

Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 15th, 2015

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*

In Attendance:

6:30

1. Call to order

President Report – Deannie Zahara, PAC President

- Goodbye to Wendi Turner, Raymer's School Secretary for the past 8 years as well as Hugh Gloster SD23 Superintendent. We wish them both well in their retirement.
- New SD23 Superintendent, Kevin Kardaal will be the Guest Speaker at the PAC Meeting on February 16th.

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2. Guest Speaker: Learning In Depth (LID) Program at Raymer- Ms. Erin Daum, *Learning Support Teacher*.

- Program to be implemented for intermediate grades (4-6) beginning January 4, 2016 with an exciting kick-off assembly.
- Developed at SFU and is in alignment with the new curriculum. It introduced a new approach to learning – learn a lot about one thing, instead of a little about a lot of things
- Mar Jok Elementary is currently in their 2nd year of their program and reported it to be successful and well received.
- A topic is assigned to the student who chooses what they want to learn about that subject, in-depth and HOW they want to learn. Students will explore at their own pace with the opportunity to collaborate with peers from different grades
- Encourage to look for experts on your topic within the community, family and avoid using Internet as a research tool. Teaches students how to ask questions and broaden thinking
- There will be no grading on the LID Program and it will be every Friday in a 1 hour block
- Primary team will develop something similar as it's hoped to implement LID for all grades.

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3. Reports

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 Adam Clarke at raymerparent@gmail.com. We have had a volunteer to head a subcommittee on student safety and privacy to make sure these things are done properly.
- Thank you to PAC for funding new headphones for Primary Grades to use in computer lab. Each student gets their own which will help to prevent spread of lice and germs.
- Thank you to volunteer Crossing Guards who have been extra help for student safety
- Thank you to staff, teachers and parents who helped with the Christmas performance.

7:00

Treasurer Report - Nicola Estrada

- December Pizza \$548.75 Profit \$145.55
- PAC voted to approve use of \$100 funds as Thank You Gift to Wendi Turner

COPAC Report – Cadre Simpson ([Regrets](#))

- [See attached report](#)

Fundraising Report – Kate deWynter

- [Successful Purdy's fundraiser - \\$2800 in sales, \\$705 profit to Raymer Elementary.](#)

Traffic/Safety Report – Deannie Zahara

- [We are in urgent need of more volunteers for Crossing Guards or we will be forced to stop this program in January](#)
- [The STP \(School Travel Planning\) Committee will seek assistance from surrounding businesses to support our efforts with reporting and reducing speeding motorists and have the area designated a "hot spot"](#)

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4. Parent Education Opportunities

- [See PAC Board for a list of parent education opportunities for month of December](#)
- [Tuesday January 19th PAC Meeting: 5:45-7:30. Raymer PAC is pleased to host "Building a Bounce Back Kid" presented by Amanda Swoboda of CMHA. Register online through PAC website: <http://raymerpacweebly.com/>](#)

7:15

5. New Business - Kate deWynter

- [Hope to host year-end family night with BBQ and possibly outdoor movie](#)
- [Monthly bingo nights with estimated budget of \\$200 for reusable bingo cards and \\$50-100 in prizes. Intention is to break even and create fun community events rather than large profits](#)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

THANK YOU and see you at Next PAC Meeting **Tuesday January 19th for Building a Bounce Back Kid Presentation**
(and recently added to the agenda a presentation about CCTV Security Cameras)