



École Irvine Elementary School

PAC Annotated Agenda

October 13, 2021 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Participants: Atash Askarian, Michaela Ross, Kathy Simmonds, Shawna Vincenzi, Janel Casey, Meaghan Burton, Marc Fernandez, Dennis Shannon, Shannon Law, Gordon Huie, Candice Ng, Farbod Mirhashem, Reza Hedayat, Nicole Neufeld (left after first 15 minutes), Eleanor Tso, Marie-Eve K, Holly Torry, Clara Garcia

Adoption of agenda – Atash Askarian

Motion: Meaghan forwards

Motion: Kathy seconds

Adoption of June minutes – Atash Askarian

Motion: Meaghan forwards

Motion: Shawna seconds

Principals Report - Dennis Shannon:

- Jen sends her regrets as she is not able to make it
- Terry fox run coming this friday. Raised \$600 thus far, hoping for \$1000. Mr. Shannon planning on doing something fun if raise \$1000
- Photo retakes Oct. 19th
- FSA for grade 4 start tomorrow; emails have gone out to the grade 4 parents; hoping to get it done over the next few weeks
- Welcoming conversations have occurred with teachers/parents
- Pro d day on the 22nd
- Oct. 29th is friday before Halloween - looking to do some low level activities; some of the teachers have formed a committee to work on ideas
- No home made food allowed but can accept prepackaged individual items that the teachers can hand out.
- Not much to report on new school, more work is occurring on the inside right now; best estimation is to be in the school in the spring but will get a better idea closer to that time
- Got some extra staffing from the district for student services (1 day a week); may be able to offer some extra support in Math in the intermediate grades along with some ELL support and learning groups
- Going back to the value of the week; Belonging was first week; Independence 2nd week, Mastery next week then Generosity for the last week of the month.
- Students eating lunches during classroom time so looking at what can we do with this time; i.e. reading by teacher; class meetings; social skills instructions
- Reading levels are important for the district to understand; currently looking at the data being provided.

- School has been working on an early intervention model and the data is telling us the more we can do early the better the results. We have seen less need in grades 4 and 5 since the intervention model was introduced.
- Looking at creating an opportunity for incoming kindergarten parents to have time with our teachers to give them ideas on how to introduce reading before kindergarten.
- Huge thank you to Yvonne Gomez for creating little felt orange shirts so any student who didn't have an orange shirt could have one ;
- Each classroom did orange hearts that Mr Shannon has in his office; questions/comments the kids had; looked at truth and reconciliation day as a springboard to start the conversation.
- Traffic around school - has been talking to city; asking them to paint the curbs yellow

Shawna asked if we are doing a class liaison list?

- Response was he doesn't feel it is needed due the MyEd system and it easy for teachers to send out the information.

Shawna asked about hot lunch

- looking at options as long as they are individually packaged. Email was sent to Kathy today about it.

DPAC Debrief – Marc Fernandez

- no DPAC meeting this month
- just PAC 101 (there is a power point presentation in our facebook group)
- next meeting October 27th

Budget Update - Shawna

- She has just taken on the treasurer and is working through transition.
- Reviewed May budget with the group
- Money put away for sensory path and playground
- We should start to discuss sensory path with kindergarten teachers (they are looking at options as well)
- Our understanding this is a notional amount based on past discussions for sensory path
- Some changes to budget will be coming due to unknowns in May when the budget was passed
- Discussion occurred that some teachers don't use their funds; want to consider looking at larger budget items on a case by case basis or let them pool their funds. PAC would need to keep better track of it
- Classroom funds - can be submitted throughout the year with deadline at end of May; these are discretionary funds the teachers can use for classrooms
- Going to develop a google doc where the teachers can use to submit their receipts for reimbursements
- Shawna brought forward that PAC is being charged for paper statements, \$4.50 a month; need to look at moving to online, paperless options

Air purifiers: Marc

- A few months back there was some concerns about ventilation
- Emailed Devin Ross at SD43 and new school will have advanced ventilation
- However in a large location ventilation won't remove much of the viral load
- Looking at air purifiers in the school per classroom
- VOC's removed as well with air purifiers he researched
- Cost is \$13000, \$700 each (this is with school district discount). The HM400 can clean up to 1500 sq ft and there is a discount for school boards. Normally it's \$829.99 + tax but can be offered for \$699.99 + tax. for schools.
- There is a small white noise associated with it

There was a group discussion that occurred:

- Shawna asked if they needed maintenance, Marc advised the filters last 5 years but they may need cleaning.
- Dennis advised that he spoke with Devin and realistically an engineer would need to come in to look at benefits and this cost could come out of the new school budget.
- Meaghan mentioned we may not have the budget for it and because it is such a large purchase we may want to preface it with the larger parent community to give people an opportunity to come and vote.
- Atash asked if we as a PAC wanted to move forward without engineering opinions; would we be able to get them? This will need to be figured out. A fundraiser will also need to be planned to help pay for them.
- 21 classrooms in the new school, not including the library, multi purpose rooms etc.
- Need to ensure teachers would use them, there is white noise associated with them., need to understand warranty, filters, maintenance etc.
- Gordon asked if there were any classes that have higher risk assessment, not able to social distant as easily

Next steps, Marc to look into maintenance, and Mr Shannon to discuss with the teachers if there is interest.

2021-2022 Year outlook Atash Fundraisers information

- Purdy's fundraiser coming prior to the holiday season.
- Do need to spend money out of the gaming grant each year and there is a particular criteria that the funding has to go to.
- Tru earth, fundraising is ongoing as well as Mabel labels.
- We did flip give last Christmas; may look at this again.
- Welcome to all and any ideas for fundraisers.
- Meaghan will call Me and Eds and see if fundraising is still available
- Michaela will look into Sushi Fu fundraiser.

STEM programing

- We do have an option for online programming for different age groups, can even do it in french, based on scratch, fine with adjusting programming for split classes; younger kids don't need devices that use verbal cues but older kids would need devices to access 'Scratch'. Programming is about 1 hour to 1 ½ hours for older grades; they do fill up quickly so we do need to book them if we want to

- Only challenge Mr Shannon sees is the issues with the internet and the instability of it; Marc suggested we could look at land line options and understand what the bandwidth requirements are
- Mr. Shannon felt that as long as we offer to the whole school, it should fit in the gaming grant; we would want to be cautious on this as we don't want to lose the grant,
- Mr Shannon feels the online option is something we should look into
- Other options but in person and couldn't find anything bilingual

Motion: To allocate up to \$3000 from the Gaming Grant to support STEM programming for this school year.

Motion introduced by Atash and seconded by Janel. All votes were in favour. Motion passed

Indigenous cultural options - Yvonne Gomez

- Looked into options for Indigenous cultural options that we could bring into the school; looked at district website and with Diane Kisch to find out options;
- One option is UNYA - they have a youth worker who does art programming and knowledge keeper who shares knowledge;
- Currently working with coordinator there to see what options could be; some teachings around medicine bundles, art, songs etc,

Motion: To allocate up to \$2500 for 18 classes to participate in a minimum 1 hour of indigenous cultural programming prior to the end of 2021 2022 year.

Motion introduced by Yvonne Gomez and seconded by Meaghan Burton. All votes in favour of the motion. Motion passed.

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Grade 5 Committee update - Nicole Neufeld

- No budget at this point in time
- Putting together Neufeld farm fundraiser - 3 parents are looking at, with delivery of November, using the munchalunch for it.
- Currently coordinating with Shawna on payment options
- Working on Hoodies with Jen Darling; Tammy is going to help upload to Kev system
- Working with Mr Shannon on ideas but can't make plans at this point in time.
- Work on fundraising throughout the year but no definite plans but will let us know what fundraising they are doing
- Any questions please correspond with Nicole
- Atash brought forward the yearbook, and will need a volunteer from the committee to work on it. Nicole will take it back to the committee and see if there is a volunteer.

Adjourn meeting – Atash Askarian

Motion: Janel forwards

Motion: Gordon seconds

Meeting adjourns at 8:37 pm