

Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
MEETING MINUTES for Thursday, October 20th, 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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In Attendance: Deannie Zahara (*President*), Kate deWynter (*Vice-President/Fundraising Coordinator*), Melissa Bourdon-King (*Co-Treasurer*), Dayna Margetts (*Secretary*), Zoe Kim (*COPAC Rep*), Denise Bone (*Member at Large*), Terrilynn Nunes (*Principal*)

Regrets: Tamara Carroll (*Co-Treasurer*), Adam Clarke (*COPAC Rep*),

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1. Call to order

President's Report – Deannie Zahara, PAC President

- **Change in Format of our Parent Advisory Council Meetings every month due to the Elimination of the School Planning Council that was originally mandated by the govt.**

Instead schools are working towards using “Spirals of Inquiry” as an inquiry planning tool; every month parents will have the opportunity to be authentically involved in school improvement planning using this inquiry model.

For more info on “Spirals of Inquiry” please view this [Link](#)

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2. Reports

Principal's Report – Principal Terrilynn Nunes *See Attached Principals Report* Below is summary of action items

- **Funding Requests:**
 - a. \$7,000- 20 iPadMini with cases for school -requesting any financial assistance PAC can provide. Deannie asked if the iPads can be used for learning about Coding, Terrilynn will speak to MarJok Principal about it.
Action: Tabled until PAC Budget is established for the year.
 - b. \$100 for Yoga class (Mindfulness & Yoga) - Hertz/Carr Grade 5/6 for 55 students
Approved (aligns with School Goal #1)
 - c. \$450-\$550 Me to We Leadership Event sleepover at school for 36 Grade 6 students, Hertz/Carr/Nunes
Past years PAC has provided funds for a select few students chosen to attend We Day in Vancouver- TOC cost. Decision was made to host a mini We Day at Raymer so that it is more inclusive to all grade 6 students. The funds requested will cover the expense of food etc. PAC members present fully support this new format
Approved (aligns with School Goal #1 and #2)

Sharing and Discussion of School Improvement Plan goals

- October 7th Teacher Implementation Day- Teaching staff took course on School Goal #1- Self Regulation learning about **Growth Mindset** Vs. Fixed Mindset
https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en
- Rocks & Rings – Coming to Raymer November 18th <http://rocksandrings.com/>
Save the Date: Sat, Dec 3rd Invitation to students & Families to attend for FREE. *More info to come*
- **Save the Date:** Thurs, Oct 26th at 9am. Ryan Laird Canadian Music Artist- [BiggerThanThat!™ Bullying Prevention and Youth Empowerment Performance](#)
Parents Welcome to attend!

- Student Leadership clubs- Kindy Playpals, Announcement has begun, Photography starts Monday, Peace Leaders starts in November. For more info about these clubs and more contact Principal Nunes.

- **Middle Years Development** (MDI) a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grade 4 and Grade 7. <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Link to the report for Central Okanagan <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd23/>

- Discussed the results and concerns specific to Raymer – report will be in Library parent resources to view at school
 - Sleep
 - Connectedness- Proposed Solutions: PAC will continue to have a free or low cost fun family event each month to promote community connection.
 - Nutrition – Solutions: School changed the Community Link Brown Bag program -leftovers are in the office and any student can come and access if they are hungry

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Treasurer Report – Intro of Co-Treasurer Melissa B., Tamara C. absent
Presented the Year End Report 2015/16

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COPAC Report – Adam & Zoe (*Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council- district wide parent voice*)

- YOUR VOICE MATTERS – attend the public consultation meeting to provide input on the French Immersion Program OR you can *complete online survey*.
<https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/FrenchImmersionConsultationSurveyOctober2016.aspx>

Also, see school website for video links on why this matters to parents ...

- COPAC Leadership Conference Nov 5th Breakfast and Lunch provided; join this informative day of workshops and instruction that will help better support and nurture students of your school and kids in your life. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/copac-fall-parent-conference-tickets-28447001748?aff=ehomecard>

Report from our COPAC Rep will be uploaded onto PAC website

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Fundraising Report - Kate deWynter

- Purdy's Campaign- *info/dates will be sent home in November*
- Spirit Wear – PAC will have Raymer clothing for purchase in time for Christmas- *info will be sent home in Nov.*

To get better deal PAC Exec will combine Spirit Wear with several other clothing Requests

1. *School Jerseys for Intermediate Apple Bowl Track & Field*
2. *Peace Leader Jackets*
3. *Battle of the Book T-shirts*

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Traffic/Safety Report - Deannie Zahara

- **Desperate Need of volunteers for crossing guard-** Signup [online](#) or on PAC board
- If you witness motorists speeding though school zone and get the license plate, PLEASE report it immediately to the *City of Kelowna Traffic Division* at 250-980-5353. Let them know time and location. Every report made brings us closer to having solutions implemented by the City. And having our school designated as a “HOT ZONE”

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3. New Business

- Halloween Dance- Thursday, Oct 27th Need volunteers for admission table – 4 ppl for 2 shifts.
 - No food for sale, but will have bottles of water and GlowinDark bracelets for sale,
 - Prizes will be given for awesome Costumes: Best Family Costume, Funniest, etc
 - **Action:** Denise, Zoe, & Dayna Volunteered. **Need at least 1 more person**
- Family Movie Night- Thursday, Nov 24 6-7:30
 - Admission is FREE
 - Need volunteers for popcorn sales table – 4 ppl for 2 shifts.
 - **Action:** Melissa and her daughter volunteered. **Need at least 1 more person**
- PAC Tables- Decision came up about needing more folding tables for events etc.
 - **Action:** Members present approved purchase of 3 tables; **Terrilynn will pick them up from Costco.**

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4. Parent Education Opportunities

- **Parent Informational Evening with Dan Duncan** November 8th, 6-8pm
 - Even if your child does not have ADHD, you will hear a variety of strategies that will benefit all families and students. N. Glenmore elementary Gym, Childcare provided
 - *Register by Nov 1st* <https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/ADHDExecutive-Functioning-with-D-Duncan.aspx>
Please indicate which school community you belong to as we will be assisting with cost sharing.
- **Meet and Greet Social & Zones of Regulation workshop.**
Raymer Elementary Thursday, Nov 17th 5:45-7:30pm
Get tickets through Eventbrite, click [HERE](#). If you require childcare, please email with names and ages

See PAC Website for a list of additional parent education opportunities that occur every month.

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Head Lice Management and Prevention

“Head lice can affect anyone. Head lice are annoying and may cause itching, but they do not transmit or cause disease. Children and adults’ reactions to head lice can subject children to teasing, bullying and isolation. Reactions to head lice can significantly interfere with a child’s emotional well-being, social status in the classroom and ability to learn. For these reasons, head lice infestations should be treated.”

Visit Interior Health Website for the instructional video and additional resources. Link is on PAC website or <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Pages/default.aspx>

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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

THANK YOU and see you at Next PAC Meeting, **Thursday, November 10th**