

## Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

### Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, Sept 22nd, 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 attend of each Report*

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#### **Call to order** – Deannie Zahara, PAC President

Introduction of PAC Executives and PAC Members In attendance: Deannie (*President*), Adam (*VP/Secretary*), Nicola (*Treasurer*), Kristina (*Member-at-Large*), Kari (*Member-at-Large*), Kate (*Fundraising Coordinator*), Denise (*Member-at-Large*) and Lindsey, Dan, Emily, Ryan, Heidi

Guest Speakers: Dave Gibson and Nancy Moyra Castro

#### **Principal's Report** – Principal Sue Bergen

- i. New BC Curriculum
  - a. Full Implementation 2016/2017, dabbling this year
  - b. Presented New Curriculum Letter from Mike Bernier, Minister of Education, posted on PAC website: raymerpac.weebly.com
- ii. Students
  - a. School Opening: 233 students: 31 new - 20 left, accommodation required the extra day before placement
  - b. Primary enrollment is down, 24 students in kindergarten
  - c. 2015/2016 funding levels set by the number of students enrolled on Sept. 30th 2015
- iii. Staff
  - a. Charlotte Morris .4 Teacher Librarian (3 days per week)
  - b. Lisa Nickle .6 Primary Literacy (3 full days)
  - c. Meghan Neufeld .4 learning assistance/ESL (returning)
  - d. Marnie Dobbin - Counsellor
  - e. Tatianna Defabria - Resource teacher (Welcome to Raymer)
  - f. Nancy Irvine - Speech Language Pathologist
  - g. Susane Paquet – First Nations Advocate
- iv. Questions
  - a. Budget for 2015/16 is based on student enrolment on Sept 30th
  - b. Fundraising: Art Projects, Tables, Carpets, Library Books, Field Trips, Consumables: School Budget

#### **Guest Speaker:** Dave Gibson and Nancy Moyra Castro **re: School Travel Planning**

- i. Safe Routes to Schools, Clean Air
- ii. Collaboration with Raymer elementary, STP parent committee and City of Kelowna, SD23, RCMP, Interior Health, and Clubhouse Childcare Society  
STP parent members: *Deannie, Nicola, Adam, Brandy, Erin and Rob*
- iii. Oct 7th iWalk- Month of October
- iv. Pedometers can be supplied for Raymer Classrooms to participate in contest - Prize for Classroom (Pool, Cupcake, or Fruit Party)
- v. Clean Air for Schools
- vi. Assembly, Protest, Crossing Guards, Bike Rodeo, Art, Walking Competition
- vii. Training for Adult Crossing Guards, **Volunteers Needed**
- viii. Clean Air Day, June 22nd 2016, need parent coordinator

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#### **Reports**

##### **President Report** - Deannie

- i. All parents are members of the PAC
- ii. The PAC is the parent voice at school level
- iii. Focus this year is building community first, fundraising second. Addressing traffic safety issues

### **Treasurer Report** - Nicola Estrada

- i. Treasurers Report will be ready for October meeting
- ii. Funding from Gaming not yet in, \$20 per enrolled student, hoping for \$5000
- iii. June 2015 YearEnd Treasurer's Report on PAC Website  
[http://raymerpac.weebly.com/uploads/2/9/5/4/29545595/treasuer\\_report\\_2014-15\\_ytd\\_jun15.pdf](http://raymerpac.weebly.com/uploads/2/9/5/4/29545595/treasuer_report_2014-15_ytd_jun15.pdf)

### **COPAC Report** - Adam Clarke

*Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council- district wide parent voice*

- i. COPAC meetings are open for all parents, and COPAC are looking for volunteers on school committees, *good way to get on the inside of what is going on within SD23*
- ii. COPAC Fall Leadership conference: Saturday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 9-3pm
  - ❖ Keynote Speaker: Amanda Swoboda (CMHA): Building Bounce Back Kid Workshop
  - ❖ Need volunteers to organize this Leadership Conference
- iii. New Curriculum approved BC wide, not funding allocated for implementation costs
- iv. BC has made \$20M of funding available for routine capital upgrades across BC, SD23 put in proposals for \$16M, turning Quigley into middle school
- v. SD23 Human Rights Committee meets Thursday 4-5PM- Adam Clarke has volunteered for this committee

### **Traffic/Safety Report** - Deannie Zahara

- i. Parking is free on Tutt St before 9:00AM**
- ii. Traffic better than last year
- iii. Free Parking on Osprey all day
- iv. New Fence separating Staff Parking Lot from West Entrance
- v. Temporary Radar Sign on Richter for next two weeks, provided by the school travel planning committee, Nancy will look into permanent installation
- vi. No Bicycle lane on Raymer, and none on Tutt- *this is being addressed through STP*
- vii. Sidewalk Rework took a long time but the results are now starting to show promise.
- viii. Parents need to model safe vehicle and pedestrian behaviour for our children
- ix. Kiss'n'Ride Drop Off/Pick up in front of school
- x. Pickup After School more congested than Morning Drop-off
  - a. Grade 2 and up can be picked up as late as 2:45
- xi. Please note that our handicapped parking spaces are used.

See PAC website for more info addressing Traffic concerns: <http://raymerpac.weebly.com/stp-committee.html>

### **Fundraising Report** - Kate deWynter

- i. Purdy's November, orders online, PAC gets 25%
- ii. Vesy's Bulbs and Flowers
- iii. Looking into a couple of Bingo Nights
  - o Looking into Movie Nights (*K-town Pizza offered to supply pizza*)

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### **New Business**

- i. Parent Education Opportunity - Info to be posted on PAC Website
  - a. OKM is hosting Mental Health First Aid \$115. 6-9:30pm. Oct 13,20,27, and Nov 3, michele.hucul@thebridgeservices.ca 250-763-0456  
Info is posted on PAC board and PAC website.  
<http://raymerpac.weebly.com/parent-resources.html>
  - b. BCTF Parent Workshops available for 2015/16
    - i. Advocating for Child
    - ii. Anti-Bullying
    - iii. Internet
    - iv. Supporting you Child's Learning

*PAC Members present were interested in each of these workshops; PAC Exec will book. Stay tuned.*

- ii. PAC Funding Request for Author Visit: Eric Wilson
  - a. \$395.75: Approved
  - b. Six Classes, Grade 3-6 (*includes some Grade 2 from Mr. Nichols class*)
- iii. October Halloween Dance
  - a. Parents are required to attend
  - b. Need Volunteers: Ticket Takers (Admission, Chips and Water Sales) & (Security/ Door Watchers)

Raymer PAC Committees OPEN for 2015/16

- iv. Volunteer Coordinator
- v. Need 2 more PAC Members at Large
- vi. COPAC Rep- **position filled by Cadre Simpson**

BC Education Plan link on website for online version at <http://www.bcedplan.ca>

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU at Next PAC Meeting Tuesday, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> !