

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

April 15, 2024, 6:00-7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Host: Angela Huang

Attendees: Mr. A., Rex Xu, Fritz Ho, Zoe Lai, Mika, Teresa, Jovy, Peter Wu, Christine, Lily

Approval of Minutes and Today's Agenda

All attendees approved the minutes from March 11, 2024 PAC meeting and today's agenda. The minutes and agenda have been adopted.

1. School Administration Report led by Mr. A.

1. On Thursday and Friday, Gr 4-7 students will be having a circus workshop for French learning.
1. Feeding Futures is a commitment of the Provincial Government to ensure students are properly fed for learning to enhance positive academic and health outcomes. The school has been continuing to stock the Sharing Fridge and it has been working well.
2. Parent Perspective Forms regarding student placement for next school year will be provided to parents in May. It is not mandatory, but parents will have the opportunity to let the school know if they have any concerns or comments regarding next year's student placement.
3. The school is looking into bringing in the DARE program for next year.
4. There will be 26 divisions for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Track meet is on May 21st.
6. On April 20th, there will be open gym from 1-4pm (after Spring Gym Sale).

2. Reports and Updates

1. PAC Executives Candidates – still looking for a Secretary
2. PAC Financial Report
 - Hot Lunch profits from last week's hot lunch: \$1,004.77
 - We still have Gaming grant remaining for 2023-2024 school year
3. District PAC Meeting – please refer to attached meeting notes
 - Mr. A. expressed interest in the ICBC speed monitoring program for schools. PAC will reach out to the responsible person to arrange.

3. Hot Lunch

1. Hot Lunch dates and providers for next school term
 - o April 12 – Pizza / May 3 – Sushi / May 24 – A&W / June 14 – Pizza
2. Adding Libby's Kitchen to term one of next school year

4. Items for discussion

1. Spring Gym Sale (Saturday, April 20th)
2. Ferris Fun Fair (Thursday, May 30th) – more information will be distributed to parents soon
3. Music in the Park (Thursday, June 13th) – city grant application submitted, pending response
4. Grade 7 Farewell (Wednesday, June 26th) – coordinate with Grade 7 teachers on the planning

5. Educational programs to be considered:

1. D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) – resume starting 2024/25 <https://dare.org/education/>
2. Ocean Wise Sea Dome: <https://ocean.org/action/seadome/>
3. Science World On The Road: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/ontheroad/>
4. Space Centre Portable Planetarium: <https://www.spacecentre.ca/portable-planetarium-booking-form/>
5. No Time for That Anti-Bullying Society (NTFT) Tour:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd61mGy5UYQVou9oSGmXAlt91GvuJqn5narYlldvFiAatxFUg/viewform>

6. PAC and PAC-supported events for the remainder of the school year:

*Based on past events for reference, new ideas are always welcome

1. Spring Gym Sale – April 2024
2. Ferris Fun Fair – May 2024
3. Staff Appreciation Lunch – May or June 2024
4. Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea – June 2024
5. Music in the Park – June 2024
6. Grade 7 Farewell – June 2024

7. Next PAC Meeting

May 13, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm, thank you very much for your contribution!

RDPA Meeting Notes – April 9th, 2024

Item #1.

ICBC representative has reached out to schools in the district if they were interested in having speed monitoring set up in their school zones. So far only one school has responded with interest in having speed board brought in for the day. ICBC volunteers set up in specific areas with their big speed signs displaying speed that drivers are going. A reminder to stay within speed limit. This is a great way of gathering information on traffic speed in the area. PACs should discuss with their Principal, and if the school is interested, PAC can reach out to Lingly Wilson at linglywilson@live.ca. ICBC is looking at scheduling sites for May which is their Speed Awareness month.

Item #2.

Committees that need RDPA reps: SOGI, DEI and Calendar.

SOGI Committee (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)

- Meetings every 6 weeks from 3:30-5:00pm.
- It is a policy and implementation committee and it is being implemented at the school district. This has partners from each of the stakeholders. You are there on behalf of all of the students in the district.

DEI Committee (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

- Meets every 6 weeks. The implement the policy of the school district.

District Calendar Committee

- They meet 4 times a year 3:30-5:00pm. They look at the school calendar 5 years out.
- They help set the Pro D days. RDPA had worked on getting the ½ Pro D days cancelled. So they are all full days. That is one of the ways that we were able to get something done.

Item #3.

An email will be going out shortly regarding RDPA AGM will be on May 7th. RDPA Executives does not have to be a PAC executive, they just need to have two nominations from their PAC Executives or RDPA executive. Nominations will be accepted until end of April. Each school can authorize one person to vote, and he/she have to vote in person on May 7th (no proxy votes will be accepted).

Item #4.

If there are volunteers to help plan the year-end Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, it will be on June 4th at McNair Secondary. As usual, dinner will be prepared by McNair Secondary's culinary students and school board senior staffs and school trustees will be invited to attend. After dinner, there will be small group discussion regarding a specific theme.

Item #5.

A remind that for 2023-2024 school year, the gaming grant can no longer be used for scholarships.