



**Eagle Ridge Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday Oct 21, 2021 6:45pm via Zoom**

In Attendance: Tara Lyons, Amanda Weber, Jennifer Short, Melissa Fisher, Stella Pepper, Don Hutchinson, Kyle Williams, Jen Husband, Toril Gillespie, Karly Frey, So Young and Mark, Taryn Reeves, Leah, Shawn Marsolais, Joanne Breckenridge and Keith Sorensen, Jiali Chen, Jen Freeman, Darcy Bergsma

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment – Melissa Fisher

2. Review and Approval of Agenda – Approved by Jen S. Agenda for Oct 21 is adopted

3. Review and Approval of Minutes – No opposition. Minutes from Sept 23 meeting Approved by Torill G

4. Principal's Report –

Action Plan for Learning (APL) will focus on intellectual development

1. Numeracy
2. Social and emotional learning
3. Indigenous learning / ways of learning
- 4.

Late Sept and Oct in Review:

- Terry Fox Run, over \$700 raised
- Orange Shirt Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Virtual assembly and slide show presentation
- Photo Day for students
- Meet the teacher event (virtual)
- HUB bike program, lots of participation and a dozen + kids who were new riders
- Interim reports sent home
- Great BC Shakeout; joint earthquake and fire drill
 - combination drill quite confusing for students, will separate next time
- art cards sent home
- pizza Day next Friday
- new mask policy for all students going well
- new sensory path installed
- Halloween activities next week, Costume Day Oct 29 and Haunted Library
- Remembrance Day in Nov
- FSA Ongoing for Grade 4, many parents have requested exemptions

Parent Communication: What's new on the Ridge continues, on line with Teams and Fresh Grade

- adding in art from the hallway / classroom walls to the what's new newsletter
- Many extracurricular programs still on hold, but hopeful for future return

Programs on Hold:

- student leadership
- Extracurriculars are slowly returning outdoors, but we are holding off on indoor activities art this time

* We hope to be able to do the Van Aquarium aquabus or on site Planetarium event

School Ground Updates:

- Red and Blue playground – will start upgrades next week, chips to come out, redo the drainage and then replace chips
- Playground will be closed while work is ongoing
- The library roof was done this past summer
- new ventilation system put in over the summer, using MER 98 dual filter; up to date by Ministry code

- Have been some traffic upgrades done last year/ past summer but there are still issues
 - parents are dropping off in no stop areas/ performing illegal U-turns
 - parents are using teacher parking, causing some teachers to be without space, we have more staff this year

Tara L wonders if we should revisit traffic initiatives and outstanding needs with the city

- is the pedestrian light long enough, need more signage?

Tara L also wanted to confirm that we can proceed with the Fruit and Veggie Program with 2 parent volunteers in the school

- Yes, but one parent for the communication must have Food Safe

5. Executive Committee Reports

a. President's Report – Melissa Fisher

- Pizza Day orders due tomorrow, Fri Oct 22. There will be no extras orders available for last minute due to Covid. There will also be no beverages or cash on site

b. Treasurers Report – Stella Pepper

- treasurers reports in full are always posted to the web

\$12,881 in general account
\$11,545 in playground account
\$24,419 in gaming account

- we have received the gaming grant of \$7660 for this school year

Items of Interest: gaming grant and Coffee Fundraiser \$130.00

- review of Budget – This year VS last year and 2021/22 expected expenses
 - teacher FTEs bumped up this year
 - Don notes that we have one more FTE this year, so total is \$200.00 more than expected (\$5420)
 - teacher gifts may be covered with Purdys credits we are needing to use
 - gaming grant is \$300.00 less than last year, based on number of students

* Note that all expenditures have been brought forward previously by the parent community or the school admin

MOTION: PAC motions to approve the 2021/2022 budget as presented
Jen S seconds the motion, no opposition, motion is passed

c. DPAC Report – Jen Dolsen

- Jen D is absent but Tara has notes. The first DPAC meeting for the year was PAC 101 for newcomers, nothing to report

d. Fundraising Report – Jen Short

- art cards just went out, thank you Admin
- Me and Eds always successful, no totals in yet
- Craft Fair cancelled in person for now
- On line silent auction Nov 20 for 1 week
- Purdys and Poinsettia fundraiser in Nov
- Dominos Pizza night in Nov
- Grade 5 committee is organizing some food nights

5. Committee Reports

- a. Hot Lunch / Treat Days – The lunch lady is back! Details for ordering recently went out
 - The Lunch Lady is a private business, with one person entering the building. We would like to confirm vaccination status, Jen Short to follow up

- Pizza Day Oct 29. It will be delivered to the portable, PAC volunteers Leah and Melissa to deliver . Safety measures will be observed including gloves for sorting chips
- any concerns?

b. Traffic & Safety Committee – Tracey Schaeffer is absent but Tara notes that we have noticed the deterioration of the traffic situation from after last years improvements.

- PAC wants to assist in any way the school would like

- Its been noticed that parents jaywalk unsafely behind the busses

- Karly wants to ask Bylaw officer to come more frequently. We can ask but we know they are busy and take time to plan visits

- There was a lot of progress last year with a new crosswalk at Falcon and Peregrine Place, bigger sidewalks and longer cross times at Guilford

c. Health and Safety Committee – nothing to report

d. Website & Newsletter / Parent Communication – nothing to report

e. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Vacant

f. Parent Education

- Torill Gillespie presented on childcare initiatives coming in the future. Our Province is working towards universal childcare with more accessibility. Lost of big changes are coming but there is no timeline yet. In 2020, a mandate was set that plans to see childcare moved to be under the Ministry of Education by 2023. In this mandate, schools will have t provide full day care fir school aged children.

- Pilot programs have started with Ks but Coquitlam opted out at this time, partly due to Covid uncertainties. ECEs are being brought in to classes after instructional hours

- As a PAC, it will be a benefit to be aware and prepared for these changes. What does our school community want/ need? Now is the time to start a conversation and use our role as a PAC to facilitate and advocate for our community. It will be important to have a strategy in place

- Saleema Noon is coming, why twice? One night is for parents only and another session is geared for Kids and parents. Her topics are Body Science, health and wellness and programs are on line after school hours

- Shawn M has interest in presenting on blindness awareness/ education

* PAC wants feedback on what else parents and caregivers want to see offered

- Suggestions provided: workshops on anxiety, mental health. Both Karly and Shawn M have contacts that can be suggested for opportunities

- The District also has speakers that can focus on these suggested topics

g. Grade 5 Committee –

- Grade 5 Hoodies, notice out – to come home in Nov

- family dinner nights are being looked at / organized by Joanne B (GoGo Chicken, Chicko Chicken, Jamillas kitchen, Boston Pizza).

- Taryn wants to help with coordinating vendor participation

- Crispy Kreme fundraiser in Feb

- PAC allocates \$750 from the budget to use for the Grade 5 year end event, however its only needed if Grade 5 committee falls short with fundraising

- Last years event was Sasamat Camp but on site at our own school grounds

- Taryn and Karly was to help with this committee

6. New Business / Updates

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. No dissent, meeting adjourned

Thank you for attending the Eagle Ridge PAC Meeting. We appreciate all of our parent and caregiver volunteers! If you would like to add an item to a future agenda, please send you request to item 2 weeks prior to meeting.