



École Irvine Elementary School

PAC Annotated Agenda

February 10, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Participants: Atash Askarian, Aram Askarian, Amara Garcia, Michaela Ross, Kathy Simmonds, Shawna Vincenzi (Jones), Marc Fernandez, Maggie Harder, Farbod Mirhashimi, Janel Casey, Dennis Shannon, Jen Trumpour, Mary Mirhashimi

Motions to adopt agenda & January Minutes - both adopted without changes

Principals Report - Dennis Shannon:

Directive 2025

- plan for direction in the next five years, stakeholder groups to build the direction. Intellectual -math, literacy, indigenous education, equipping for a more scientific world human and social - recognizing and provide support early for special needs - equitable opportunities organizational capacity -sustainability, international Use of tech and social engagement Global as well as community relations Budget and plan for the budget.
- District budget not for just our school Meeting Feb 16 looking for transparency and input in building the budget. 22 page consultation package
Stakeholders include: Admin, teachers, parents, community, business groups etc

General School Update

- Trying to stop complacency with the Covid rules. Social distancing is even more important than masks
- looking at musical instrument that can be upgraded. Need to dispose of much of the items that won't go to the new school. will be looking to get rid of things we don't need
- Real acts of kindness (not random anymore) do things with the 2 classes that they are already outside with pie in the face tomorrow, will be behind plexiglass with a mask, kids will get to
- feb 24, pink shirt day -everyday should be kindness day don't like anti-bullying lets focus on Kindness

Wish list stuff

- spirit wear -couldn't find the logo they wanted so did a picture from years back and richard will see if they can make it
- Each year have offers for subsidised technology
Get a certain number of laptops for the teachers but need to trade in that many older ones to get them so that they don't have more than 4 year old computers. Sent them out a couple weeks ago. Constantly looking to increase the tech and better the system.

- Musical instruments need topping up or upgraded - some of the guitars have holes with tape over them
- Math for grade 4-5
- Student services level reading books English student services have no guided/level reading books (French do have) to get into 2-3 grades cost about \$12,000 - split the cost with the PAC would be very well used. There is a real need, currently using photocopied books difficult to read and see pictures- will address need early on as the district has wanted.

Assessing kids in September -screening tool and getting extra support for the students that really need it. Having the data school wide, allows for the support across the school and not just class to class. May be below average in class but on par with school wide.

Helps kids reach potential and gain self esteem confidence etc.

New school - more classroom, but smaller sizes 21 division instead of 18 inside now.

RazKids

- 15 divisions using 5 aren't so can we do something for other 5? would the 5 teachers feel slighted? No because they opted out .

Grade 5 Fundraising update - Meaghan Burton:

- Photo booth Irvine card, yearbook & maybe a sports bag
- 275 from sweatshirts
- \$1000 from neufeld

MOTION: Kathy Simmonds motion to give each grade 5 \$5 each, Aram Askarian seconds all in favor non aposed

Budget Update - Amara Garcia

Vote on new Budget – updated to reflect current circumstances

MOTION: Maggie Harder motion to accept budget & Marc Fernandez seconds all in favor

- UBC engineering workshops in class coding (full) or science workshops with specific themes for different classes that they will do virtually in May/June.
- Virtual brick for kids 1 hour session putting together a lego item for each class -sure the kids would enjoy it. either kids have to bring their own lego or we can purchase the sets (about \$20/each) -could make an option that purchase ahead of time then pass around from class to class -different levels as classes get older -\$150 a class without legos etc.

Jen Trumpour - hi touch hi tech for science come into the class - usually college kids coming in last year SFU kids came in to teach coding - cost listed for 20 divisions \$4700

Dennis - some things are not prohibited but really have to do things a very particular way. ex-valantines day paper is ok but some cards are glossy etc. etc. something minor becomes a big deal so virtual is the way to go to prevent the risk \

Maggie -Let's pass out the UBC stuff to the teachers. Cant register yet but could be in place of field trips. should we book and then cancel? don't want to make it look like they have to book so don't get the impression that it is top down. if you don't book then it all books up and there is no space. \$2600 cost

Marc: hide creek is walking distance to the hatchery -

Dennis - not allowed to have parent drivers and bus has tons of protocols

MOTION: Maggie motion to do a STEAM program for up to \$5000 Aram seconds all in favor

Discussion Item: Fundraising

Shawana - online 50/50 not possible without a class A gaming license - need physical tickets - company can do it for us for a 25% fee and need \$20,000 or more so no go

Global Coffee fundraiser -people rave about it and a few coffee snobs say its good buy a bag for \$10 and sell for \$15 - people order online or on paper, can name the coffee something to do with our school - 2-3 regular options and hot chocolate as well. can get site up and going within 48 hours, there is a delivery fee but we can pick up for free similar pick up as neufeld

Could have students come up with coffee naming and it's on the coffee bags.
Get the chocolate should go up before before easter to go through the school since people buy it anyway.

Atash - seeds that kids grow and sell them to their parents.?

Jen- teachers are pretty challenged at keeping the plants alive.

Roundtable

Farbod - POCO community grant deadline is March 16.

Meeting adjournment - Motion Kathy motions 2nd colleen