

École Peace Arch Elementary PAC | May 18, 2021 | ONLINE Meeting MINUTES

7:30pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom | peacearchpacnews@gmail.com | peacearch.hotlunches.net |  [P.A.E. PAC](https://www.facebook.com/peacearchelementarypac/)

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| President | Kirsten Yanicki | 20-ish Online Attendees |
| Vice-Presidents | Amy Chen Jennifer Smith | Kirsten Yanicki, Tana Jennings, Laureen Boulet, Kristy Crnkovich, Jennifer Smith, Amy Alto, Shannon Versluis, Luana Recchia, Sarb, Jerry Wang, Elizabeth McCrank, Manraj Heir, Kristen Fryer, Mikki Kinnaird, Stephanie Gilmour, Amanda Arione, Susanna Murray, Sara Raouf, Amy Chen. |
| Treasurer | Tana Jennings | |
| Secretary | Luana Recchia | |

This is our final PAC Meeting of the year – AGM and Elections of next year’s PAC Executive Committee.

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1. Welcome – Kirsten Y.

- Welcome – thank you for logging in for our FINAL virtual PAC meeting of the year! Thank you to Principal Laureen Boulet and Vice-Principal Kristy Crnkovich for joining the meeting.

2. Admin Report – Laureen B. and Kristy C.

- Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is planned for Wednesday, June 23: kids will dress up, event will be in the gym; medals and swag bags, speeches from teachers; event will be photographed and videoed to be shared with parents
 - Last week of school (June 21-22) will be sports-day-like activities for Grade 7s as well
- Next year’s school calendar is being formed; thank you to PAC for sponsoring Stream of Dreams in the fall 2021 and Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops next spring 2022
- Young Entrepreneur’s Fair is underway – several intermediate classes are participating; orders are being done by online catalog and paper order forms this year; kids are super excited about it; lots of orders coming in!
- Mr. Ferris is retiring after a long career at Peace Arch as noon-hour supervisor; he will be greatly missed
- **Parking and drop-off concerns:**
 - The school has contacted White Rock City Bylaw – they’ll come randomly to PAE a couple times a week to assist with parking enforcement, specifically the drop-off zones, and traffic safety on Prospect Crescent

3. Treasury Report – Tana J.

- Review of present state of PAC Balance Sheet; see attached appendix for May 2021 Treasury Reports
- PAC currently has a very healthy \$45,914 in the books for next school year
- Our Annual Donations Drive balance of \$3,602 include donations received through Hot Lunch balances
- Hot Lunch balances: we still have over \$1000 in family accounts that we can’t release until parents re-register on our [Hot Lunch website!](#) ***If donating, we need your help – please register again for the Hot Lunch website, which will enable us to release your remaining amount as a donation.*** Questions? PeacearchHotlunch@gmail.com.

4. June Staff Appreciation Lunch – Kirsten Y.

- We organized a last-minute socially-distanced Appreciation event on Thurs., May 6th, during Teacher Appreciation Week
 - PAE staff were gifted a succulent plant (\$2.50 from [Peace Arch Nurseries!](#) Thank you!) and a Bubly canned drink from a table in the courtyard, along with large posters made by Rae C. (thank you!); total cost \$218
 - Very well received; teachers and staff were delighted with their little gifts
- We will also hold our traditional Staff Appreciation event in June (normally a donated buffet luncheon), but this year the District will not allow any outside food brought to the school, so we’ll have to appreciate our teachers another way!
 - Discussion about other types of gifts, possible gift-cards? Artwork from students, posters, chalk-art like last year? Kirsten Y., Shannon V., Rae C., and Kristen F. to work on this.

5. Fundraising and Other Business – Kristen F.

- Cobs Bread fundraiser ongoing; remember to mention ‘Peace Arch Elementary’ with every order at our 3 South Surrey Cobs
- **Morgan Crossing White Spot** fundraiser this Thursday, May 20th: take-out or patio, 20% of sales comes back to PAC!
 - Mention Peace Arch when ordering by phone, or enter ‘Peace Arch Elementary’ in *Special Instructions* online
- **Mabel’s Labels**: we are now signed up for this ongoing fundraiser; 20% back to PAC
 - shop here: campaigns.mabelslabels.com, and search for ‘Peace Arch Elementary PAC’
- **Indigo FUNdraiser**: we are now signed up for this ongoing fundraiser;
 - Shop online through our group’s fundraising page, and Peace Arch PAC earns cash back
 - eGift Cards earn 15%, and other Indigo purchases made through our link earn 3%. Join our fundraiser now using our invite code **BVP6D6** at <https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/>
- Amazon fundraiser: only for registered charities (our PAC is not), so we can’t apply
- Neufeld Farms has been advised we’re interested in frozen food fundraiser for next fall; contact them end of August

6. Other Business - All

- Welcome/introduction letter from PAC to be included in ‘Welcome to Kindergarten’ packages being mailed out by the office end of May; Kristen F. will prepare and give to office next week
- Kindergarten parent outreach – Shannon V.: discussion about how to better engage K parents in Sept; welcome meeting, FAQ, hopefully we can have Welcome Table on first day of school in Sept.
- PAC Programs next school year – these have been booked and added to school calendar:
 - **Stream of Dreams** for Oct 2021: we were approved for a \$6,707 grant from the Pacific Salmon Foundation!
 - cost to PAC will be around \$2,100
 - parent volunteers will be needed Tuesday, Oct 12 for installation of fish on fences!
 - **Saleema Noon Body Science Workshops** for early April 2022; cost to PAC will be around \$1,700.
- DPAC Update ([District PAC](#)) – Amy C.: FSAs will be ending; DPAC workshops on mental health still available; new DPAC board is needed, if any parents are interested
- CPF (Canadian Parents for French) – Susanna M.: [CPF Surrey Chapter](#) is quite active on Facebook, for interested parents

7. Grade 7 Farewell, to Students AND Parents

- Erin H.: as this year’s Grade 7s have not had a traditional Grade 7 year with fun events or farewell ceremony and party, Erin is putting together substantial ‘swag bags’; Grade 7 parents are donating money and products, and are also requesting a one-time increase to PAC’s Grade 7 Farewell budget

Motion to double this year’s Grade 7 Farewell amount to \$1600 (previously \$800). Moved by Kirsten Y.; seconded by Tana J.; All in favour; None opposed; Motion Passed.

- **A warm word of thanks to the many outgoing Grade 7 parents who have been at Peace Arch Elementary for 8 or more years:** We’ve had many years of a really strong and involved group of parent volunteers at our school, who have built our parent group and our PAC into a wonderful community and a wonderful team. They’ve organized amazing events like our annual Snowball Dance and Spring Fling Carnival, fundraised hundreds of thousands of dollars for 2 new playgrounds; laptops, iPads, and projectors for our kids’ classrooms; awesome field trip opportunities; gym and sports equipment; fantastic school programs like musical productions, specialized sport and dance instruction; and tons more. We’re deeply grateful for the countless hours these volunteers have invested in making Peace Arch a better place for their own kids and for so many more kids in the years to come. They’ve left our PAC in a strong position to keep our parent community engaged and involved, and to carry on the remarkable contributions made to Peace Arch Elementary. To every Grade 7 parent who packed a hot lunch bin, served in a role on PAC Committees or the PAC Exec, sliced watermelon on Sports Day, sold pizza and handed out glowsticks at the Snowball Dance, drove for field trips, installed a playground, chaperoned for Ski Club, donated items or baked goods or money or time & energy to PAC fundraising events, boiled a hot dog, helped out at the Terry Fox Run, ran a station at the Spring Fling, or showed up for your kid by being present and involved in their elementary school career – we salute you!! “Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” And we’ll miss all the big hearts moving on this year.

Peace Arch Elementary PAC
Budget Report: As at May 15, 2021

| | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Annual Donations Drive | \$7,000.00 | \$3,602.67 | -\$3,397.33 |
| Donations - Playground | \$63,000.00 | \$63,500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Gaming Grant | \$10,680.00 | \$10,680.00 | \$0.00 |
| Playground Grant From SD #36 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Hot Lunch Revenue | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Snowball Dance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Spring Fling | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Surrey Eagles Game | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Photo Night | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other Fundraisers (Boston Pizza Night) | \$0.00 | \$564.36 | \$564.36 |
| Interest Earned | \$50.00 | \$2.22 | -\$47.78 |
| Other Income: | | | |
| Surrey School District | \$0.00 | \$206.00 | \$206.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$860.00 | \$860.00 |
| Total Income | \$80,730.00 | \$79,415.25 | -\$1,314.75 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Taxes | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| PAC Operations | \$200.00 | \$86.58 | \$113.42 |
| Peace Arch Classroom/Field Trip Funds | \$2,400.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,400.00 |
| Gaming Account Budget | \$10,680.00 | \$10,680.00 | \$0.00 |
| French Carnival | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| Gifts | \$375.00 | \$174.25 | \$200.75 |
| G1 Science World Field Trip | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grade 7 Farewell | \$1,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| Parent Presentations | \$1,625.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,625.00 |
| Playground | \$104,450.00 | \$101,567.98 | \$2,882.02 |
| Raven Fund | \$1,000.00 | \$700.81 | \$299.19 |
| Sports Equipment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Staff Luncheon | \$850.00 | \$0.00 | \$850.00 |
| Technology | \$13,365.00 | \$11,570.90 | \$1,794.10 |
| Welcome Tea | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Teacher's Wish List | \$5,560.00 | \$1,051.94 | \$4,508.06 |
| Hot Lunch Expenses | \$20.00 | \$19.25 | \$0.75 |
| Snowball Dance Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Spring Fling Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Adjustments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous (Teacher Appreciation Day) | \$250.00 | \$218.82 | \$31.18 |
| Total Expenses | \$142,675.00 | \$126,070.53 | \$16,604.47 |
| Budget vs. Actual Net Income | -\$61,945.00 | -\$46,655.28 | \$15,289.72 |