

Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, Sept 19th, 2017

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Meeting Guidelines and Agreements

- *Seek first to understand, then to be understood*
- *Demonstrate mutual respect: respect people and ideas. Such respect does not necessarily represent agreement.*
- *Everyone has a voice.*
- *-Be confidential and use discretion*
- *Respect everyone's time. Hold Questions until the Q&A at the end of each Report*

Executive In Attendance: Deannie Zahara (President), Dayna Margetts (VP), Nicola Estrada (Secretary)

6:30

1. Call to order

PAC President Welcome & Introduction of Executive and Members present

- Adam Clarke; COPAC Rep, COPAC Treasurer and COPAC Human Rights Committee
- Deannie Zahara; Safe Schools Committee

6:35

2. Principal's Report – Terrilynn Nunes

- New Teaching Staff: Sydney Hertz (2/3), Jill Benzer (1), Rebecca Austin (K/1)
- New Staff: Sam Skene (Admin), Marcia Mendes (CEA,), Coral Ghigliane (counsellor available Tues, Wed and every 2nd Thurs), Melissa & Lucky (CEA Temps)
- Returning: Jenny Cartwright (4/5), Karin Brett (support, testing of new students)
- ARC therapist not hired yet. Ashley Fricke on maternity leave and SD23 short 3 ARC therapists.
- Activity Room has been renovated to utilise for Aboriginal Development
- New Lost and Found benches in hallway
- Zen Dens in Activity Room provides calm space for quiet activity, 10-15 minutes
- Stations at the start of year before class assignment – rotations, assembly and matrix. Kids come up with outcomes and rules, teams to share ideas, assembly presentation. All student-based, well received. Teams to be used in several events throughout the year. Next one to come before Remembrance Day.
- LIF (Learning Improvement Funds) reduced to 1.25 hours; no more homework club. Instead there will be targeted Math and Reading help 3 x a week. Data shows Gr 3 especially need reading help.
- Class Breakdown: K (20), K/1 (18), K/1 (20), 1 (22-max), 2/3 (20), 2/3 (21), 3/4 (20), 3/4 (20), 4/5 (23), 5/6 (20), 5/6 (22), 5/6 (21). K/1 Full only 2 spots left. Smaller Grade 6 classes because higher number of ministry designated students. Enrolment prediction: 246 (2016/17 – 239 students)
- Combined classes more effective in reducing ranges in capabilities between students
- New curriculum: move to increasingly personalised, deeper learning
- Changes to report cards for K-9 by March 2018 – increasing goal setting and self-assessment
- Planned changes to Mission Statement – collaborative effort between teachers, parents, students.
- Student Centred Learning – “What is my next step?”
- School Focus: Shared voice, socially responsible, leadership programs, collaboration, build relationships
- Fresh Grade: anticipated all teachers will be utilising this year
- Growth Mindset Focus: “Lighthouse Team” of teachers to empower students to tackle challenges. Be proactive not reactive, hard work and perseverance
- “Play Is the Way”: 8 classes per week led by Principal Nunes and Mr. Corrado to teach empathy and participation. Teachers will collaborate on new curriculum when their class is participating.
- Gary Bruck to present kindness and empathy assemblies on Oct 30, Nov 27 and Feb 5 from 8:50-9:50 AM

7:10pm

3. New Business

- Schedule of Monthly PAC events
 - **PAC meetings - second Tuesday of the month**
 - **Pizza lunches -3rd Friday of the month – *Jesse to be new co-ordinator, need volunteers to distribute pizza (Grade 6 students suggested as an option)***
 - School Community Building events - last week of the month (except Sept, March, June)
 - **Welcome Back social - *zero expense and generated approx.. \$90 profit from food trucks. Suggestion to move to 1 week later next year.***
 - **Next family fun event- Halloween Dance- Friday, October 27th – *DJ, prizes, volunteers needed***
 - **Spring Fair is booked for 2018--Friday, June 15, 2018 – *Rock wall, bouncy ball soccer, City of Kelowna Park and Play, no DJ this year.***
- **School policy re: Dress Code** - concern brought forth, would like to have this addressed. Procedure would be to form a committee with parent, teacher and student reps – *Item tabled due to no-show by concerned parent.*
- **Share your Talents/Skills** - RayPAC needs volunteers to ensure that it is run smoothly. Great at designing posters... Artistically inclined? Website or Facebook tech savvy? Great at letter writing? Able to assist at a family fun events? Do you like policies & procedures? Are you able to assist at the district level serving on committees? Do you like to advocate for children? Can you help keep students safe? – *desperately in need of School Crossing Guards*

7:25

4. Old Business

- **Proposed catchment area review** please see email that will be sent out with the “ASM-CAS-RAY-SKE Catchment” PowerPoint attachment. - *Parental input is needed regarding this – Principal Nunes to email out to parents along with link to give feedback when ready*
- **Traffic Safety** – see RayPAC website regarding all the initiatives with our School Travel plan, as well as the hard copy of Raymers “Clean Air & Safe Routes 4 schools” – *Opportunity to become a “Hot Zone” designation, please keep reporting issues to the RCMP Traffic Division.*
- **New screen and projector – price increase**
What funds to use for the installation tabled last year... Can we use money from the general account and find ways to replace that money? - *Original quote was \$7700+tax. New quote is \$9200+tax and additional \$5000 for installation. Vote approved with 2 against, 3 abstaining. After the PAC Meeting we were informed that the SD has agreed to cover cost of installation!*

Parent Education Opportunities

See PAC Website for a list of parent education opportunities that occur every month

7:30pm **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM**

THANK YOU and see you at **Next PAC General Meeting, Tues October 10th**

Draft of scheduled events

September- welcome event Sept 15th PAC meeting Sept 19th Pizza Sept 29th.

October- PAC meeting Oct 10th. Pizza Halloween Dance Oct 26 or 27th

November- PAC meeting Nov 7th. Pizza Bingo Night Nov 23 or 24th

December- PAC meeting Dec 12th. Pizza Family Christmas movie night Dec 15th

January- PAC meeting January 16th. Pizza Raymer's Got Talent- Karaoke Jan 25 / 26th,

February- PAC meeting Feb 13th. Pizza Bingo Night Feb 22 or 23, 2018

March- PAC meeting March 13th Pizza No family fun event

April- PAC meeting April 10th. Pizza Family movie night April 26 or 27, 2018

May- PAC meeting May 8th. Pizza

****NEW**** Family Game night May 24th or 25th, 2018. Bring your own board games.

June- PAC meeting June 12th. Pizza Spring Fair Thursday June 14th.