

Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 20th, 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 end of each Report*

6:30

1. **Call to order** – Deannie Zahara, PAC President

6:35

2. **Reports**

Principal's Report – Principal Sue Bergen

- Discussion of Hugh Gloster's letter to parents regarding extra time required for new curriculum implementation. Additional no-school days or early-release days planned.
- New curriculum; move towards ideas and critical thinking, less focus on learning outcomes (see Backwards Bicycle YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFzDaBzBIL0>)
- Program implementation targeted for September 2016 to begin.
- Training for teachers on new report card system begins November 2016
- Use of FreshGrade to provide immediate feedback to parents

Guest Speaker: Lee Mossman- SD23 School Trustee (*unfortunately unable to attend*)

6:45

Treasurer Report - Nicola Estrada

- October Pizza Day sales \$564.40 sales \$172.40 profit
- Gaming Grant approved \$2500

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COPAC Report - Adam Clarke (*on behalf of Cadre Simpson*)

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council- district wide parent voice

- October 12th COPAC meeting focused on consultation process to address oversubscription of French immersion program.
- Rutland Grade Configuration Public Consultations Nov 17-20th
- Looking for volunteers for upcoming COPAC Leadership Conference in November

Fundraising Report - Kate deWynter

- Halloween Howler Dance October 29th – volunteers needed to sell chips and tickets (see below)
- Purdy's chocolate campaign begins in November with 25% of proceeds to school
- Spring Fundraiser, Vesey's Flowers and Bulbs planned

7:00

Traffic/Safety Report - Deannie Zahara

FOCUSED ON SOLUTIONS - School Travel Planning Committee is the solution so far where the parent population can have stakeholders take our concerns and complaints seriously.

- Raymer Elementary School Travel Plan document is up on the City of Kelowna website, CHECK IT OUT! <http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page566.aspx> .
- Lack of parking in the South Pandosy area is a continuous hot topic.
 - Parking is FREE on Tutt St before 9:00AM and Free Parking on Osprey all day. Please abide by the posted parking signs to avoid tickets.
 - You may avoid the busy time periods by arriving a few minutes earlier at the beginning of the day, and a few minutes later at the end of the day.

- Parents need to model safe vehicle and pedestrian behaviour for our children – PLEASE USE THE marked CROSSWALK or an intersection! Studies have shown that children lack road safety awareness and judgement until at least age ten or beyond. Knowing this, please remember to drive cautiously and watch out for the unexpected behaviour of children as they make their way to/from school.
- Pedestrian Safety Assembly on Friday was a success!
- **Action: *Volunteers Needed* for Adult Crossing Guards (Training provided by Dave Gibson) *Signup sheet***

7:05

3. Parent Education Opportunities

November 17th PAC Meeting- BCTF Parent Workshop “Supporting your Child's Learning” –*This BCTF workshop was chosen by PAC members present at Oct 20th PAC meeting*

January 19th PAC Meeting –“Building Bounce Back Kid” workshop: Presentation by Amanda Swoboda from CMHA. Last year this presentation cost the PAC \$150, this year CMHA received a grant and Raymer was one of 18 schools that CMHA is offering it to our PAC for FREE.

Mental Health Support

CMHA's Family Navigator - Melody Brewer

<http://kelowna.cmha.bc.ca/files/kelowna/Family%20Navigator%20Brochure%20single%20page%20view.pdf>

Traci Cooke - Kelowna's Parent in Residence traci@forcesociety.com

The PiR acts as a navigator and support for families of children and young people and the YiR acts as a navigator and support for young people and both roles work with systems to enhance services and find solutions where challenges may exist. The roles also promote the sharing of mental health information to families and youth to promote prevention and early intervention of mental health challenges. <http://www.forcesociety.com/parent-in-residence>

See PAC Board for a list of additional parent education opportunities within our community.

PAC approved the library’s Funding request for author visit, Eric Wilson

Six Classes: Grade 3-6. It was a great success and the kids thoroughly enjoyed it!

Thanks Parents, you are the PAC and you make these opportunities happen!!

7:15

4. **New Business**

Grade 6 year end trip

Previous PAC Executives started providing financial assistance to the grade 6 year end activity.

PAC matches **up to \$1,500** of what grade 6’s fundraise. If they don’t fundraise, no money will be provided by PAC and the Grade 6’s will have to get the money from schools grade 6 account.

Halloween Howler PAC Dance - October 29th. 6-7:30pm

This is a school family community building event as well as a fundraiser.

\$5 per Person or \$10 per Family (4 people).

Chips will be provided with admission ticket, water will be available for sale for \$1.

Costume Contest- prizes- *Thank you Kristina for getting prize donation.*

Need Volunteers: Ticket Takers (Admission, Chips and Water Sales) & (Security/ Door Watchers). *See Kate to sign up for shift.*

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m

THANK YOU and see you at Next PAC Meeting, **Tuesday, November 17th**
for the **“Supporting our Children’s Learning”** workshop!