

Eugene Reimer Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024

Meeting dates for 2024/2025: December 4th, January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th (AGM)

Attendees (In-person & Online) – Lorea Horner, Shannon Gaudette, Michelle Myers (VP), Rovi Sandhu (VP), Dean Johnston (P), Gurpal Bamara, Rupri Kandola, Parampreet Kaur, Kiran Dhillon, Oanh O, Amanpreet, Tony, Pardeep

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

- Welcome
- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of Agenda – 1st Parampreet Kaur, 2nd Shannon Gaudette

2. Approval of Minutes from October 2nd, 2024

- 1st Parampreet Kaur, 2nd Shannon Gaudette

3. Treasurer Report

- No change - Gaming Account \$20,047.81
- General Account \$25,840.15

4. Teacher Request Budget Requests

1. Pauline Tusi - **\$750.00** To provide supplies to the new Learning Hub. SEL items such as posters, mats and headsets for reading. ***Approved Gaming Account**
2. Harjinder Dhaliwal - **\$400** Running club for dry outfits and snacks. ***Approved Gaming Account.**

3. Harjinder Dhaliwal - **\$500** Vancouver Aquarium for Grade 8 students experiencing financial hardship. ***Approved Gaming Account.**
4. Tiffani Smith - **\$1500** (from general) books for fiction section...horror, sports, dystopian, etc. ***Approved General Account.**
5. Karen Moffat - Deep Cove (undecided)kayaking field trip **\$5000.00** for 4 grade 7 classes. ***Undecided...will need to revisit**
6. Simran Sidhu - **\$1000** leadership program and Admin will match. ***Approved Gaming Account**
7. Milan Francisty - **\$250** Lego club. ***Approved Gaming Account**
8. Sue Duggan - **\$1200** grade 7 yearend field trip to Playland /bussing. ***Approved Gaming Account**
9. Sue Duggan - **\$120.00** will be covered by **School Administration** for trip to Mission Xa-ytem
10. Robert Parson (back to Dean) self-manager program and leadership program 300 pins \$850.00 ***Principal will clarify details with Mr. Parsons. Are pins for all classes or just students in the SM Program and Leadership Program.**
11. Jackie Craven - **\$180** building bridges subscription for grade 8. ***Teacher can access \$ through Grade 8 funds.**
12. Jackie Craven – (no, does not qualify for gaming) Subscription for magic school AI \$99.96yr *** Teacher can access through school AI program.**
13. Rimpal Bamara - **\$631.13** volley ball team-jersey keepsake. ***Approved Gaming Account**
14. Rimpal Bamara - **\$4000.00** grade 8 student ceremonies banquet etc. ***Approved Gaming Account**
15. Zach Yeomans - **\$350.00** Chess club - 10 chess boards sets. ***Approved Gaming Account**
16. Raj Reddy - **\$1500** Rugby team- equipment only for Rugby Teams NOT for Gym ***Approved Gaming Account**

17. Milan Francisty - **\$500** basket ball team- balls for league play ***Approved Gaming Account.**
18. Nicola Koop - **\$150** graphic novels etc for classroom ***Approved Gaming Account**
19. Manish Gupta - **\$150** card/ board games classroom ***Approved Gaming Account**
20. Robert Parsons - **\$150** games club- board games ***Approved Gaming Account**
21. Michelle Myers – Earthquake equipment **\$3381.64. *Does meet criteria for Gaming but Michelle will clarify if Admin can cover any of it.**
22. Benmore - **\$300** math test and answer key ***Approved Gaming Account**
23. Sue Duggan - **\$500** to cover for awards for top students in each class. ***Dean will clarify what the awards will be...certificates, etc.**
24. Milan Francisty - **\$600** basketball team- new shorts ***Approved Gaming Account**
25. Bamara - **\$800** playground equipment for nut break and lunch ***Approved Gaming Account**
26. Bulman - **\$1000** band- festival/ bussing etc ***Approved Gaming Account**
27. Bamara - **\$1320** grade 8 field trip bussing costs to Central City ***Approved Gaming Account**
28. Class room accounts - **\$2400.00**- 24 divisions x **\$100.00** from Gaming Account. Admin will match PAC with \$100.00 per class x 24 divisions - \$2400.00 as well. ***Before approving, will need to confirm what \$ will be used for.**

***Total for Gaming - \$**

***Total for General - \$**

***Teachers lunch – no date set yet**

***PAC Members with need to meet with the new Hot Lunch Coordinator to confirm plans for moving ahead with “Hot Lunch” or “Munch A Lunch”.**

4. President Report

- **Canteen update** – the Nest is now permanently closed. The school has bought the remaining food and the Feeding Futures program will be taking over the space. As a result, PAC members, including Hot Lunch volunteers, etc., will no longer have access to the “Nest” space, including kitchen fridge or freezer, which belongs to the PAC. PAC will price out how much freezer is worth and would like Feeding Futures to purchase it.
- Hot Lunch Coordinator** – Stephanie Setala has volunteered to be the Hot Lunch Coordinator. Unclear what program it will be through “Hot Lunch” or “Munch a Lunch”.
- Family Smart Series** happening throughout the Fall. Parents can look up Info regarding events at Familysmart.ca/events.
- Lorea attended PAC 101 Meeting- new info re PACs having a fundraising account.
- This is the last year for all Reimers PAC Execs If anyone is interested in any of the positions for next year, please let current PAC know ASAP.
- Lorea will need to officially step down as PAC President as her son no longer attends the school. She will continue to attend meetings but will no longer have signing authority or be able to vote. Gurpal Bamara will be acting PAC Chair for the rest of the year.

5. Principals Report

Information Items:

- Looking for Noon Hour Supervisors – please see Mr. Sandhu if interested
- As fall weather is here, please ensure students dress for the weather as we go outside for Nutrition Break (recess) and Lunch
- Please use [Safe Arrival on School Messenger](#) to report student absences
- Please check [SchoolCashOnline](#) for field trips and permission forms - 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
- Math teachers have been participating in a Math residency with one of our district curriculum helping teachers
- We are looking at paving some of the gravel areas, with the intent of moving the front gaga ball pit to the back of the school and away from the parking lot
- Current enrollment
 - Gr 6 235
 - Gr 7 235
 - Gr 8 220

October Re – Cap

- Fantastic Spirit Week was put on by Student Leadership last week (spirit days, Halloween Events) as well as a very successful Diwali Celebration on Nov 4.
- Gr 6s and Gr 7s participated in teacher-led Halloween activities (relays, costume contest, pumpkin carving etc.)
- Photo Day – if your student has lost their ID, please have them notify Mrs. Myers
- Grade 8s attended Trades Expo
- Terry Fox Run – raised \$995.11

- Great turn-out for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-Led conferences; if parents were unable to attend, interims should have/should be coming home from teachers
- Grade 7 pods to Project Climb
- Volleyball has wrapped up

November News

- Basketball starting up
- Grade 6 and 7 pods to Project Climb; reminder to parents who would like to chaperone to ensure volunteer forms and CRC are complete
- Grade 7 classes to Vancouver Museum
- Nov 6 – Remembrance Day Service was today
- Nov 8 - Professional Development Day – no classes
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – school not in session
- Nov 12 – Indigenous Student Council will travel to Xà:ytem in Mission
- Nov 19 – Grade 6 Immunizations – forms have been collected and forwarded to the Public Health Nurse. Students who may be reluctant to receive immunization at school can be taken to the [Public Health Unit](#) or their family doctor instead to receive immunization
- 2-4 parents needed to help hand out cookies and juice to students – please let Mrs. Myers know if you are available to help

6. DPAC

Information items from September and October Meetings

- Special Guests – Superintendent Sean Nosek, Trustee Shirley Wilson, Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng & Trustee Preet Rai
- One of the Board’s main challenges has been translating the strategic plan and the Education Ministries expectations into meaningful outcomes for students.
- The District is currently operating at 104% capacity.
- Efforts are being made to support French Immersion programs and provide growth opportunities for administrators and teachers.

- Abbotsford spends more on bussing than other districts and funding is a challenge, as it comes from classroom budgets because there is no provincial funding for transportation.
- There are concerns about disrespectful behavior towards bus drivers. Procedures are needed to protect drivers, and for conversations with riders and their parents if necessary.
- Parent Night Series started on September 28th and featured participants from Abby PD, Fraser Health, Mental Health clinicians, Michelle Gehring (LSS) and Superintendent Nosek regarding AI. Sessions are 90 min long and occur in various locations around Abbotsford.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meeting December 4th at 6pm