



**Eagle Ridge Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes
Feb 22, 2024 7pm (In-Person)**

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

Present: Olena A., Darcy Bergsma, Joanne Breckenridge, Nicole Coatta, Chris Curtis, Erin Davis (minute taker), Leah Dixon, Jenn Green, Kathy Hemani, Jennifer Husband, Don Hutchinson, Tara Lyons (Chair), Shawn Marsolais, Keith Sorensen, Sarah Wells

TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>Territorial Acknowledgment</p>	Tara
<p>Approval of Agenda Motioned by Leah D Seconded by Jen H <i>Motion carried</i></p>	Tara
<p>Approval of Minutes of January PAC meeting Motioned by Sarah D Seconded by Leah D <i>Motion carried</i></p>	Tara
<p>Principal's Report & Questions: <i>For full report please see sd43.bc.ca/school/eagleridge/Parents/PAC/ under "Principal's Report"</i></p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 students are participating in the Run, Walk, Wheel program. Final walk is on March 10th, 5k up the crunch and get together after. • Triathlon assembly today. Lots of parent volunteers. • Dance program not able to make the Monday/Tuesday so they are making it up this upcoming Monday/Tuesday. Final presentation open to parents on the Friday at 1:10 (details will be sent out) • Don is applying for a grant for a community area at the green playground. Don priced cement picnic tables - 3 picnic tables is approx. \$10,000. PAC may consider using some of the playground account funds to supplement this project. • Don provided info to Jen H about inflatables for year-end event <p>ACTION: Tara to add Triathlon to PAC agenda as a temporary standing item</p>	Don

Executive Committee Reports

a. President's Report

- **Coffee with the PAC debrief and next date**

- First Coffee with PAC was a great success. Need a better way to get the info out to get parents interested in coming in.
- Parent participant suggested to have them after school or before school starts, but PAC members said it's preferable if parents could attend without needing childcare. Suggestion to have it outside on a nice day in under cover area.
- Could use more coffee next time. Next one after spring break.

- **Update on teachers' concerns with Dec. 2023 minutes**

Tara explained to meeting participants what the ongoing concern is from school administration and teachers regarding the December PAC meeting minutes.

- After the January PAC meeting, Don informed Tara that the teachers wanted two sentences from the DPAC report of the approved December PAC meeting minutes to be changed.
- Since then, in-person meetings and emails have been exchanged between the PAC President (Tara), DPAC Rep (Joanne), Don, and a teacher representing teachers
- As per protocol, approved meeting minute changes must be motioned at an upcoming PAC meeting, by a parent who attended the December meeting, for vote. Don and concerned teachers were informed that a discussion would take place at the February PAC meeting.
- Joanne provided the latest update from DPAC: The President of DPAC and District Assistant Superintendent have both assured PAC that PAC has followed protocols, and that the PAC should not feel they have to make changes.
- The minutes in question were presented to the PAC meeting participants, verbally and on screen, and PAC members that were at the December meeting attempted to provide context to the discussion that occurred during that meeting.

Meeting participant discussion:

- Meeting participants engaged in questions and comments to understand the context of the December meeting discussion and reasons for changing, or not changing, the minutes were also discussed at length.
- It was discussed how teachers could have perceived the minutes differently than what the actual discussion about racism was at the December meeting.
- PAC members were informed on a number of occasions that teachers would not support PAC or any PAC activities going forward if the minutes were not changed
- A concern was noted that PAC members have not been made aware of any discussion by the school regarding systemic racism; instead, all energy has been focused on the minutes.
- It was stated that some parents may not be comfortable disclosing issues of racism to the principal or teachers.
- The changes to the sentences in question proposed by administration and teachers was presented to participants verbally and on screen.

Tara

Motion: Darcy motioned to amend the Dec 14th, 2023 meeting minutes. Chris seconded.

Discussion: Erin stated that even if the December minutes are amended, today's discussion will be documented in today's meeting minutes. Ideas were exchanged about how to make the amendment and a consensus was agreed to.

Proposed change:

Replace: "Parents have spoken to PAC members about racism incidents from at least one teacher. Some teachers not able to distinguish students is also a general theme among parent concerns."

With: "Parents have spoken to PAC members about alleged racism in some of the classrooms."

Motion passed

Post vote discussion:

- PAC would like to see some repair done by both parties. PAC would like to send a memo to teachers.
- A comment was made that teachers need to be very aware of how they handled themselves in this situation. Threatening parents and PAC members is unacceptable and this needs to be acknowledged.
- Joanne stated that as DPAC rep, she would like to identify a safe space for parents to present concerns of racism. For next year we can draft something to ask BCCPAC.

Action Item: Erin will amend the December meeting minutes to reflect today's motion that passed and repost the revised minutes on the school website.

b. Fundraising Report

No report

c. Treasurer Report

- See Treasurer's Report on website for full details
 - Purdy's line will be corrected (transfer to grade 5s)
 - Snowball concession dance deposited. Other cash box has \$250 float.
 - Changing fee structure at Vancity – will be changing to email statements and added to Google Drive to avoid costs associated with paper statements
 - Don – playground account discussion: idea to talk to funder about joint between her and PAC, could use some of her \$ for dance program the next year. PAC consensus is that it's a good idea.

d. DPAC Report

- Presentation by Assistant Superintendent Gerald Shong on Programs of Choice registration, new student registration, and the cross-catchment process.
- Presentation by District Principal of Indigenous Education Staphanis Maki on the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee
- Upcoming public letter by DPAC President Rosey Manhas highlighting 4 concerns/priorities
 1. Effective climate control in classrooms
 2. Washroom privacy and safety concerns

Darcy

Joanne

- 3. Need for extra staff and noon-hour supervisors (note that applicants for the later can now pick which school they supervise at)
- 4. Safe parking for e-scooters and e-bikes.

Committees/Events

a. Hot Lunch

- March 1st and 15th coming up – Noted for future that hot lunches on Fridays before Spring Break or long weekends are not great because many families are already away.
- Can launch more than one on Munch-a-Lunch. Parents have the option to purchase one but not the other – could use some wording on how to do this as it can be confusing
- Grade 5s could take a few hot lunches to increase fundraising if needed

Jen H.

b. Grade 5 Committee

- Movie night March 1st
 - There will be hot dogs made by Jen G (Food Safe rep) instead of pizza
 - Cash and Square payment options available
- Purdy's (nothing to report)
- Grad event update: School is paying for entry to Cultus, parents will be asked to pay ½ of the rest of the fees and PAC will contribute the other half as well as paying for the snacks at Cultus. PAC is also paying for the Grad luncheon.
- Spirit Bear Coffee ready to go.

All

ACTION: Erin will ask Angela to help create a poster for Spirit Bear fundraiser

c. Building School Community Committee

No report

d. Parent Communication

No report

e. Parent Education

- No report

f. Traffic Safety Committee

No Report

Discussion Topics:

- Parent presented concern regarding cars turning into the Crunch parking lot – drivers not looking if kids are walking across the entrance.
 - Suggestion to paint the driveway, take pictures and email city contact, trim the tree on one side
 - PAC to reach out to City contacts to report the concerns

Questions/Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Meeting - April 9th	
Motion to Adjourn at 8:43pm – Shawn M.	