

Minutes

École Armstrong Elementary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Date and time: Apr 17th, 2024 at 8:00pm

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm by Jessica Narayan

In Attendance:

PAC Chair - Jessica Narayan

Head Teacher - Stacey Albert

PAC Vice Chair - Kate Bailey (acting secretary)

Members at large: approx. 12

PAC Treasurer - Salima Lakhpati

Babysitting: Room #23

Principal - Jennifer Griffin

Principals Report: Jennifer Griffin

- Land acknowledgement
- Scholastic Fair will be held in the Library the week April 22-26. It will be open during student lead conferences and proceeds will benefit the library.
- Push for Change/The Promise Project: One of our students, Keanna Lai, has initiated a fundraiser through the organization "Push For Change". The Promise Project looks to encourage Armstrong students to make a promise to fundraise a designated amount of money- as little as \$1 and up. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Downtown East Side through no-cost, community dinners. "Promise slips" were passed along to students, and can be turned into the office. This fundraiser is voluntary. Funds raised can be turned into Ms Griffin at the office. Students who raise \$250 or more will be invited to help serve at future dinners Keanna will host in the fall.
- Parents of 2024-2025 Kindergarteners: Ms Griffin is happy to hear about any information or concerns that may help her place the children in the best class for them. Please note that she is unable to fulfill requests for specific teachers.

Head Teacher Report: Stacey Albert

- Hip Hop classes has started; there will be a school-wide performance on Friday, April 26th. Costume requirements have been given to the students. If you have not received the information, please contact your child's teacher.

PAC Report: Jessica Narayan

- Upcoming fundraiser: Family Pictures will be offered May 29-30. More information will be emailed closer to the day.
- Pizza day this Friday, April 19th.
- Urgent requirement: Several members of the PAC executive board will be stepping down this year. These positions need to be filled by mid-to-late May 2024 or the PAC will cease to operate. If we do not have a PAC, Armstrong will be ineligible for funding we are currently using to support the students, and the initiatives the PAC is currently providing for our children will cease. For example, without the PAC, there will be no: lice checks, Hip Hop, Christmas pancake breakfast, field trip subsidies, and many more initiatives.

Treasurer's report: Salima Lakhpati

- The gaming grant paperwork for next school year is ready to send to in.
- As the school's PAC has been operating at a deficit for the last number of years, next year's budget will be different than usual. More to come on this in May.

Questions from members

- Question: I am interested in volunteering my time next year on the PAC board, however I may not be able to attend every single function. Is that ok? Answer: Absolutely, it is ok! The PAC is a team, and we help each other. If someone is unable to attend an event or help plan something, another member of the board will step in. We encourage everyone to give the amount of time they can; it is so important and so appreciated!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

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

Next PAC Meeting: May 15th at 6:30pm