

Mundy Road Elementary

Parent Advisory Council

As your outgoing PAC Chair, I ask you to consider taking a position on our PAC Executive for the upcoming school year. Four essential positions will be open: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and the DPAC Representative. These must be filled at the AGM on May 16. Without our main executive positions filled, we risk the PAC dissolving and any money in our accounts will be dispersed through the district. We as a school must come together to ensure the monies raised stay at Mundy Road.

I would like to thank our outgoing secretary Sarah MacDonald, who has been instrumental in keeping us on track during meetings; Ursula Elliot, for serving as our treasurer for a number of years; and Cynthia Fong, who has been a member of the PAC Executive on two occasions, most recently as DPAC Representative.

It truly does take a village and it is due to the dedication and perseverance of our school community that we have been able to provide for our kids above and beyond the norm. Mundy has a fantastic staff led by Mr. Wright and are all very fortunate to have our children in such capable hands.

Come to the AGM meeting on May 16, bring a friend.

It's for our kids! - Ryan Robinson, PAC Chair



New experiences await them!

The following write-ups of our four core PAC positions show how their community involvement allowed them to share time with their kids on a different level. It's a look at a larger picture tied with education, staff, and friends. As their children move to middle school or schedules becomes reprioritized, they are ready to help welcome new faces.



Our children teach us as much about ourselves as we attempt to teach them. What keeps parents and children evolving is a constant trading of life skills.

Ryan Robinson
PAC Chairperson

My introduction to the Mundy Road PAC started when my good friend Gurj Parmar and I attended a meeting. Gurj was asked to serve as PAC Chair and accepted, provided I would also become a regular member. It's hard to believe that was four years ago. With two my children already in or entering middle school, time really does fly.

My fondest memories oddly, are the PAC meetings whether we are discussing big picture fundraising ideas, presentation of the teacher's wish list or trying to limit Mr. Wright's report to just 15 minutes. It has been such a friendly welcoming environment with all of us working in the same direction. Some of the highlights for me include movie nights, glow in the dark dances, and of course our record setting 600 pancakes for the annual Santa Breakfast. Even though members of our PAC kindly requested Coquitlam firefighters, Gurj, Lawrence Fong, and myself were able to work through technical difficulties and searing hot griddles.

My family is forever grateful for all of the work that goes into the various events that the PAC sponsors and provides funding towards.

For me personally it has been a great four years and I am grateful to all the PAC members and volunteers for their efforts and contributions.



**Sarah MacDonald
Secretary**

I have a son in grade 5 and a daughter in grade 3. I've been on the PAC Executive for four years, one year as a Member at Large and three years as a Secretary. Initially I attended the PAC meetings to meet other parents, become part of the school community and to contribute to a good school experience for my kids. Our family was brand new to the neighbourhood when we started at Mundy. Working full time and with the kids in out-of-school care, I didn't get a lot of interaction with other parents.

Devoting a little bit of time to the PAC helped me learn about it and make some of those parent connections. I was really inspired by the effort and caring from other PAC members and from the school administration. The enthusiasm I witnessed for the kids and enhancing their school experience was infectious.

I chose the Secretary role as I couldn't really do much during school hours due to work commitments. But I could offer a few hours a month in the evenings to make my contribution—taking notes and issuing agendas.

I'm so glad that I did. It's been a pleasure to witness the Mundy community pulling together and making things happen for the school. My kids are starting to age out of Mundy so it's time to pass the "reins" of Secretary to someone else while I'm still around to support the new PAC Executive.



**Cynthia Fong
DPAC Representative**

I have been a parent at Mundy Road for a LOOOOOONG time. My son Michael is in grade 5 now. I have been part of the PAC on and off over the years. From 2003 to 2007 I was the PAC Treasurer. Then life got busy and I took a step back. Last year I became part of the PAC again as the DPAC Representative. The PAC raises money to provide supplies and events that the school is no longer able to afford. Over the years we have provided playground equipment and upgraded computer technology. We have helped pay for shows, field trips and sports activities. The PAC also tries to provide events like movie nights and pub nights to help bring the Mundy Road community together. As the DPAC Representative I have also learned how the district is working on improving education as well as what other schools are doing.

The best part of being involved in the PAC has been feeling more connected to the school and its community. I find that I know more about what is going on and ways that the school is trying to improve our children's education.

We are all aware of the adage many hands make light work and the more parents that get involved the better we can make our kids' time at Mundy Road.



**Ursula Elliot
Treasurer**

My son is currently in Grade five. I have been part of the PAC Executive for five years. I work full time but I also enjoy volunteering for any of my son's activities whether it be at school or on his hockey/lacrosse/baseball teams. With my schedule at work, I've always found it tough to help out at the school during the day like hot lunches, field trips, etc. So being part of the Executive was a great way for me to connect with the school and help out in the Mundy Road Community.

I started going to the PAC meetings just to see what it was about. Soon I became a Member at Large then part of the School Planning Council. When the position of Treasurer was free, I went for it. Unfortunately, my son will be graduating in a few months and moving on to middle school.

I'll be sad to leave this PAC community but happy to have been part of it and have made great memories.

