

# Minutes

École Armstrong Elementary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

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Date and time: Feb 21st, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Jessica Narayan

## In Attendance:

PAC Chair - Jessica Narayan

Head Teacher - Stacey Albert

PAC Vice Chair - Kate Bailey (acting secretary)

Members at large: approx. 3

PAC Treasurer - Salima Lakhpati

Babysitting: Room #23

Principal - Jennifer Griffin

## Principals Report: Jennifer Griffin

- Land acknowledgement
- Over the next couple months, the school will have ongoing conversations with the students regarding digital literacy. Further resources will be sent out to parents and caregivers to support the students developing healthy skills in this area.

## Head Teacher Report: Stacey Albert

- Basketball season has ended. Congratulations to all students for their hard work.
- Cross country season for grades 4 to 7 is starting.
- Grades two and three will head to Cameron Elementary on March 12th to participate in the 'Primary Days of Music' festival. Students in our French immersion classes will be participating in Manie Musicale - a French immersion music competition.
- Hip hop classes will start soon.
- Student lead conferences will start in April.
- Sports day will be June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Spirit wear will be for sale starting March 7<sup>th</sup> through SchoolCash Online. Garments will be available in each of the house colours. Please speak to the students or their teachers to find out which house your student is in this year.

## Special report from Treasurer: Salima Lakhpati

- Accounting for the 2022-2023 school year has been completed, and the gaming grant report has been submitted to the government.
- The PAC has been operating at a deficit for several years and will need to raise roughly \$10,000 before the end of this school year to provide the students with the customary funding for the 2024-2025 school year. Without this funding in place, caregivers would expect to pay more money out of pocket for fields trip and other experiences the PAC funds are currently supporting.
- There are gaming grant funds remaining to be spent. These funds must be used for educational experiences that benefit the students.

Motion 1: It is motioned to increase the amount of education experience funds from \$15 per student to become \$20 per student for the 2023-2024 school year only. Jessica motions, Kate seconds. Motion passed.

## PAC Report: Jessica Narayan

- Movie night - Friday, Feb 23rd, 2024
  - Ticket sales are less than last year's.
- Upcoming fundraiser: Family Pictures will be offered later this spring. More information will be emailed closer to the day.
- Upcoming pizza days: if possible, PAC will trial optional 'add ons' to the pizza days for the rest of the year. Students could be able to purchase drinks, chips, additional pizza slices, etc

## Questions from members

- What can parents and caregivers do to help fund the PAC programs for the 2024-2025 school year? Answer: Participate in the planned fundraising activities, and volunteer to help or run additional fund raisers.

## No PAC Meeting in March

## Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

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