



## École Irvine Elementary School

### PAC Annotated Agenda

March 09, 2022 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

**Participants:** Atash Askarian, Dennis Shannon, Jennifer Trumpour, Shawna Vincenzi, Kathy Simmonds; Colleen Morel; Meaghan Burton, Marc Fernandez, Andrea Rodriguez Arias, Nicole Neufeld

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

**Motion: Kathy forwards**

**Motion: Meaghan seconds**

**All in favour**

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

Dennis requested they be updated to remove the early dismissal for student led conference, it was just for early dismissal

**Motion: Meaghan forwards**

**Motion: Shawna seconds**

**All in favour**

#### **Principal's Report - Dennis Shannon**

- Report cards coming on Friday
- Spring break starting monday
- Class photos March 30th
- Jogging club starting early April to June. Each will get a necklace and have little runners they can add to it as long as they are at Irvine
- Next PAC meeting could be in person depending on how people feel depending on announcements
- Little Jammers is putting on a free glee club, Dennis will send details in newsletter
- An artist is going to help come up with a logo and paint it on gym floor in new school
- Walk through of new school is occurring, still a bit to go, still planning on moving in spring but no definite date
- Waiting for announcement from PHO to see what changes will be announced
- Would like to eliminate play zones depending on announcements
- In process of working through school goals
- Executive function presentation coming to April staff meeting and how going to determine how we can use in the classrooms
- Internet Safety - looking at courses and information for parents; one option is Safer schools, Jesse Miller is also an option, White Hatter is another option but appears to be for grade 4 and up

- Coding course that Atash shared - for grades 4 and 5 and potentially for challenge students; some questions arose on timing and content, which organization is running and would we need anything other than technology
- Atash advised 1 hour for 6 weeks, uses Python, affiliated with UBC - under GUI and only uses technology - log in through a website; Jen asked for more information as it might be too advanced.
- Dennis - Challenge program students might be a good pilot program, only 13-14 kids vs a whole class to see how it goes
- Purchased the bluetooth speakers, \$1,231.78 was total expense. Jen mentioned how happy and appreciative the teachers were for it
- Looked at Indigenous workshops within the district. Workshops vary from 1 session to 5 sessions and many are free. Looking at 9 different programs the teachers are interested in; Total \$1085. some would be this year, some next year
- Would include:
  - one session courses: cedar bracelets, replicate cedar bracelets for younger kids, powwow drumming, mask making, plant walk, story telling/legend with craft,
  - North coast totem pole, salmon egg painting (2-3 sessions)
  - Owl wall hangings ( 3-5 sessions)
- Beaded orange shirt pins for next fall - 1 session (\$5 extra a session)  
**Action item: would need to be voted on next meeting for next year's budget as one person left and we did not have quorum**
- Was speaking with Stephanie Maki about having her speak to circle of courage through indigenous perspective; looking to have her speak to staff, students and potentially with PAC
- Would like to build outdoor classroom after the new school is done  
Marc asked if there were any advocates from the teachers. Jen replied yes and that they would probably put together a committee
- Atash mentioned last year the PAC forward a grant to City of PoCo for outdoor classroom but the city replied we needed more details on costs, location, etc. so PAC decided to wait until new school was complete; PAC could look at reapplying next year
- School is looking at feedback from parents, on how the last few years have gone, i.e. staggered starts
- Nicole asked questions on behalf of Grade 5 committee including, which teacher should she get in touch with if able to do a school leaving ceremony and a party outdoors. Dennis will find out for her. Asked if felt would be possible, Dennis feels it may be fine but can't commit

### **DPAC Debrief – Marc Fernandez**

- Part of superintendents report was a planning sheet that Marc reviewed, that covered the school goals Dennis spoke to
- Reviewed community engagements strategies and timelines
- Other part of meeting was dedicated to presentation by Stephanie Maki that covered terminology, land acknowledgement and Timeline IRSS
- Some good resources for fundraising for PAC and contacts on what gaming grant could be used for
- Brief update on COVID, planning for in person Grade 12 ceremonies
- Atash spoke to Indigenous content and is it worth sharing, Meaghan did mention emails went out from Kway on it

- Some stand alone presentations that are available and are trying to share as applicable. Atash asked if we could ask for some to be recorded as the times don't always work
- Education for Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524504501233/1557513602139>
- DPAC parent education opportunities can be found on page 4 of DPAC Pulse Newsletter <https://dpac43.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/November-Newsletter-2021.pdf>

### **Budget Update - Shawna**

- Reviewed budget and changes to account since last meeting
- In trust account is almost empty
- Only change to gaming for bank fee

### **Discussion Item:**

#### **2021-22 School Year Outlook**

- Need more parent involvement
- Can we get an email out to the incoming Kindergarten parents for upcoming AGM in May as we have positions need to be filled
- Meaghan mentioned this is a systemic issue across all volunteer positions
- Saleema Noon - May 12th for parents presentation - virtual event, in person for students

### **Fundraisers:**

- June 2nd Me and Ed's fundraiser
- Neufeld is for mid April, closes April 25th, pick up May 6th
- Michaela looking plant fundraiser but having some challenges
- Discussion occurred with TCBY and could we buy more extras, challenge is they moved to Maple ridge and we can't return before they melt

### **Roundtable Discussion**

- Colleen brought up the green bin and that is currently on the school property. Once the school is built we need to get rid of it as PAC actually owns it and we won't need it anymore. Look at selling it
- Colleen and Dennis did go in and there is a supply of water and food that is still good for a few years
- Colleen asked to put a motion forward for the next meeting to update the constitution to remove the piece of SD43 employees not being able to participate on PAC.

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

**Motion: Meaghan forwards**

**Motion: Marc seconds**

**Meeting adjourns at 8:33 pm**