



École Irvine Elementary School

PAC Annotated Agenda

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

Participants: Atash Askarian, Michaela Ross, Kathy Simmonds, Shawna Vincenzi, Maggie Harder, Meaghan Burton, Marc Fernandez, Dennis Shannon, Jennifer Trumpour, Candice Ng, Nicole Neufeld (first 15 minutes), Eleanor Tso, Tejaswini Mohit

Adoption of agenda – Atash Askarian

Motion: Maggie forwards

Motion: Michaela seconds

Adoption of October minutes – Atash Askarian

Motion: Maggie forwards

Motion: Eleanor seconds

Grade 5 Committie update, Nicole Neufeld:

- Presented the Grade 5 budget.
- Rules for the Grade 5 event in June not yet known - hoping for an outdoor event with a food truck and photo booth.
- May do another fundraiser in the spring depending on what will be allowed for an event.
- Two grade 5 parent volunteers will help with the yearbook; Maggie will coordinate with them for the yearbook.

Principals Report - Dennis Shannon:

- Work is being done in the lower parking lot, poles will be moved/added on Tuesday Nov 15th.
- The school will not lose power on the 15th, but areas around may lose power. Fingers crossed the school does not lose power.
- The Remembrance Day school assembly was held today; the district prepared a video
- Upcoming: Dec 1 early dismissal; Dec 3 report cards
- A Christmas concert will be performed/recorded this year - dress rehearsal is Dec 8; video taping will be done Dec 9 (thank you to Shawn Lam!); classes are already preparing
- New school - Mr Shannon is invited to a tour of the building on Monday afternoon. Power is on in the building and interior work is ongoing. A lot of work has been done on the bottom floor. No change to school completion ETA (spring).
- Discussed at the last staff meeting: staff is wanting to implement PAC initiatives (e.g., STEM programming) but timing is difficult and it's tough to rush programs as teachers are working on plans several months ahead so advance notice is needed. Mr. Shannon will initiate meetings with teachers to work with them to work into their schedules. With the STEM program - review of the program was needed for planning.
- It would be nice to plan in the spring for the next school year.

- Staff meetings are the first Monday of every month and they will try to work PAC initiatives into that.
- Covid protocols are the same - danger of covid complacency is a concern and everyone is doing their best to stick with the guidelines.
- Traffic - still an issue and there are challenges with Renton/Wellington/lower parking. Bylaw officers have been out and pictures have been sent to bylaws. Communication with bylaws and the school is ongoing. Painting of curbs has been requested.
- Bears have been a problem on recent garbage days.
- Construction flaggers are available on some days but not consistently.
- Comment for future: maybe speed bumps could be petitioned for.

DPAC Debrief – Michaela Ross

- First meeting of the year - discussed the Action Plan for Learning
- Reviewed the DPAC mission through to 2025
- The action plan for learning covers: intellectual development, social development, indigenous learning; key features are goal setting and an evidence-based action plan
- School/community engagement is encouraged - everyone needs to read the action plan
- Report cards - letter grades are only for grades 10-12, and there will be 5 mandatory reporting times
- Post secondary planning a focus of this meeting with a guest speaker - parents of grade 5 students should discuss prerequisites leading into middle school
- All presentations are on the DPAC 43 website
- Covid vaccine mandate - SD43 will not be enacting vaccine mandate to staff; rates of staff vaccination are about 90%
- Canadian Parents for French - volunteers are needed; it is difficult to bring in additional teachers for FI
- DPAC President Marvin Klassen is coming up to term - additional volunteers needed

Mr Shannon: Action plans for learning can be modified by the district and teachers - they will keep the goals, but they will be reassessing and decisions will be evidence-based. Still looking for public feedback on the reporting order - information will be out in January, changes may be coming in 2022-2023. Letter grades/percent grades may change as well as the proficiency scale in K-9.

Budget Update - Shawna

- We are looking better than we thought last year.
- Summary of general and gaming accounts provided.
- We were awarded an \$8080 gaming grant.
- We are aiming for \$5000 in fundraising - may be ambitious.
- Classroom funds decreased by 50% from previous years - we approved \$100 for this year (each full time position) - was \$200 per full time position previously. We may want to revisit this.
- Earthquake preparedness has been removed, no longer a PAC responsibility.
- We need to spend \$8000 from the Gaming account this year - can hold funds for 3 years but we haven't spent enough in the last 2 years due to Covid restrictions.
- Question: Art Starts - are they doing Covid-friendly options?

- We have money put aside for the sensory wall for the kindergarten classes - Mr Shannon will bring that up at the next staff meeting and we will try to have this sorted before the last PAC meeting of the year.
- Suggestion of an artist that could do paintings in the new school - need to confirm with regulations for CUPE etc.
- Ms. Trumpour - comment on possibility for gaming funds - classrooms will be smaller - offering classroom rugs to teachers may be an option (replacement needed due to classroom size and age/condition of rugs).
- Gaming has to benefit all students - Shawna will ask Gaming about the rules, and how we can effectively use these funds for students.
- Mr Shannon - The school is looking at creating a 'fun' committee - to help lighten the mood.
- If we did no fundraising - We would be ok for the end of the year but wouldn't have anything to spend on extracurriculars. Need to do some fundraising to lead into next year. Bus and playground funds will sit until next year.
- For the wishlist - depends on teachers, and what items are. Shawna asks how this is communicated to the school. Could we do a form? Mr Shannon says one does not exist but it could help things progress. Atash will look into that.
- Question: can we provide Gaming funds for equipment replacement for the music teacher? Mr Shannon is asked for a quote musical equipment, so we can vote on this in a future meeting.
- Other possibilities for Gaming funds: projection screens for the gym; sports equipment; coordinating equipment with the city for use after hours?
- The current blu-ray player is a PAC device and is really old - better equipment would be needed. Licencing for renting movies is an issue.

Fundraisers information

- Purdy's is ready to launch - next week.
- Flip give - circulate information this year before Christmas
- Tru Earth fundraiser continuing
- Michaela will contact Me & Eds - inquire about possible fundraisers on: Dec 16, Jun 2, maybe April 21?
- Perhaps another Sushi Fu fundraiser? about \$400 was raised in the one this week.
- Possibly a bedding plant fundraiser. Shawna will look into local options.

Hot lunches - Kathy

- It's allowed if it is individually packaged
- We need 2+ weeks for orders to be placed and then a week order time for the restaurant
- Teachers on board to help with distributing (difficult to get many parents in the school due to Covid restrictions)
- TCBY planned, perhaps for March-June
- First hot lunch will likely be in December
- Kathy and Mr Shannon are coordinating dates for hot lunches

Other PAC items:

- Saleema Noon - need one more PAC member for voting for quorum

- Mr Shannon says it is supported by the district, and now can be offered during school hours
- Saleema Noon offers online sessions +/- Q&A sessions - Maggie will enquire about the details for voting at the December meeting

Adjourn meeting – Atash Askarian

Motion: Kathy forwards

Motion: Michaela seconds

Meeting adjourns at 8:48 pm