



Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
February 10th, 2025, 6:00-7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Host: Zoe Lai

Attendees: Mr. A., Ms. Navin, Zoe, Gladys, Rex, Jamie, Gladys, Mikako, Julia, Jovy, Enid, Daniel, Aizza, Gowtarru

1. Welcome and Introduction –Zoe

Approval of Minutes and Today's Agenda

Zoe welcomed the parents in attendance. The minutes from the January 20, 2025, PAC meeting and today's agenda were reviewed and unanimously approved by all attendees. Both the minutes and the agenda have been formally adopted.

2. School Administrative Report-Mr. A and Ms. Navin

A. Reminded the coming important dates:

Feb. 14: District Pro D Day-No school for students

Feb. 17: Family Day (BC)-School closed

Feb. 21: Hot Lunch-Sushi Lovers

Feb. 26: Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 27: Early Dismissal/Conferences-11:53am

March 10-PAC meeting

March 12: Class/Staff Photos

March 14: Last Day of School before spring break

March 17-28 Inclusive: spring break-school will be shut down and TTK will be moved to other location

March 31: First Day Back to School after spring break

May 15: Welcome new kindergarten students, the registration has started



June 24: Graduation ceremony-Grade 7 Students' celebration/farewell

- B. School Quote-"If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, learn to trust, share their feelings, and grow"-Alfie Kohn
- C. Two performance of Taiko Drumming this Wednesday
- D. BuRrr Week at Ferris-The district slightly lowered the in-school temperature in the building during this week until family day which will significantly reduce our Carbon footprint. Encourage students and staff to wear sweaters/extra layers.
- E. The RSD Strategic Plan Survey has been sent out to all of the parents. Please finish it by the deadline-February 23, 2025.
- F. Ms. Navin advised that a Lockdown drill will take place on Feb. 11, 2025 and an email will be sent out to advise the parents and students.
- G. Grade 7 camping date is coming
- H. Math club and basketball training keep going
- I. Will advise Mr. Lyseng about the application of Community Gaming Grant for his Miyawaki forest program and will provide more information about this program to PAC;

3. PAC Recap and Updates-Zoe

- A. Babysitting Course: held on Jan 27 (Pro-D Day) 9:00am to 4:00pm (7 students completed). Thank you to Kira, Julianne and Reiyansh for babysitting tonight.
- B. Term 2 PAC Meeting Dates: Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12 (AGM), Jun 9
- C. PAC AGM-reselect the Executive positions: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Hot Lunch Coordinator, RDPA Rep (descriptions in the PAC Constitution on the school Website's PAC page)
- D. Fruit and Veggie Program – Feb 25, Apr 1, Apr 22, May 13, Jun 3, Jun 24
need to purchase some bags or trays; School may look into this request.
- J. SEL Workshop: The SEL night will be set for Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Will send out the notification in due course. Will arrange the meet to be available through Zoom and a Chinese translator.
- E. DARE Program: date TBC
- F. Ferris Clothing: WIP



4. PAC Financial Report-Zoe

Current Balance (General): \$21,398.32

Current Balance (Gaming account): \$11,0776.68

\$481.36 profit from Jan 24, 2025 Subway hot lunch

\$519.68 profit from Feb 7, 2025 Libby's hot lunch

Hot lunch profits are lower than expected, we must revise our budgeted profit from \$10,000 to \$7,000 for the school year. Everything else is on budget. Because of the drop in expected hot lunch profit, we must put a hard "cap" on the programs we commit to. **The PAC cannot commit more than \$17,600** on school wide programs.

5. PAC Hot Lunch Updates

Term 2 Hot Lunch: Feb 21 - Fresh Slice, Mar 7 – Sushi Lover

6. RDPA Report (from Feb 4, 2025 meeting)

- Superintendent Mr. Usih was present to continue the information sharing on SD38's Long Range Facility Planning. Just to recap, this is like the roadmap for the management, maintenance and development of SD38's school facilities for the next 5 years.
- An email was sent to all parents on Feb 3, with the link to a survey. The Richmond Board of Education is seeking input from students, staff, parents/caregivers, partner groups, and the greater Richmond community, on the priorities that will guide the district for the next five year
- http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/tla4eegZQTabXsY2fVbF_w~/AAAAARA~/4m_fnNGCcDqWYqTE6XXaPIfFBKZc4Nm3ecENoVt4hfPxrTMCgnLAqoSoU7kAATwO9RwKQhEhmfBQeeo92QyTErZxLp0i3Ybr6n1nb0xWwfuJRtyxfU_2CcKt49cf5XxH8aQWeEh059vARTsPWv9puUCN5Wx2uKgzkvOgeJPwJwIJOhFqzWCXo0XPWncoTcgZ8CNCvqmBZ0wthBeISxoywA~~
- For more information and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please visit sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan
- Information from Traffic Committee, in 2024, there were 17 school patrols done around Ferris, and 125 traffic violation tickets were issued around Ferris (2nd highest)



2024 School Patrols - January to December

- 39 Schools
 - Elementary
 - Secondary
 - Private
- 278 Patrols within 180 school days
- 1311 Tickets Issued



2024 School Patrols - January to December

TYPES OF VIOLATIONS	%	SCHOOL	PATROLS	SCHOOL	TICKETS
NO STOPPING ZONE	82.3%	FERRIS	17	RICHMOND	159
STOP OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC	3.4%	RICHMOND	15	FERRIS	125
NO PARKING ZONE	2.5%	BRIGHOUSE	15	BRIGHOUSE	98
PARK IN LANEWAY	2.0%	TALMEY	12	MCKINNEY	69
OBSTRUCT DRIVEWAY	1.6%	PALMER	12	MCROBERTS	67
TOO CLOSE TO CORNER	1.6%	GENERAL CURRIE	11	GENERAL CURRIE	65
STOP BESIDE YELLOW CURB	1.5%	DIXON	11	TALMEY	63
STOP WITHIN 6 METERS OF CROSSWALK	1.1%	MCKINNEY	10	GILMORE	58
STOP WITHIN 5 METERS OF FIRE HYDRANT	1.0%	COOK	10	COOK	56
FACING WRONG WAY	1.0%	ANDERSON	10	KIDD	52
OTHER	2.0%				
Grand Total	100.0%				

Highlighted red are new requests

7. PAC Upcoming Events

April 12, 2025 - Spring Yard Sale/Grade 7 Grad Fundraiser: \$30 per table, 25 tables

April - Call-out for PAC Executive nominations for the AGM



May 12th – PAC AGM

May 15– Welcome to K (hosted by school)

May/June – DARE Graduation for Gr 5/6 Students

May 29 – Ferris Fun Fair

1. Raffle Tickets
2. Game Pass
3. Food
4. Game Stations
5. Prizes

June – Grade 7 Graduation Luncheon – June 24th

1. Budget (also depends on food option: Pizza and Sushi, Brunch Buffet, Poke Station)
2. Fundraising Efforts
3. Decor - balloon arch
4. Grade 7 parent volunteers

June – Teacher Appreciation Lunch

June - Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea (hosted by school)

June – Music in the Park-in the process of applying the funds

8. Q&A

9. ADJOURNMENT – Adjourned at 6:52 pm. Thank you very much for your contribution!

Next Meeting is on March 10th, 2025!