

**Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**  
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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*

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Regrets: Adam Clarke (*Vice-President*), Nicola Estrada (*Treasurer*), Kate deWynter (*Fundraising Coordinator*), Cadre Simpson (*COPAC Rep*), Denise Bone (*Member at Large*)

In Attendance for CCTV: 7 parents

Deannie Z. (*President*), Kristina L. (*Artistic Design & Spirit Leader*), Kelly H., Daniel G., Heidi H., Zoe K., Jill V., Sarah S. (*MarJok*)

In attendance for Bounce Back presentation: 14 parents

*Same as above plus - Lisa K., Lori-Lynn T., Patti M.(otherschool), Terry L., Rob F., Kristin B.(other school).*

**Special Time: 5:45-7:30pm**

**Review of Dec 15<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting, *Principal's Report* – Principal Sue Bergen**

- *Video surveillance installed at Raymer Elementary in the courtyards. It is currently non functional – the cameras have been installed but they are not turned on. The primary purpose was to reduce the illegal after-school activity occurring in “hot spots”. Activity was becoming increasingly aggressive and dangerous with RCMP having to be contacted. Major safety issues for children with drug paraphernalia and human waste being left in playground.*
- *There will be more detailed, but brief information sharing by KLO Principal at January 19th PAC Meeting (before the Build Bounce Back kid presentation) to address any concerns, answer questions. Currently all middle and high schools have cameras installed. Some elementary schools as well.*
- *Accompanying signage will also be a deterrent and will be installed once cameras are functional. Only Principal will be able to view/access and unknown at this point if video is recorded, and kept.*
- *Any specific questions please email [raymerpac@gmail.com](mailto:raymerpac@gmail.com). We have had a volunteer to head a subcommittee on student safety and privacy to make sure these things are done properly.*

**5:45pm**

**Guest Speaker: Troy White, K.L.O. Principal** shared information about the CCTV Security Cameras

**Data Storage**

The data does not run endlessly (*the cameras are not on all day*), there are sensors that trigger it that activates the camera to record. It records data for 30 days, after 30days, the system automatically clears.

**Where are the video cameras?**

At middle and secondary schools, in the halls, gym and exterior of school. They're not in the classrooms.

KLO has 23 cameras, KSS has over 40 cameras.

At Raymer, there are 9 cameras surrounding the exterior in areas that have been identified by Principal Bergen as problematic (*illegal and unsafe behaviours happening on school property-drug paraphernalia, human feces etc*).

Students, Parents etc, cannot view video footage due to site line issues.

**Who has access to the video?** Administrators in the building, for Raymer that is Principal Susan Bergen. Not required to hand over video to the RCMP, if a situation occurs administration could provide it to them to help, but they would need a court order to get that video. BUT administrators work as a triad with RCMP, social services in order to make sure kids are safe.

## **Video Surveillance at Middle and Highschool Level**

At the middle and high school level it can also help with corrective behavior (redirecting students) and address monetary stealing. Have used video for breaches of code of conduct. If there is conflict provides students opportunity to learn from the conflict, for example a student experience being “pushed” in the hall, their perception was that a breach of code of conduct had happened, after reviewing the footage it turns out that another student had swung their back pack onto their back and it was actually an accident, a misunderstanding, there was no maliciousness involved.

## **Criminal behavior that require Administrators to review video.**

Students and adults alike should be able to feel safe and proud of their schools and when graffiti happen to schools, it is potentially disturbing and offensive. Incident on KLO property on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> involving graffiti, Mr. White was able to review the footage and discovered that it was an adult engaging in illegal activities on school property and because of the footage he was able to report this incident to the RCMP and as it turned out the person was wanted by crime stoppers. KLO was able to collect a \$500 Crime stopper reward and with this money they sent 40 students to the leadership conference.

This incident took 40minutes of data review. It is cumbersome, but only utilize data for key high profile moments.

Principal Troy White mentioned that he’s has only had to review CCTV footage 4 times this year.

## Parent Question

### **Is there a document that lays out the ethics of video surveillance?**

**Policy and Regulations:** *Please Note- These documents are currently undergoing amendments.*

645 - Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%206%20%20School%20District%20Facilities/645.pdf>

645R Video Surveillance – Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) (Regulations):

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%206%20%20School%20District%20Facilities/645R.pdf>

## **Purpose of Video Camera’s at Raymer Elementary**

Principal Bergen takes student privacy and protection very seriously, largest safety concerns are people accessing our school property to engage in illegal and unsafe behaviours.

**Principal Susan Bergen has an open door policy so if you have any questions or you want to discuss further, regarding these cameras or the policies, please feel free to contact her.**

## **6:15pm**

### **Building a Bounce Back Kid: Building resiliency in children.**

Presentation provided by Aaryn Secker, *Community Education Facilitator and Communications Assistant*, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA).

PowerPoint notes and Resiliency Resources on Raymer PAC website: <http://raymerpac.weebly.com/parent-resources.html>

## **7:30pm**

**Door Prizes:** \$20 GC for Mission Liquor (*Drawn: Heidi*)

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

THANK YOU and see you at Next PAC Meeting **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
with Guest Speaker: Kevin Kaardal, SD23 Superintendent and other guests.