



Eagle Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom

The Eagle Ridge Elementary PAC acknowledges that our school community is located on the unceded ancestral and traditional lands of the Kwikwə́łəm (Kwkwetlem), xʷməθkwə́yəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Present: Tara Lyons (Chair), Sarah Wells, Nicole Coatta, Joanne Breckenridge, Erin Davis, Jennifer Short, Don Hutchinson, Andrea Hersog, Leah Dixon, Amanda Weber, Shwetambhri Kaushal, Amy van Wormer, Angela Martino, Becky R, Darcy Bergsma, Jenn Dearborn, Jennifer Husband, Shannon Morrison, Nataliaia, Sara, Kathy H, Angela Poon (minute taker)

1. **Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment** – Tara Lyons.
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda** – Agenda is adopted (Leah Dixon motions, Jenn Short seconds)
3. **Review and Approval of June AGM minutes** – Minutes are approved (Tara Lyons motions, Amanda Weber seconds).
4. **Principal's Report – Don Hutchinson:**

Please see full report posted at sd43.bc.ca/school/eagleridge/Parents/PAC/ under "Principal's Report"

- Action plan for learning remains the same, Number Sense (2nd year), Indigenous Learners
 - Area of focus will be Indigenous learnings in classroom and school-wide activities)
- New this year is Building School Community, led by Kyle Williams
 - Work with the PAC, more activities that work with the school community
- Parent communications
 - Weekly News on the Ridge newsletter
 - Student-led conferences moved to April 2024 this school year
- Student leadership
 - Fruit and veggie program
 - Building community committee
 - Help with Mr. Botero in digital literacy
- Administrative policies and procedures
 - Reach out to Mr. Hutchinson with questions
- Updates to AP 380 Resolution of Parent Concerns:

- Parent concerns about what happens in the classroom: plan is to meet with the teacher first, if parent is not happy with the outcome, then reach out to principal, or to the zone superintendent
- Technology update
 - Tech costs are just over \$8,000
 - Every classroom will have a TV (3-4 classrooms that still had the smartboards, but they will be replaced)
 - District has given an opportunity to purchase STEAM resources - \$750, available through the Learning Commons and Digital Literacy programs
- FSA evaluations for Grade 4 students Oct 2-Nov 9
- Classroom celebrations
 - Limited to Halloween, Winter Break, Valentine's Day. End of School Year
 - Considerations include: affordability, sugar intake, allergies
 - Parents can sign up through classroom
- Michelle Tremblay teaching situation awareness, self defense
 - Working with two grades per week
 - Eagle Ridge has applied for a grant, but will reach out to PAC to pay for these sessions if the grant does not come through
- Questions:
 - Angela Poon: Why are planners being ordered for classrooms that are not using them?
 1. Don't ask teachers about why they're not using them, needs to consult on whether parents should pay or not; will report back
 2. Jenn Dearborn said planners were not a big deal in middle school and she wished she wouldn't have been so worried about it

5. Executive Committee Reports

President's Report

- Building Community Committee: Members include Tara Lyons, Jenn Short, Emily Singh
- How do you want to meet?
 - Zoom costs \$230/year
 - Jenn Dearborn: I prefer Zoom
 - Jenn Short: Will we offer child care in the secondary classroom? Yes
 - Joanne Breckenridge: Same question
 - Angela Poon: Can we meet in person but have an online option
 - Tara Lyons will talk to Rick Botero about whether this is an option

Additional Comments

- Erin Davis: It's been a hard day for many families considering the anti-SOGI and anti-trans protests happening in our community; wants to reiterate that this school and PAC committee should be a safe place for our kids and families.

Treasurer's Report

- Introductions from Sarah Wells and Darcy Bergsma
- Still in transition as last year's treasurer moved to a different school; need to have AGM in May so that we can have a better sign off
- Had some real issues getting access to monies at the bank with Vancity

- This is a great time to share our ideas for what should be in the budget
- Presenting of the budgets - general (“family money”, i.e. fundraised from families) and gaming (grant from the provincial government)
 - Don Hutchinson: tried to book two new ArtStarts presentations at \$2,100, school received a grant for \$4,000
 - Amy Wormer works at Vancouver Film School, and has offered to arrange face painters for a low fee or maybe even volunteer; Jen Short asked to reach out offline
 - Sarah Wells offered to do Food Safe

Fundraising Report

- Introductions from Jen Short
 - Looking for parents to help out, fundraisers are posted regularly on Facebook

DPAC Report

- Introductions from Joanne Breckenridge
- DPAC hasn’t started meeting yet
- Statement from BCCPAC that they stand by LGBTQ2SI+ families, Joanne will be checking if DPAC has also signed onto that statement

6. Committees/Events

Hot Lunch: Jennifer Husband, Leah Dixon, Emily Singh

- Introductions from Jennifer Husband
- Alternating between pizza lunches, Red Robin, Boston Pizza
- Once per month, posted into Munch a Lunch
- Going back to posting monthly
- Posting options for larger portions, price differentiations will be there
- Robust committee, we should have ample volunteers
- All restaurants have started to label and pack them by division which has been super helpful
- Might try to work in a treat day or two throughout the year to see if families like it
- First hot lunch is October 13 - pizza, November - Red Robin, December - pizza, hit the New Year with some other options

Traffic Safety Committee

- Tara Lyons: Advocating for wider sidewalk, very pleased to see it happen
- Don Hutchinson: Guildford bike lane, gives more of a buffer for kids in the intersection.
 - Parking - a lot of parents are new and it’s a learning curve

Grade 5 Committee: Tara Lyons

- Two Freezie Fridays
- Movie night - October 27 Halloween party, Doors at 6pm, Movie at 6:30pm
- Mr. Hutchinson to send out Grade 5 Committee invitation to Grade 5 families

Pancake Breakfast Committee

- Jenn Green is leading the event but not in attendance at meeting

Parent Communication: Angela Poon

- Feedback from various parents in attendance:
 - Like that it's included in school newsletter + want separate emails as well
 - Like school fundraisers on Facebook, fun content is great, group of folks coordinating and organizing that, need to have people willing to
- Don Hutchinson: Weekly, send to Don by Wednesday, Thursday morning assemble the newsletter, Linda does final touches by Friday, the sooner it gets to us the better, Send in a Word document to school
- Angela Poon: offered to send weekly newsletters to school and out to PAC email list
- Joanne Breckenridge: private Facebook page might have more parent feedback

Parent Education

- Tara Lyons wants to propose we have a SOGI speaker from the District or SOGI 123
- Tara invited parents to join the committee

7. Motions

- Motion passed to approve Tara Lyons, Jennifer Husband and Darcy Bergsma as signing authority.
 - Seconded by Leah Dixon, all in favour, no objections
- Motion passed to approve Nicole Coatta as Member at Large
 - Seconded by Erin Davis, all in favour, no objections
- Motion passed to approve Shwetambhri Kaushal as Member at Large
 - Seconded by Darcy Bergsma, all in favour, no objections
- Motion to approve up to \$450 to purchase a square card terminal, rolls of receipt paper and a terminal screen protector
 - Amanda Weber raised concerns about fees per transaction
 - Jenn Husband suggests asking other PACs what their experience has been with the terminal and whether it's encouraged additional purchases?
 - Andrea Hersog suggests it would be 2.5-3.5% overall
 - Joanne Breckenridge suggest it would encourage more people to donate
 - Table the motion to get more information from other PACs, report back to the council for next month
 - Becky R says the Square fees are very reasonable, 2.65% for Visa/Mastercard, flat fee for debit, fees just went up today for debit but still minimal, fees are raised if you want your money immediately, never had a problem with it not working in a school gym
 - Jenn Husband offered to pull some more details and present for the next meeting
 - Angela Poon asked where the money comes from in the budget
 - Sarah Wells seconds
 - Motion does not carry, we'll come back with more information for next meeting

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned