

**Eugene Reimer Middle School
PAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 6:00PM
Online and in-person**

Attendees: Lorea Horner, Gurpal Bamara, Rupi Kandola, Michelle Myers(VP), Parampreet Kaur Grewal, Ramandeep Brar, Kiranjeet, Baljeet Brar, Dhaliwal, Jessy's iPhone, Sukhbinder Kaur, Dean Johnston(P), Rovi Sandhu(VP), Olofade and Yinka Afolayan, Surinderjit Rheffa, Lorraine Bassi.

1) Welcome and approval of agenda.

- a. Welcome
- b. Land acknowledgement
- c. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of Agenda:-1st Parampreet Grewal, 2nd Lorraine Bassi, All in favour.

2) Approval of Minutes from: October 4, 2023.

MOTION: Approval of minutes: – 1st Lorraine Bassi, 2nd Ololade Afolayan. All in favour.

3) President Report:

- **Resigning Executive:** PAC Secretary (Amy Dhanjal) has email me her resignation, she has resigned her position.
- **Voting in new Executive:** Shannon Gaudette has been nominated to the position of Secretary by Gurpal Bamara, vote needed.
- **Motion:** 1st Ololade Afolayan, 2nd Rupi Kandola, All in favour.
- Shannon Gaudette is ERMS new PAC Secretary.
- **Banking:** - Lorea is waiting on the Bank to email forms for signing set up.
- **Budget:** Set date for Teachers to hand in their budget requests- Friday, October 20, 2023.

- Set date for Executives to meet to go over the teachers requests- Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. in Dean Johnston's office.

3) Treasurer Report:

PAC has not received Gaming grant yet. (Possibly October 15)

Gaming Account Balance – \$3,645.78

Cheque for BCCPAC has been paid out: - 75.00

General Account Balance: \$24,328.95

Principals report:

October 2023 PAC Meeting PVP Report:

- September Re-cap
 - Grade 8s went to the Chilliwack Corn Maze
 - Grade 6s went to the Aldergrove Waterpark
 - Meet the Teacher – great to see the many families who came out for this
 - On Sept 28, the Indigenous Student Council collected orange feathers coloured by all students and staff, and attached to a large Raven outline to commemorate the Day for National Truth and Reconciliation
 - Students participated in the Terry Fox Run on Oct 3rd; donations will be accepted through SchoolCashOnline until Oct 6
- Coming Up in October
 - Volleyball season continues for the boys and the girls
 - October 5th – World Teacher Day
 - Thanksgiving Monday – Oct 9 (no classes in session)
 - Student Photos Oct 10th
 - Early Dismissal at 11:36 for Parent-Teacher Interviews on Wed Oct 18 (12:25-2:18 and 5pm-8pm) and Thurs Oct 19 (12:25-2:18pm); instructions for booking appointments will be sent out shortly.
 - Friday Oct 20 – Professional Development Day, no classes in session
 - Friday Oct 20 – Staff requests for PAC funds due (MS Form sent out at end of September to staff)
 - Grade 7s will be writing Foundation Skills Assessment during October/early November
 - All students finishing the SNAP (Student Numeracy and Assessment Practice) and WCRA – Whole Class Reading Assessment (informally known as the “Vernon” test)
 - At-lunch and after school clubs beginning in October – Athletic Leadership, Lego, Dungeons and Dragons, Inclusion
- Other
 - Update on swing set – swings are ordered, waiting for a delivery date, Work Order is in the queue for ground preparation
 - Traffic loop reminders – morning drop off has improved with longer time between bells;

afternoon pickup still very busy; consider staggering pick up (10-15 minutes after dismissal), asking your child to meet at a location just off campus

- o Volunteers – once Volunteer form is handed in to office, potential volunteers will be contacted for further steps; if CRC was done in last 5 years will still be valid; see <https://eugeneireimer.abbyschools.ca/parentsandstudents/volunteers/eugeneireimer> for the applicable volunteer form, or pick up in the office
- o Student and Parent Handbooks on website <https://eugeneireimer.abbyschools.ca/parentsandstudents/handbook/eugeneireimer>

Other:

1) Set remaining PAC Meetings for 2023-2024:

Nov 1, Feb 5, June 12 (Annual General Meeting)

2) DPAC Report:

DPAC Rep-Parampreet

20,000 students in the district of Abbotsford

3000 ELL

190 teachers hired, 2500 staff

BC gaming deadline was in end of June.

BCCPAC member dead line was Oct 15

Parent night Oct 11 will email details. General equity meeting 5 high schools presented reports.

Protest was briefly mention, as they did not want to take up too much time from the meeting.

Parents are feeling that some books have too explicit materials. There is too much misinformation out there for parents. Parents need to talk to teachers and the principals if they have concerns or if they need clarification.

Next DPAC meeting Nov 23.

3) **Early dismissal times:** buses are 2 ½ hours early, lunch time starts at 11:36am, this is dismissal time.

- 4) **NEST concerns:** parent brought it to PAC attention that there is older pizza being sold at the same price of new pizza and it is reheated by microwave. This pizza if left over from lunch, it is frozen then reheated if pizza runs out. Dean Johnston will follow up.
- 5) **Soap dispensers:** - need to be filled, brought to PACs attention that they are empty. Dean Johnston mentioned that there has been some vandalism in the bathrooms, door was broken needed to be repaired, he will bring this to the Janitors attention to make sure refilled.
- 6) **SOGI question:** It has been around since 2016, Dean Johnston is asking parents to please look online on the provincial's website regarding information. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/sogi>

-Parents are wondering why administration did not address the walk out demonstration last month. The Abbotsford School district, Superintendent did send out a notice to all parents. Please see the above link for current information from the government. Again there was a lot of misinformation put out to parents.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 pm