



ÉCOLE IRVINE ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annotated Agenda

April 12, 2023 (7:16 pm to 8:59 pm)

We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional, ancestral and unceded traditional territory of the kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation). We thank the kwikwəłəm who continue to live on these lands and care for them, along with the waters and all that is above and below.

Participants: Shawna Vincenzi, Dennis Shannon, Janae Walters, Maggie Harder, Eleanor Tso, Kristell Keely, Reza Hedayat, Alison Truelove, Michaela Ross, Jennifer Trumpour, Marc Fernandez, Maggie Harder, Louise Farrell, Nichole, Geraldin Zuluaga, Pauline, Juliana, Colleen Morel, Kate Mazloumi, Melissa, Toni, Kathy Simmonds

Adoption of agenda – Janae Walters

Motion: Michaela forwards

Motion: Shawna seconds

Adoption of January minutes – Janae Walters

Motion: Alison forwards

Motion: Michaela seconds

Principals Report - Dennis Shannon:

- Calendar :
 - *April 19, 2023* Como Lake relays - a tradition in our district, teams of 4s (grade 4s and 5s, each person does 1 lap around the track about 1.1 KM), first time since the Pandemic happening, about 35 students from our school
 - *April 21, 2023*
 - *April 23, 2023* Panoramic Photo (rescheduled from March)
 - *April 24, 2023* District Track meet– the kids will be trying out at school and then it will be determined who and what activity they're doing. The District Track meet will happen at SFU this year, so no shot put, no discus or 1500 M run
 - *April 25, 2023* RCMP coming to work with our kids K-Grade 2 to discuss diversity, inclusion
 - *April 25, 2023* TCBY
 - *April 26, 2023* Fruit & vegetable day

- *May 5, 2023* basketball Jamboree - Coaches from Riverside working with grade 5 girls interested in playing basketball . Goal to have more girls in basketball/sports
- *May 11, 2023* Fruit & vegetable day
- *May 12, 2023* Hot lunch – Taco Del Mar
- *May 23, 2023* TCBY
- *May 31, 2023* Fruit & vegetable day
- *June 7, 2023* Welcome to Kindergarten Day
- *June 7, 2023* Hot lunch – Fresh Slice pizza
- Newsletter will be coming out from Dennis soon
- We are looking to do a multicultural board
 - Nowruz was our first one , we saw some Iranian students teaching other students about their traditions , set up by Ms. Spencer from Coast Salish
 - Call out to parents/community members to come in and do cultural display/traditions and celebrations board
- Just before the break, we had meetings with incoming K students and how to gauge and discuss kindergarten readiness with parents and students
 - Goal will be to have another meeting likely with Ms. Flood to talk about emotional readiness
- Organization – projections for next year - We will be increasing by one division in the English program (8 English and 8 French)
 - This is going to depend on incoming classes and configurations at registration over the summer break and then in September
- Sensory Pathways – there is \$2500 set aside and teachers are looking for indoor and outdoor pathways to be ordered this year
 - Dennis to reach out to the district social emotional learning to try and get some additional funds towards this, approximately \$4000 total
- Jen Trumpour - Kindergarten team sent in this book called “Give This Book Away”, they want to start a traditions where the new grade ones then give them to the incoming Kindergartens and then so on and so forth. There are 70 or so Kindergarten students. Roughly \$2300 to get enough books
- Articulation – The schools send a parent form, student form and teacher form - has begun for students in Gr 5 , Kway came already and Minnekhada will come
 - There will be an opportunity for students to go to Kway on June 8 for a day
- Learning Survey – Dennis will send out a link to survey for all parents in Grade 4
 - Helpful for the district if Parents fill this out – deadline is going to be end of the month
- Playground outside
 - 3 companies came out to the grounds to take a look at the space
 - Facilities came out too and they will choose one of the companies to get started on the playground
- Parking Lot
 - There was a delay because they were waiting on some parts
- Need to vote on a Photography Company for next year

- Question: Will there be a shortfall in funds for the playground? No, the district will cover.

DPAC Debrief – Michaela Ross and Marc Fernandez

- Marc's update on DPAC meeting March 31
 - Treasurer's report
 - Make sure to apply for Gaming grants by **June 30, 2023**
 - Assistant Superintendent's Report: Rob Zabrano
 - Special Public Meeting - Stakeholder Budget Feedback (little room for new input) April 18
 - Regular Public Board Meeting -Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval will be on April 25th
- **Physical Health Education, including curriculum on Sexual Health, Elementary Focus on:**
 - Body Science, Sexual Health and Child Abuse Prevention
 - Part of the required curriculum – especially component related to reproduction and sexuality is required learning by provincial curricula standards;
 - However there is an Alternative Delivery Policy (AP207) that stipulates the topics can be covered by alternative means (aka outside of school setting) but Student, teacher and parents or caregiver must agree to how this will be done. Student need to demonstration knowledge; (however in practice this is not enforceable).
 - Update to the core Sexual Health curriculum - Teachers are receiving training to learn how to teach new modules on sexual abuse prevention (Safe Bodies Strong Kids)
 - Incorporating technology safety into programming too
 - In older kids new areas of learning relating to relationships (consent) and substance abuse)
 - SD43's Recommended Resources for Sexual Health Education – broken down by grade and module taught in class; contact if interested in specific links
- Upcoming Parent Education Opportunities
 - April 19th – Safer Schools Together – Digital Safety
 - May 10th Sexual Exploitation Education
 - End of May Substance Use Panel
- **Fraser Health Public Nurse** – Health Living Working Group (HLWG) presented on the Value of Belonging
 - Declines in sense of belonging in SD43 students during pandemic

- Belonging at school, neighbourhood, family, etc will increase your child's resilience (defined as the ability to "bounce back" after a stressful experience or risk)
- Other programs Unplug & Connect
- Clearing the Cloud (Vaping Dialogues)
- **French Immersion Schools**
 - Parent Representatives Canadian Parents for French are putting out a call to all French Immersion schools for a Parent Representative(s) from each school who would receive information and present to PAC
 - Canadian Parents for French would also love input and ideas on what to spend gaming money on now that scholarships can not be awarded using gaming funds in 2023/24 and future school years. Contact Robyn Doig c.d@telus.net or 604-787-7457 to sign up or learn more.
- Dennis is adding to this, the district is wanting to emphasize the teachers teaching the sexual health material, Ms. Flood, our counselor is trained in Safe Bodies, Strong Kids , Ms. Flood is providing the training for the next Pro-D for teachers
- Michaela – sent an email to the City of Pocolo, ask for curve bulges, we are still following up, we have also asked for lights but no guarantees, there's actually one on the crosswalk on Renton, Michaela is going to try and get speed bumps
- Marc has gotten some traffic safety in the neighbourhood on HUB Cycling, to discuss Wellington specifically.

Budget Update - Shawna

- General account \$48,300.87
 - Hot lunch funds coming in
 - Fundraising - \$2,065
 - Purdy's
 - Provincial
 - Movie Night
 - Personal Best Martial Arts'
 - Mabels Labels
 - TCBY Cash sales
 - Incoming
 - Me n Eds
 - Easter Purdy's
 - Sushi Fu Family Night
- Gaming is at \$29,780.96
 - Art starts
 - Tennis
 - Bank Fees – the \$5/month paper fee is now gone because we have gone to electronic

- Discussion about different banks to move the general account so that we can pay less fees. Shawna will contact CIBC to see if we can move the general account
 - New Treasurer may want to look into this
 - Usually gaming grant is around \$8000, and if we do not spend these funds, we risk not qualifying the grant next year , so we need to spend these funds
 - Question if funds can be used for computers? Gaming funds cannot be used for curriculum. Discussion will take place between Staff for how much computers will cost to replace and will bring to the next meeting.

Motion for increasing the sensory path funds up to \$4000 - Janae Walters

Motion: Michaela forwards

Motion: Kathy seconds

Motion passed , 12 in favour, 0 opposed

Motion for approving \$2500 for “Give this Book Away” - Janae Walters

Motion: Alison forwards

Motion: Shawna seconds

Motion passed , 12 in favour, 0 opposed

- Wishlist of \$5000 was previously approved from the PAC General account
 - Can the school start giving ideas of what they want? This can be carried forward to next year
- Grade 5 committee was given \$600 for their year-end party but Shawna proposes it comes out of the general account
- Lunch for sports day is usually provided \$500
- Fish on Fences \$6600 – this will wait.

General Updates – Kathy Simmonds

- Hot lunch Eleanor will be taking over
- Megan will be taking over breakfast with Santa
- Facebook Admin has to be taken over too – looking for a volunteer

Grade 5 Committee Update – Kathy Simmonds

- Paid 10% deposit,
- Due 30% and 30% deposits
- Spirit Bear brought in \$1100
- Arts Cards brought in \$1700 – this needs to be set up early
- Neufeld closes , around \$600, usually around \$1000
- There will be a meeting for after ceremony, hoping to legacy fund back \$600 back to the playground

Carnival Committee Update – Alison Truelove and Eleanor Tso

- Last meeting was April 10
- Went to the storage container and emptied out and took all of the games home, special thanks to Erin Batt for storing all of these games
- Have 16 functioning games plus 4 mini golf
- Popcorn machine has been removed from storage container and it has been used and is functioning
- Stuff that the Pac owns is all in the storage container
- In April, we are asking for raffle basket donations in all of the classrooms
- Volunteer signups will be coming out in May – please sign up to help!
- Learning Centre does like to donate a basket and we are getting an Epicure basket donation
- We also want physical baskets
- Rain plan – some classrooms can be used.

Roundtable Discussion

- Retirement gift M. Escueta
 - In the past, it depends on the individual – so some options have been breakfasts, district invite
 - Celebration district invite that will happen at the beginning of June
 - Discussed a year end assembly if students/kids wanted to come , or a year end assembly that could extend after school
 - He loves Lord of the Rings, Fly fishing, and a small boat
 - Can we do students to take pictures with thank you-s to put inside the gift
- Pac executives for next year, a few names have been put forward for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President
 - need a secondary DPAC
 - need another chair for Carnival
 - prefer to have a few more names to put forward and/or some roles can be shared
- School Photographer for next year to be voted on

Motion for Photo Expressions - Janae Walters

Motion passed , 12 in favour, 0 opposed

- Financial Literacy - Build -A – Biz Kids, we have a grant of \$2000 , they take care of it and bring it in and then there will be a presentation
- Fundraising updates and discussion
 - Family photo session – we may have already missed the boat
 - Provincial Spirits again (they're called Nicelife now)
 - Comment: Consider spending some of the fundraising funds instead of focusing on the fundraising
 - Summer Reading Campaign – 10% off to the school and then they donate back to PAC, no minimum
 - Return-it is already set up with the PAC

Adjourn meeting – Janae Walters

Motion: Kathy forwards

Motion: Michaela seconds

Meeting adjourns at 8:59 pm