica Stuart: psychological effects of Covid at schoolsources available and links on the website. 2) Brittany Borean - Crossroads Hospice Society - resources to help kids who have experienced parental death. She supports kids within schools - meetings can happen at school. Resources for both presentations are available on the DPAC website and in the report.
- Understanding PAC and why it is important for parent involvement
- Resources for both presentations as well as other general DPAC items are available on the DPAC website and in the report.
- Michaela encourages any parents who want more information or have items they would like brought to the DPAC to contact her or Marc Fernandez.

Mr Shannon: district looked at the typical 3 year averages for absenteeism by grade levels and added 10% to it as a marker to be concerned about. Only considering 'ill' students (not absent for other reasons). In January there were times Mr Shannon was in touch with Fraser Health but it did not go beyond monitoring.

### **Budget Update - Shawna**

- \$480 earned from the Me n Eds fundraiser.
- Budget steady - currently have just under \$30,000.

- The Purdy's fundraiser brought in \$1500.
- In trust account - Tammy is using that to pay for hot lunches and some miscellaneous expenses.
- The Gaming account is largely untouched except for fees; Beauty and Beast cheque still not cashed, may have expired.
- Saleema Noon fees will come from gaming.
- Shawna asked about what the gaming funds can be used for - it needs to be extracurricular and/or something that applies to all students and would not typically be covered by the district. Specific question: what about replacing musical instruments - answer from Gaming is generally no, however if we have an expense we would like them to consider, we can submit a request and they may approve.
- They suggested virtual field trips or walking field trips.
- Other suggestions: classes can walk to DQ? Hyde Creek hatchery?
- Bluetooth Speakers for classrooms? Previously voted \$1500 to be allowed for this (not account specific) - out of stock but Mr Shannon can look on Amazon.

### **Fundraiser Information**

- Kathy has been spearheading a Neufeld's Fundraiser. Set up for Friday May 6th; can only have a 4:30pm delivery. Will likely be in parent parking lot although will need to assess closer to the time due to construction. Kathy will be setting up a stripe account through Neufeld for this.
- Shawna has contacted Chipotle. They ask for a business number which the PAC does not have (not incorporated) - may be possible to use the school's business number but will request to run without. Date of March 9th requested.
- Michaela spoke to Pinetree Elementary. They use Nando's - very specific rules for this fundraiser. Related to a movie night option - vouchers for dinner. Kind of like a 'virtual' movie night.
- Michaela will also be looking into planter sales - Plant Place was mentioned but closed now. Other suggestions: Amsterdam Nursery; Garden Works also opening soon.
- Several other options discussed for restaurants that may participate in fundraisers, and Michaela will look into this.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

- Earthquake food supplies? Mr. Shannon will follow up on this.
- Saleema Noon sessions: Thursday May 12 - Parent zoom session (6:45pm); Wed May 18 and Fri May 20 - school sessions for kids. More info to come closer to the date.
- Still looking for someone that can accommodate all classes for STEM programming (and not very expensive).
- Yvonne Gomez is still looking for options for Indigenous programming.
- Ringette or Lacrosse sessions could be possible later this school year if the COVID situation improves.
- Possibility of a school-wide event late in the year? Food truck and event in the parking lot? Will depend on restrictions. Possible school water fight.
- Mr. Shannon suggests t-shirts once everyone is in the new school - shirts for staff and kids - Irvine 2.0 or something similar (Atash - possible to use for gaming funds for this).
- Coleen requests reimbursement for the food safe certificate required for the fruit and veg program.

- PAC vote to approve reimbursement of approx. \$105.
  - Colleen forwards motion
  - Shawna seconds motion
  - Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstaining

**Adjourn meeting – Atash Askarian**

**Motion: Michaela forwards**

**Motion: Janel seconds**

**Meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm**