

Minutes
École Armstrong Elementary
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Date and time: September 20^h, 2023 at 6:30pm
Meeting called to order at 6:45pm by Jessica Narayan

In Attendance:

Executives: Chair: Jessica

Co-Vice Chair - Kate

Co-Vice-Chair - Stephanie

Co-Treasurer - Salima

Co-Treasurer - Hassan

Co-Secretary - Gurshawn

Co-Secretary - Manisha

Principal - Jennifer Griffin

Head Teach - Mike Nielson (½ time with Grades 6/7)

Members at large: approx. 20

Babysitting: Room #23

Introduction of Executives

Principals Report: Jennifer Griffin

- Land acknowledgement
- School Goals Recap—Numeracy Goal and Social and Emotional Goal
 - Ongoing work around Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Reconciliation
 - Breakfast Program start
 - Assembly Invitations (only parents/caregivers will continue to attend if their child is performing)
 - Streamline communication (revamp of school website to be up to date)
- Terry Fox Run on Friday September 22—parents can watch their child participate on other side of the route/field

Head Teacher Report: Mike

- Parent/Teacher meeting can be booked online
- Truth and Reconciliation (no school October 2, 2023)
- Pro-D day September 29, 2023
- Garden Community to clean up and make everything nice around the school
- Dance performance will be returning
- Teachers will start to do lunch time activities

PAC Report: Jessica—October Plan

- Pumpkin Patch – October 1st 2022 for Grades 1/2/3
 - Volunteers needed to pick up the pumpkins and help set up/take down after
 - Grades 4-7 will Buddy with Primary students to help carve pumpkins and will get any leftover pumpkins
- Movie Night - November 17th, 2023
 - Limited tickets will be available on School Cash (max 200), if not sold out then we sell at the door
 - Adult required with their group at all times
 - Movie – TBA
 - Venue – Gymnasium
 - Tickets include – Popcorn, Juicebox and Candy
 - Volunteers needed for set up/concession/take down
- Pancake Breakfast with Santa – Wednesday December 20th, 2023
 - Volunteers needed to help set up/take down/serve
- Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser
 - We will start end-November and have a month to purchase
 - Pickup will be at School
 - 25% to be given back to PAC

No PAC Meeting in December

Fundraising Ideas:

- Read-A-Thon
- Parents Night Out—liability issue in question for this

Question from members

- Gender Equality Curriculum—Provincial guidelines are being followed as well as the Burnaby School District Code of conduct

Other business

- Removed combustible materials around the school
- Lunch activities (D&D, Dance, Chess)
- Immunization to happen on Dec 5, 2023 and booster in Spring '24
- Districts organized sports and extracurricular activities—Volleyball (6/7), Cross Country (4-7), Basketball in Spring (6/7), Track in Spring (4-7)
- New lunch program provider and new Food Service worker
 - primary classes are 15min, intermediate 12min
 - advise child to chat with teacher regarding any issues with hot lunch

—selection of days/dishes/dietary options available however no formal way to pro-rate
(please provide your child with a home lunch)

- Fun Lunch should have gluten free options
- Surprise Christmas gift fair, get donations from parents
- ‘Nut Aware School’---check with your child’s teacher about classroom allergies
- No Fruits and Veggies Program happening this year
- Students are not to leave the school fence grounds from 9am-3pm
- Student Price Cards are only given in highschool and university

Wrap-Up by Jessica

- Earthquake Emergency Backpack has been stocked (includes H2O tank or using distilled water along with a privacy tent)
 - these kits do not have medication and your child should have their medication on them
 - child will be instructed to take their jacket and backpack
 - ‘Shake it Out Earthquake Drill’ on October 18, 2023

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

If any parents have questions for the PAC between now and the next meeting please send them to:
ArmstrongSchoolPAC@gmail.com