

**Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**  
**March 11, 2024, 6:00-7:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Host:** Angela Huang

**Attendees:** Mr. A., Ms. Ng, Rex Xu, Fritz Ho, Zoe Lai, Eri, Mika, Carol, Peter Wu, Jamie Wu, Christine

**Approval of Minutes and Today's Agenda**

All attendees approved the minutes from February 12, 2024 PAC meeting and today's agenda. The minutes and agenda have been adopted.

**1. School Administrative Report led by Mr. A.**

1. Math Club is still going well.
2. Based on the Intent to Return forms, Ferris will have at least 630 students next year and there are 50 out of 80 kindergartens registered so far.
3. Mrs. Nowell (EA) will be retiring after spring break.
4. Ferris basketball team performed very well and showed great sportsmanship.
5. Welcome to Kindergarten will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
6. Public health nurses are coming to Ferris to talk to younger students about healthy eating and hygiene.
7. Gr. 4 and Gr. 7 for students and parents will be receiving a Student Learning Survey soon.
8. 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 regarding next year's student placement.
9. SEL (social-emotional learning) session #2 was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> (in English) and 7<sup>th</sup> (in Mandarin), both in-person and online. The school would like to ask for parents' input on how to increase on the attendance and whether there are any topics that they would like to cover. The recorded session and PDFs will be shared with parents. We plan to have session #3 in Term 3.
10. The Sharing Fridge is working well.
11. Mr. A. is working on a weekend open gym schedule for our students and families.
12. Ferris wear day is on Thursday Mar 14<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Reports and Updates**

1. PAC Executive Candidates
  - we have a few candidates confirmed for next year's PAC Executives, and continuing to look for more parent volunteers to join us
2. PAC Financial Report
  - Steady income of ~\$1,000 from each hot lunch
  - ~\$12,000 in general account and \$12,000 in gaming account
3. Angela put forward the motion to approve \$500 to sponsor Gr. K to 7 Zumba, seconded by Fritz. All executive members voted in favor, motion has been approved.

4. Angela put forward the motion to approve increasing child minding for PAC meetings to \$15, retro to January 2024, seconded by Fritz. All executive members voted in favor, motion has been approved.

5. District PAC meeting

- March meeting was cancelled, next meeting is on April 9<sup>th</sup>

**3. Hot Lunch**

- Hot Lunch dates and providers for next school term
  - April 12 – Pizza / May 3 – Sushi / May 24 – A&W / June 14 – Pizza

**4. Items for Discussion**

- Spring Gym Sale – Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, initial planning to start
- Ferris Fun Fair – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, initial planning to start
- Music in the Park – Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, City grant application submitted
- Grade 7 Farewell – Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, coordinate with Grade 7 teachers on the planning

**5. Educational programs to be considered:**

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

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

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

- 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
- Grade 7 Farewell – June 2024

**7. Next PAC Meeting**

April 15, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm, thank you very much for your contribution!