

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

December 4th, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Host: Mr. Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong, Ms. Julianna Ng, Angela

Attendees: Rex, Jaime, Peter, Zoe, Enid, Ariel

Approval of Minutes and Today's Agenda

All attendees approved the minutes from October 16, 2023 PAC meeting and today's agenda. The minutes and agenda have been adopted.

1. School Report led by Mr. Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong and Ms. Julianna Ng

1. Grade 4 and Grade 7 students have completed their Foundation Skills Assessments. The school should receive the results by next week.
2. Div. 2 and Div. 5 will have a craft fair next week.
3. Volleyball team had a great tournament at Richmond High on November 29th.
4. Band Concert will be on December 14th at 5:30pm. Parents are welcome.
5. Winter Sharing Assembly will be on Dec 20th.
6. The school has started a Math Club for Grade 6 and 7 students on Fridays at lunch. It has been well received by the students. Ms. Ng mentioned that this is a great opportunity to build on social emotional learning.
7. Mrs. Flores (our counsellor) has hosted an info night regarding SEL (social emotional learning) on Nov 14th via in-person and online. The school is hoping to have a second follow up presentation in Term 2 (around end of January or early February).

2. Hot Lunch

1. PAC will have hot lunch every month for next term. Dates will be announced shortly.

3. Financial Report

1. Due to administrative issues with the Gaming Grants Branch, PAC needed to resubmit the Gaming Grant application for reconsideration. It has been submitted for about one month, and processing time is about 90 days. We will revisit the budget once we receive the approval status of this grant.
2. All the teacher reimbursements will be done in May.
3. General account balance: \$8,126.64
Gaming account balance: \$651.22
Hot Lunch profit (total of the three for this school term so far): \$3,029.31

4. RDPA

1. The next RDPA meeting is Dec 5, 2023.
2. PAC 101 has been postponed until January 2024.

5. Items for discussion

1. Ferris Holiday Party – December 15th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in the Gym
 - Santa Photos with Mr. A and Christmas photobooth
 - Games
 - Food
 - Lucky Draw
 - Volunteer sign-up is on Konstellia
2. Review of 2023-24 PAC proposed budget
3. Educational opportunities to be considered:
 - HR MacMillan Space Centre – Portable Planetarium <https://www.spacecentre.ca/offsite-experiences/>
 - Science World – On the Road – Science Surprises <https://www.scienceworld.ca/atyourevent/>

6. PAC and PAC-supported fundraising and community-building events

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

- **Ferris Holiday Party – December 2023 (in progress)**
- K-pop workshop – January / February 2024
- Spring Gym Sale – April 2024
- Ferris Fun Fair – May 2024
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – May or June 2024
- Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea – June 2024
- Music in the Park – June 2024

7. Next PAC Meeting

Date for first PAC meeting in 2024 to be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.