

Minutes

École Armstrong Elementary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Date and time: June 19th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jessica Narayan

In Attendance:

PAC Chair - Jessica Narayan

Head Teacher - Stacey Albert

PAC Vice Chair - Kate Bailey (acting secretary)

Members at large: approx. 6

PAC Treasurer - Salima Lakhpati

Babysitting: none required

Principal - Jennifer Griffin

New business

- 2024-2025 budget presented to PAC; Jessica motions to accept it, Emma seconds. Motion passed.
- Voting in new members of the executive PAC for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - Reagen Dhillon nominates Sandra Ramos for Chair; Emma Anderson seconds.
 - Kate Bailey nominates Amy Lou for treasurer; Reagen Dhillon seconds.
 - Salima Lakhpati nominates Reagen Dhillon, Emma Anderson, and Janelle Fredrickson for co-secretaries; Sandra seconds.

Principals Report: Jennifer Griffin

- Land acknowledgement.
- Armstrong's new head teacher for the 2024-2025 school year is Jeffrey Vuong. He will be joining us in September; he comes to us from Gilpin Elementary School in Burnaby.
- Armstrong will move its school goal from numeracy to literacy. We will maintain our current social/emotional goal of focusing on attuned relationships to improve the students' sense of belonging.
- The grade 6s and 7s attended a fieldtrip to Playland today. At least 8 Burnaby school participated, and it was a great time.
- Tomorrow is the grade 7 leaving ceremony.
- Armstrong completed the 1st round of class loading for the upcoming school year, and will look at it next week and again in September.
- Closing assembly will be on Wednesday, June 26th; due to capacity regulations for the gymnasium, we ask that only parents of children who are performing in the assembly attend.

- Push for Change/The Promise Project: We are pleased to announce that one of our students, Keanna Lai, will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Promise Project to go towards her work on the downtown East side.

Head Teacher Report: Stacey Albert

- No report this month.

PAC Report: Jessica Narayan

- No report this month.

Questions from members

- Question: Can we get advanced notice of early dismissal days? Answer: We try to send this info to the children's caregivers via multiple ways. Email is one avenue, and we will try to use it more often. The school website is another avenue to get early dismissal information, and all calendar entries can be directly downloaded to your device at once by clicking the icon to the bottom right on the calendar and selecting your app of choice.
- Question: Why is there only one hour of school on the last day? Can report cards be given out the day before? Answer: Ms. Griffin says that it may be so the school meets the amount of instructional hours mandated by the school district. She will investigate this further. In the meantime, if any report cards cannot be picked up on the last day of school, they can be picked up from the school office while the school is open for classes in July.
- Question: Is it normal for schools to need a full week in September to place children in their classrooms? Answer: Yes, as the entire district needs to be coordinated and it is receiving student information up to September.

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.

Thank you for all your help this year!

Next PAC Meeting will be in September. Day, time, & location will be confirmed closer to the date.