

Raymer Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 12th, 2017

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Meeting Guidelines and Agreements

- *Seek first to understand, then to be understood*
- *Demonstrate mutual respect for people and ideas. 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*

Attendance: Deannie, Dayna, Nicola, Adam, Melissa, Zoe K., Darcie D., David J., Dan G., Keri B., Chelsey L.

6:30PM

1. Call To Order - PAC President Welcome

6:35PM

2. Principal's Report

- Staff feedback on student survey responses
- Student scanning relative to OECD Principles – based on meta analysis of 30-40 countries, e.g. what works worldwide
- Learners at the centre, social nature of learning, emotions are integral, recognize individual differences, stretch all learners, assessment for learning, and building horizontal connections.
- Ask “What are you learning and why is it important?”
- Summary of parent feedback on the scanning results: lack of comments on Indigenous knowledge, wanting to take care of emotions. To further: parent sessions on Growth Mindset and Play Is The Way. What is going well: more theme days, look at math and literacy groups, tackling bullying. What's next: more variety from school, more options for fast learners, maximize student choice, virtual field trips
- Summary of staff feedback: similar language repeated across grades, data shows a lot about what students are learning at the time, students can self-identify how they learn best. To further: teach more “I can” statements and the “why” behind the learning. What is going well: socials skills and friendship. What's next: more art and science, more choice, quiet spaces for students, plan specifically for a variety of learning styles.
- Teachers as Learners – collaborative learning in small groups with other SD23 staff e.g. Fresh Grade
- Gary Brucker with Courage for Youth working with the students while Terrilyn works with the staff on setting criteria and the importance of putting kids at the centre. Three sessions in total with one more to come in January including Mrs. Samadar's session on learning targets.
- Lighthouse Team meeting in January/February for goal setting. Outcome: Treat others as you would like to be treated. Be brave and participate. Pursue your personal best no matter whom you work with. Have reasons for the things you say and do. It takes strength to be sensible.
- Friday Dec 22 is PJ Day organized by the Student Voice Club
- Next “Team Day” to be on empathy, led by Mrs. Carr

- \$1000 spent on tech toys for ADST (Applied Design Skills & Technology) – coding, exploration, no guidance. Exploring outside, cross-curriculum using games. Mrs. Hertz Grade 5/6 class planned the new learning area “Ravens Nest” – made decisions on what furniture to be included, including assembly, safety tests and thinking about what works for all ages
- Ravens Nest Criteria (developed by students): Be Kind (the Golden Rule). Be Safe. Respect the Space. Talk Quietly. No Food.
- Terry from Strong Start has been working with K/1 teaching cooking to small groups of students on Wednesdays
- Quiet space created in Activity Room thanks to \$5000 donation with carpets, bookcases and Lego wall
- Learning In Depth (Gr 2-6) Revamp for mid-January to go deeper into research with more powerful questions and open-ended topics. Broader choice in topic categories.
- Erin Daum available for PAC Meeting to discuss changes to LID
- Chapters Fundraiser raised \$7000 – Mrs. Morris able to restock library with focus on LID topics

6:50PM

3. Treasurer’s Report

- Approval of 2018-19 Budget
 - Budget Approved. **Vote: all in favour**
 - Teacher Funding Requests – external DVD players for classrooms, divider in Activity Room, kitchen supplies, gym equipment especially volleyball net
 - Agreed to make fundraising goal for Spring Fair Raffle as gym equipment for Mr. C to decide how should be spent. **Vote: all in favour**

7:05PM

4. New Business

- Grade 6 Purdy’s Fundraiser
 - Order total \$2198.50 – our profit \$549.65 for Grade 6 Year End
 - Agreement to do the same in 2018, online orders online
 - Request for more sustainable/fair trade options. *Action: David J. to look into it*
- Family Movie Night - Friday December 15th
 - Free admission, doors open at 5:45PM, popcorn for sale
- Pizza Day - Friday December 15th
 - Orders due back Wednesday December 13th
 - If you can help out please come to the activity room on Friday at 11AM
- Karaoke Family Fun Night – January 18, 2018
- PAC to provide Staff Appreciation Dinner on Thurs Dec 20 to thank them for hosting an evening Christmas show. Budget available \$200 *Action: Dayna to take care of order/delivery*

7:20PM

5. Parent Education Opportunities & Resources

- See PAC website for a list of parent education opportunities happening each month

7:25PM

6. COPAC Report

- Recap of COPAC Leadership Conference
- [Helpmenow.ca](https://www.helpmenow.ca) for immediate help if you have posted things online accidentally and want them removed
- [Familysmart.ca](https://www.familysmart.ca) – resource for families navigating the healthcare system and having difficulties. This is under the umbrella of Foundry
- Crawford Falls Middle School in the Ponds (Upper Mission) name confirmed
- BC Government is now funding playgrounds
- Responses to survey on French Immersion still being processed
- SD23 is at 105% enrollment occupancy
- COPAC looking on how to get feedback from parents in a timely manner as the windows for government inquiries are increasingly shorter e.g. cannabis use

7:30pm

Adjournment