



# École Irvine Elementary School

## PAC Annotated Agenda

December 8, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

**Participants:** Atash Askarian, Meaghan Burton, Marc Fernandez, Dennis Shannon, Jennifer Trumpour, Candice Ng, Eleanor Tso, Anneliese Ganske, Marie-Eve Kirkpatrick, Dawn, Shawna Vincenzi, Maggie Harder

### **Adoption of agenda – Atash Askarian**

**Motion: Meaghan forwards**

**Motion: Marc seconds**

**All in favour**

### **Adoption of November minutes – Atash Askarian**

**Motion: Marc forwards**

**Motion: Marie-Eve seconds**

**All in favour**

### **Principals Report - Dennis Shannon:**

- Purdy's pick up tomorrow at 4
- Hot lunch friday
- Dress rehearsal today for concert and filming will take place tomorrow
- FSA results for grade 4 students will be sent home last day of school
- Early next week, parents of grade 5 students, will get notification of middle school based on catchment
- Snow season preparedness, the district will advise of website by 6:30 am of any school closures
- Special project occurred at school - put together a care package of birthday cards for a 12 year boy who has a rare brain disorder; pictures will be sent to the school when he open
- Reminder for anyone traveling, around expectations, protocols and guidelines.
- MDI for grade 5 students, looking at social, emotional aspects of things they like, want of school; parents can opt out; kids can also withdraw at anytime. happening in January/February
- Anti-bullying day - district is putting together shirts for purchase,
- Programs of choice for those interested in applying will be opening January 6th. Open until the 12th; strong reminder to parents who have a child in FI and they have a child coming into the school, they need to apply; first choice goes to children who have a sibling in the school (this year K-4).
- Spirit week is coming next week;
- Jingle bell run is being planned for next wednesday
- New reporting policy is coming in January; looking at creating one report card consistent across the province;
- Teachers meeting - in favour of Saleema Noon, Indigenous and STEM programs; if we could have one in february/march, one in april/may; Saleema Noon may/june

- Sensory wall - teachers know what they want but want to see inside of school but are aware they need to submit to PAC by end of year
- Wish list - can we create a form?
- Mentioned to teachers difference between gaming/general account
- One item can up as a wish list item was blue tooth speakers for all classes
- Atash mentioned for Saleema Noon - we would like to have a live session; Dennis mentioned this would be fine as we can use the gym and make this work; Two full days would be needed and includes a zoom session for parents, quote was \$1575. We can pay for out of gaming

Maggie motioned to support up to \$2000 for Saleema Noon to come in to do programming for all the school. Shawna seconded. All in favour for those present to vote.

Shawna asked what type of bluetooth speaker; Jen has one recommended through the district and they are approximately \$55 each, plus tax potentially. Currently 18 divisions but would also like two for student services, one for library, one for music, for a total of 22. Dennis mentioned \$1210 total but not many in stock right now.

Maggie motioned to spend up to \$1500 for bluetooth speakers pending a decision from gaming grant. Marc seconds. 9 in favour, with two abstentions.

Atash mentioned she is in discussion with indigenous and STEM but haven't been able to book dates yet. One item they keep discussing is workshops for teachers to enable the teachers to deliver the content on their own schedules. Is this something they would be interested in? If there is interest, we could support this, often are free. Dennis to let Atash know. Yvonne is also looking indigenous programming.

Marc also mentioned the Safer spaces for kids could be something we could bring in; aimed at grade 4 and above. <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/safer-space>

Meaghan mentioned free ringette in gym as an option to bring into the school

### **DPAC Debrief – Marc Fernandez**

- Attended meeting on 24th
- New vice chair on school board
- No vaccine mandate in the district
- Update on technology by Steven Wiffen, a superintendent; some touched on elementary; STEAM strategy in the programming, based on real world problem solving
- Learning together, a series of webinars for K-8 teachers, started during the pandemic and apparently still going on; teachers are invited to and upto them if they can integrate into the lessons; Dennis commented they had some teachers attend.
- MyEducationBC portal - going to centralize more into this and going live in June
- Other updates were more related to wifi updates and other technology but primarily aimed at middle and high school; information was given that the schools have great wi-fi. Jen mentioned that we are on older Telus and the cinder block school is not helping
- Some information on if you want to buy devices for kids, reach out to Marc if you want more information

- Information presented on Family Smart and had a presentation on Beyond Behaviour, focused on importance on control vs influence, self awareness and communication
- Parent education piece - Calendar of parent education can be found on the last page of DPAC Pulse newsletter <https://dpac43.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/November-Newsletter-2021.pdf>
- There is a facebook page where PAC share various fundraising information
- Dennis mentioned Michael Thomas, is the new chair, whose kids attended Irvine.
- Atash asked if the information on laptops from the district included any financial support to purchase one, but Marc said it was more on what types to buy.
- Dennis mentioned that Riverside requires a laptop as part of your school supplies.
- Computers for school is a program that helps provide computers for homes for parents who aren't able to purchase them

### **Budget Update - Shawna**

- Shawna reviewed the current budget
- Sushi fu brought in 402.63
- Purdy's brought in 1375.24 and hot lunch approximately \$500
- We paid out 311.64 in class fees and \$75 to PAC op
- Dennis mentioned that he spoke with Nicola who organized the Art Cards fundraiser and it was extremely profitable for the grade 5 committee. This is something we might want to consider next year if the grade 5 committee isn't doing it

### **Fundraisers information**

- Chipotle - need two weeks notice and get 33.3% of profits; either a 4-8 or 5-9 spot, need to show flier or code, or mention Irvine; January is open, February and march; could aim for March or April. Shawna will look to book March 9th.
- Me and Ed's confirmed for June 2 and January 31
- With the extra fundraising we should have more flexibility with budget for next year
- Hoping to do a plant fundraiser. trying to reach out to Plant place but they are seasonal and not open right now.
- The Grade 5 committee may not be doing a spring neufeld, Kathy will check on line to see what they are doing as we could do one. We will need to confirm with the grade 5 committee.

Meaghan asked about the Earthquake food supplies as we used to have the kindergarten parents provide but the district did it last year. Dennis will email about it

### **Adjourn meeting – Atash Askarian**

**Motion:Meaghan forwards**

**Motion: Maggie seconds**

**Meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm**