



École Irvine Elementary School

PAC Annotated Agenda

April 13, 2022 (7:00 pm to 8:35 pm)

Participants: Atash Askarian, Dennis Shannon, Jennifer Trumpour, Shawna Vincenzi, Kathy Simmonds; Maggie Harder; Colleen Morel; Nicole Neufeld; Julie Choquette; Eleanor Tso; Jane Walters; Akram Barabadi; Juliana Lopez de Romana Bouroncle; Pauline; Emily Lunney; Marc Choquette; Marc Fernandez; Dawn Yua; Marie-Eve Kirkpatrick; Kathryn Berry Einarson; Janel Casey; Shelley McDonnell; Julie Lau

Adoption of agenda – Atash Askarian

Motion: Kathy forwards

Motion: Janel seconds

All in favour

Adoption of February minutes – Atash Askarian

Motion: Marc forwards

Motion: Janel seconds

All in favour

Principal's Report - Dennis Shannon

- Welcomes new parents - many parents of incoming kindergarten students joined, which is great to see!
- Easter long weekend coming up.
- Next hot lunch April 21st, deadline to order tonight at midnight.
- Next week is a 3 day school week - Pro-D day on April 22nd.
- Next TCBY day is May 10th, deadline to order is May 4th at midnight.
- New school: Date to move in is still 'spring 2022' - there are challenges with materials, and some required materials are not in yet. No update on the date to move in, Dennis will be meeting with movers at the end of April.
- Thank you for the bluetooth speakers - funded by PAC for all classrooms.
- Classes have started the jogging club. Today parents drove on the field while kindergarten classes were jogging, Mr. Shannon will email about this. Kids have received a necklace and kids can get tokens for kilometer milestones reached. The totals accumulate through the time kids are at Irvine.
- Grade 5 - the leaving ceremony will be June 28th (Tuesday), in the afternoon. Teachers have booked Playland already (discount of \$28/student, plus \$6/student for bus).
- Suggesting a looking forward-looking back activity (towards new school/back at the old school): asking for fondest memories at Irvine, and what are they most looking forward to in the new school. Will post the looking forward comments at the current school, and in the new school will post the favourite memories comments. Input from parents and community members are welcome. Can be sent to Mr. Shannon, dropped off at school,

or sent in with children. There have been inquiries from former students and staff about a walk-through - possible open house? Could be covid or insurance difficulties.

DPAC Debrief – Marc Fernandez

- Meeting was on March 30th.
- There are parent education presentations at the meetings - they are not able to record that but newsletters are sent out.
- Treasurers report - reminder to apply for gaming grants.
- Superintendents report addressed changes to covid restrictions: 1) classrooms can reduce spacing/remove restrictions on configurations; 2) events back to 100% capacity; 3) visitors will still have to sign in/out but not for contact tracing; 4) masks are voluntary but supported; 5) field trips - can't organize trips to locations that require masks/vaccine passports.
- Boundary BC - peer and family support targeting 12-24 year olds; Family Smart does a similar thing for elementary age children - emotional support, mentoring, mental health support, substance use challenges. <https://familysmart.ca/parent-peer-support/youth-peer-support/>
- BC-CPAC meeting upcoming including ministry of education members, running from April 29-May1. As PAC can attend (virtual meeting). Our PAC can apply for a proxy vote.
- Fortis BC has an education offered to schools that raised concerns. Link below: <https://www.fortisbc.com/in-your-community/school-programs>
- Dennis adds: this week was the first week in which kids can play outside wherever they want. In some places the younger students were overwhelmed. An email was sent about an online parent session regarding online risks and safety. Regarding field trips: protocols need to be the same as in schools (such as masks/vaccines).

Budget Update - Shawna

- Munchalunch fees are very high.
- TCBY sales were missing from the budget update, and a few classroom fund receipts.
- Total amount in accounts: gaming \$29,303; general \$28,173.

Field trip/Grade 5 committee budget discussion:

- Gaming: can be used for buses for field trips; Science World is planned field trip for Grade 4-5's; Playland only Grade 5's. Will have to change amounts needed for buses because costs have gone up. Teachers have been asked to ask parents about comfort levels for field trips.
- Grade 5 committee is asking for whatever funding PAC can give to offset the unexpected Playland costs; additional fundraising is planned.
- In previous years, the PAC has paid \$10/student for the Grade 5 leaving party; can discuss further funding after seeing the results of the upcoming Neufelds fundraiser.
- Dennis: related to Grade 5 - previous years, special books were purchased (selected by students), signed by teachers, and delivered to students. Dennis will follow up on this. Costs likely \$15-25 per book.

Motion to spend \$10/student for Grade 5's (\$750)

Kathy forwards

Colleen seconds

All in favour

- Question: if there are 4/5 splits, how does that work for field trips? Answer: there will be class field trips (e.g., Science World) and a separate Grade 5 event.
- Indigenous programs: some classes have started some programs already (free).
- Several classes have joined the bracelet program, other options were available.
- Dennis will ask teachers which option they have selected and give feedback for fundraising.
- We have \$1500 allocated (previously voted).
- Reminder: May 15th deadline for providing receipts for classroom funds.
- **Action item for next PAC meeting:** If we can get information on the Indigenous programming wanted for next year (beaded orange shirt sessions specifically mentioned) - can vote that into the budget next meeting.

Discussion Items:

2022-23 School Year Outlook

- There will be new BC health rules for schools that could severely limit what can be served on school premises - including hot lunches (pizza, anything with sugar would not be allowed).
- Input can be provided here, please provide feedback:
<https://surveymoh.health.gov.bc.ca/public/survey/bc-school-food-guidelines-feedback-survey?fbclid=IwAR1IIEQ7VubS5eJWO9Hty-gkV2toGYFx1A3wjbkj1kV0gHFLWUIAdnzJtTs>
- There are upcoming vacancies in PAC executive for next year. Chair/co-chair positions are open. An alternate to share the secretary spot needed. DPAC and treasurer positions are still filled for next year.
- Volunteers in general are needed, and would be a great help for the PAC
- Question about how to volunteer: hot lunches require many volunteers and pre-covid there were more frequent school/PAC activities that would ask for parent volunteers. 3 forms are required (ICBC form, RCMP check, and district volunteer form) and are sent out by the school in September.
- Changes to the constitution are suggested: current restrictions to the chair/vice-chair and treasurer are 2 years; request to amend this role to state that this restriction be modified in the case of no other volunteers. Also suggest changing the rule that school district employees cannot serve as executive members.
- Request for volunteers for next year's PAC will go out in two weeks - volunteers can reply to that or volunteer at the AGM meeting itself. PAC will vote on all positions at the AGM in May.
- Next year we need someone to 'shadow' Kathy on hot lunches for future years. It doesn't have to be one person. Eleanor Tso and Dawn Yua have volunteered to shadow. Interest to act on executive expressed by Colleen Morel and Kathryn Berry Einarson. Great to have new volunteers!

Motion: Modify constitution so that chair/vice-chair and treasurer positions can maintain their position for an additional year if there are no volunteers.

Maggie forwards

Kathy seconds

All in favour

Motion: Modify constitution so district employees can act as PAC executive members.

**Kathy forwards
Shawna seconds**

All in favour

Fundraisers:

- Is it possible to do a school fair this year? Will ask but it may be too late. Also may be tricky given the construction around the school.
- School sports day: has been in the fall in recent (pre-covid) years, but may be tricky due to construction.
- June 2nd Me and Ed's fundraiser
- Neufeld order closes April 25th, pick up May 6th
- Will start the Christmas card fundraiser early next school year.

Adjourn meeting – Atash Askarian

Motion: Shawna forwards

Motion: Kathy seconds

Meeting adjourns at 8:35 pm