

Eugene Reimer Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12th, 2024

Attendees: Lorea Horner, Gurpal Bamara, Shannon Gaudette, Michelle Myers (VP), Rovi Sandhu (VP), Parampreet Kaur (online)

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

-Welcome

-Land Acknowledgement

-Approval of Agenda

*Motion: Approval of agenda – 1st Gurpal Bamara, 2nd Shannon Gaudette

2. Approval of Minutes

*Motion: Approval of minutes (Jan.10th) – 1st Gurpal Bamara, 2nd Shannon Gaudette

3. Presidents Report

*District Joint Partnership Meeting

-Staff from different Abbotsford Schools were in attendance including VPs, PAC, District Staff and School Trustees. Focus was on Elementary, Middle and High Schools, looking at engagement strategies for students re: technology, how to provide emotional support to students and how to engage students who struggle to learn with traditional teaching methods....kids who learn “outside the box”

-A Strategic Plan was made for 2024-2028

-A Budget was discussed for the 2024/2025 year.

*School Cash Online Fundraising

-Lorea created to options for letters to be sent out to ERMS Parents. PAC will look over options, provide feedback and have forms ready to send out next year.

*The Nest

-When Coleen is away, should there be a substitute? Planned time away should be covered and whomever that is would need to have a current Criminal Records check and Food Safe. Last last minute days off are hard to plan for. A few teachers have covered for those days in the past.

Would staff that cover be paid or volunteer and would the need to be in the union. PAC pays Coleen's wages. VPs will discuss with Principal.

*Timesheets for Coleen (Nest)

- For Legal and accountability reasons, Coleen's timesheets will need detail on how her time is spent. Principal and PAC President will discuss with her.

*Upcoming conferences

-BCCPAC – Back to Basics – Building Capacity parent Education Conference and AGM May 3rd-5th in Richmond. Registration now open...go to info@bccpac.bc.ca

-National Youth Climate Activist Award 2024 – students from any Grade can apply and demonstrate their devotion to taking meaningful steps towards improving the outlook for our planet concerning climate change. Interested students can go to www.youthclimateactivismaward.org

-Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair – Happening April 11th, FVRSE, invites students from K-12 within the Fraser Valley Region to participate as a class, group or individual and compete for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes and a chance to go to Ottawa to compete in the Canada Wide Science Fair. If interested, please register at www.ufv.ca/science-fair by **March 15th**.

-Upcoming Family Smart Events – Admin will put information and dates for workshops on ERMS website.

4. Treasurers Report

-PAC General Account - \$26,200.16

-PAC Gaming Account - \$12,833.40

Total teacher's requests from Gaming were \$11,178, General was \$2,500. To date we have paid Gaming \$4084.97 and General \$1500.

5. Principals Report

January 2024 PAC Meeting PVP Report:

- Information Items: In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together and ERASE (Expect Respect and A Safe Education) are offering online sessions for **Social Media Awareness** will be offered this winter/spring for Families. This 1-hour session is designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Several different dates are available.

- Sessions are held via Zoom in the evening. For more information and to register, visit <https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>
- As cooler, wetter weather is upon us, please ensure students have appropriate cold-weather gear (coats, gloves/mitts, hats, boots, etc.)
- Lost and found – if your child is missing an item (coat, hoodie, binder, lunch kit, PE strip etc.), please have them check the Lost and Found. Due to space limitations, items unclaimed by the end of January will be donated. If students have misplaced smaller items (ear buds, glasses, keys), they should check the office.
- Thank you for reminding your child about the importance of using the combination lock on their locker, and not sharing their combination with anyone (we have records of all the combos in the school if they forget).
 - Students who take the bus are being reminded they are not to go into Rick Hansen Secondary while waiting for the bus (they should use the washroom, get a drink of water, use the phone, etc. at Eugene Reimer before heading down to the bus).
- Traffic Update
- Update on enrollment ☐ Gr 6 is full
- ☐ Gr 7 has 5 spaces
- ☐ Gr 8 has 6 spaces
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- **December Re-cap** Lots of great pre-holiday activities in December: ☐ Spirit Days
- ☐ Grade 6 games
- ☐ Grade 6 and Grade 8 attended “Wonka
- ☐ Pod C went Ice Skating
- ☐ Pod K went Bowling
- ☐ Intramural Dodgeball at Lunch – wrapping up with finals
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- Thank you from all the staff to the PAC for the amazing lunch on Dec 19!
- Grade 6s and Grade 8s held Term 1 recognition assemblies for excellent student achievement
- Miss Buhler and the band students put on an amazing Winter Concert at Abbey Arts on Dec 18
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Coming Up in January/February At-lunch and after school clubs continuing – Athletic Leadership, Lego, Dungeons and Dragons, Inclusion, Indigenous Student Council

Whole-grade assemblies to revisit student expectations – Thursday Jan 11

Maple Man Presentations – Thursday Jan 18

Student Voice initiative Thursday Jan 25 – each class will select a student representative to meet with admin to voice their ideas about their school

Grade 8s will participate in the Middle Years Development Instrument Survey January 29/31; reverse permission forms were sent out before Winter Break (paper and School Messenger); one final reminder will come later this week

Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews will be Feb 7 & 8 (early dismissal both days, buses will run early)

Next Pro D Day is Fri Feb 16

Family Day in Mon Feb 19

6. DPAC

- Michelle Gehring (Director of Instruction & Learning Support Services gave an overview of School-based learning support services (LSS) , including learning support teachers, Youth Care Workers, educational assistants, counselors and district resource room programs. She explained the two branches of the DLSS: Inclusive Education and Safe Schools. She also explained Tiers 1, 2, 3 in Accessing Learning Supports, Tier 3 being the most intensive. She also addressed the 5 common myths related to Special Education and Learning Support. #1- Children need a designation to receive an EA, #2-Schools get funding for a child with Special Needs, so they should have an EA, #3- Pull out groups are the best way to support my child's learning, #4-There are no consequences for students with behaviour problems & #5- My child needs a designation to get help. *Talk to your child's teacher, the case manager (if you have one), the Principal or the LSS department via email at LSS.Department@abbyschools.ca to address any questions or concerns.

Next DPAC meeting: February 22nd, 2024 7PM

Our next meeting: March 6th, 2024, 6PM
Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM