

Eugene Reimer Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024

Meeting dates for 2024/2025 – November 6th, December 4th, January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, May 7th, June 4th (AGM)

Attendees in person & online – Lorea Horner, Shannon Gaudette, Rupi Kandola (OL), Gurpal Bamara (OL), Rovi Sandhu (VP), Michelle Meyers (VP), Oanh Oren, Sandeep Gill, Habib N., Hakima, Wilson Ho, Stephanie Setala, Gabriel Canal, Parampreet Kaur, Aditi Khattia, Alfred, Rajvis D.

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

- Welcome
- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of Agenda – 1st Oanh Oren, 2nd Shannon Gaudette

2. Approval of Minutes from September 11th

- 1st Sandeep Gill, 2nd Shannon Gaudette

3. Guest Speaker

- Gabriel Canal is the Mental Health Clinician for Reimer and is at the school on Mondays and some Fridays.
- His role is to connect children and families to support services within the community such as Archway & Foundry.
- Referrals to Gabriel can made through the School Counsellor.
- He also provides workshops for school staff regarding identifying students with mental health concerns.

- He provides students support with their mental health assessments.
- He hosts a Parent Café meeting once a month to discuss parenting classes, children and screen time and any other topics they want to discuss, while providing a safe, supportive space for parents to share. Admin staff will look into bringing the Parent Café meetings back to Reimer.

4. Presidents Report

- Budget Meeting will be during the week of October 21-25th
- Still looking into parents to Coordinate a Hot Lunch style program until the Nest is up and running again. A good option would be for Gerry to run it through School Cash Online....pizza day, Subway, Mucho Burrito, Indias Most Wanted and students (Grade 8s) could help with the distribution of food orders to classrooms. Coordinators of the Hot Lunch program would report to the PAC exec. Hopefully a District Position for the Nest will be filled by the New Year.
- This is the last year for all current PAC Exec Members. If you are interested in joining the PAC Exec please get in touch with the Exec. Loera's son has moved to a new school program in Abbotsford but will stay on as the PAC President but will no longer have signing authority.

5. Treasurers Report

- Weve been approved for \$14,040 with our Gaming Grant.
- Gaming Account - \$20,047.81
- General Account - \$25,840.15

6. October PAC Meeting PVP Report: ·

Information Items:

- Students need to bring a lunch and snacks as the Nest is closed
- As fall weather is here, please remind students to dress for the weather (which is changeable and can be quite different in the morning than in the afternoon)
- Please use Safe Arrival on School Messenger to report student absences
- Please check SchoolCashOnline for field trips and permission forms, as well as consent forms (BYOD, Locker, Photo/Video Consent, PE Consent) - contact the office if you need help with this
- Traffic loop has been better, please remember to drop students off at the curb, not in the middle of the driveway; please observe posted signs on Firhill for no left turn
- Please do not park in the staff parking lot or block other parked vehicles
- Bus students please stay out of Hansen before and after school
- Current enrollment
 - Gr 6 233 ▪ Gr 7 235 ▪ Gr 8 221

September Re - Cap

- Grade 7's went to Otter Co-op Waterpark
- Grade 8s went to Corn Maze in Greendale
- Fantastic Turn-out for Meet the Teacher
- Sept 26 – Orange Shirt Day participation was really good
- Volleyball and Cross Country started up

October/Early November News

- Oct 7 – Photo Day
- Oct 14 – Thanksgiving Monday, no school
- Oct 17 Grade 8s attending Trades Expo
- Oct 23 – Period 3 Terry Fox Run

- Oct 23 – Students dismissed at lunch (buses run 3 hours early); Parent-Teacher Interviews/StudentLed conferences 12:20-2:20 and 5:00-8:00 (link to sign up for appts will be sent out shortly)
- Oct 24 - Students dismissed at lunch (buses run 3 hours early); Parent-Teacher Interviews 12:20-2:20
- Oct 25 – Professional Development Day – no classes
- Oct 28– Nov 1: Spirit Week Led by Ms. Sidhu, Mrs. Natt, and our newly-formed Leadership Group
- Oct 30 – Photo Retake Day
- Oct 31 – Halloween (please remind students that costumes need to be school appropriate – no blood, gore, replica weapons, or masks)
- Oct 31 – Diwali (will be celebrated at school on Nov 4th)
- Nov 1 – Pods E & F to Project Climb
- Nov 4 - Diwali Celebrations at ERMS
- Nov 8 - Professional Development Day – no classes
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – school not in session

7. DPAC – No update.

Next Meeting – November 6th at 6pm In Person and Online