

Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 16th 2018

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Meeting Guidelines and Agreements

- *Seek first to understand, then to be understood*
- *Demonstrate mutual respect for people and ideas. 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*

Attendance: Deannie, Nicola, Adam, Dayna, Dan G., Tamara S., Darcie D., David J., Emma .,

6:30PM

1. Call To Order - PAC President Welcome

6:35PM

2. Guest Speaker – Erin Daum – Learning In Depth

- “It’s the journey that matters” – Ernest Hemingway
- Program developed at Simon Fraser University by professors in the education department to stimulate imagination and learn deeper
- Kieran Egan – Professor, Imaginative Education <http://www.ierg.net>
- At Raymer, Gr 2-6 kids learn to become experts in one specific topic. Not yet adopted district wide so students will not carry on past Grade 6 at this point.
- School has breadth of knowledge but not depth
- Too easy to look things up on the Internet, to to nurture the process of depth to support “how to learn”
- LiD is a uniquely student-driven program, teacher facilitated and students find what they want to study. This can be hard for some students who are used to being told what to you. No grades, focus is on goal-setting and self-assessment
- LiD parallels the new curriculum and core competencies. Proficiency in emotional and personal responsibilities and develop skills of Learner, Thinker, Innovator, Collaborator and Contributor (21st Century learner)
- LiD involves parents and connects kids to the community
- How to make it personal: field work with family, be artistic, conduct experiments, work with guest speakers, take surveys, share and explore.
- Easy to implement, parallels the new curriculum, vehicle to develop personalized learning and encourage powerful questions (“thick” questions)
- Encourages patience, confidence and learning to share with other kids (collaborate)
- K/1 are currently doing explorations as a precursor to LiD (inquiry based)
- Want students to be experts on their topic (Depth of knowledge), be experts at learning (Be Motivated), be 21st Century learners (Tool Box of Skills)
- Teachers co-constructed lessons to introduce kids to LiD before implementing in January 2018. Topics assigned at random with a spinner wheel and kids already in LiD had the one-time option of changing topics.

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3. Principal's Report

- Kindergarten registration from Feb5-Mar 16
- ELFF Night April 24 at 5:30-7PM
- Mike Shedden – SD23 Principal temporarily helping out at Raymer this year
- Rochelle Popoff – 0.5 FTE Classroom support
- Catherine Fry – new CEA
- Kevin Kardaal, SD@3 Superintendent to visit school January 30
- There will be a meeting after Spring Break regarding the Dress Code

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4. New Business

- Pizza Day – Friday January 19th
- “Raymer’s Got Talent” Karaoke Family Fun Night – Thursday January 18th 6-7PM
 - Children must be accompanied by an adult
 - Chip and water concession
- Spring Fair – Friday June 15th
 - *Action: Need help to collect raffle prizes valued between \$150-500, URGENT*
 - February meeting to discuss details

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5. Parent Education Opportunities & Resources

- See PAC website for a list of parent education opportunities happening each month
- See Kelowna Family Care Drop in Events on PAC Board

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6. COPAC Report

- COPAC is funding two parent ed workshops in April (date TBD)
 1. safeTALK: Suicide Alertness training (*presentation by Living Works Education*)
 2. Internet/Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy Education 101 For Parent (*presentation by White Hatter*) <http://www.thewhitehatter.ca/>-Presentations available for elementary, middle and high schools; confirmed presentation at Dr. Knox.
- Grades 3-4 receiving free swim lessons through “Cross the Lake”
- Middle Years Development Instrument Reports now available
<http://earlylearningubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd23>
- COPAC to put more funds into branding for events
- COPAC Parent Conference not well attended in Dec 2017, looking at alternate dates for 2018.
- COPAC hoping to host a forum/all-candidate meeting for the by-election and Adam is gathering questions for candidates

Last minute funding request: Internet/Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy Education 101 For Elementary Schools Grades 4, 5 & 6

RaymerPAC pay \$350 (50% of approximate cost)

Vote: all approved.

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-elementary-school>

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