

Eugene Reimer Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

Attendance: Lorea Horner, Shannon Gaudette, Gurpal Bamara(online), Stephanie Setala, Rovi Sandhu, Michelle Myers, Dean Johnston(online), Parampreet Kaur, Jourel Morgan

1. **Welcome** and Approval of Agenda

-Land Acknowledgement

-Approval of Agenda - 1st-Parampreet Kaur 2nd-Gurpal Bamara

2. **Approval** of December 4th/24 PAC minutes

- 1st-Shannon Gaudette 2nd-Parampreet Kaur

3. **Presidents Report**

a) Family Smart events coming up in February for Parents. Subjects include ADHD & Eating Disorders....Events and how to register are on Reimer Website.

b) Fundraising ideas for schools – Brightraiser (25% profit to schools) and Beavertails Food Truck (10% profit to schools)

c) Pink Shirt Day student art contest, “Let Kindness Grow”. Winner will receive \$500 Opus Gift Card. Deadline is February 26th.

d) BCCPAC Spring Leadership conference and AGM May 23-25 at UNBC in Prince George. Virtual attendance is also an option. Funding is available

for current PAC members.

- nominations for the Board of Directors are due by March 31st
 - BCCPAC award nominations are now open. Deadline for nominations are due by March 31st. In addition, volunteers are needed for committees.
 - Gaming Grant applications are transitioning to a new online system requiring a Business BCeID for DPAC/Pac applications.
 - Mandate Letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care reveals plan to increase supports in classrooms for teachers and students. It also addressed a need for equity and inclusion regarding the education for Indigenous students.
 - BCCPAC looking into why some students in need are being excluded From school.
- e) Annual Joint Partnership meeting for Feb 3rd, was cancelled. Waiting for a new date.
- f) Teacher requests – request forms from teachers need to approved by PAC for approval to ensure requests meet Gaming criteria.
- g) Stephanie Setala – Hot Lunch
- Munch A Lunch will be our vendor this year.
 - Planned dates for trial are February 21st and March 6th
 - Options to start will be Wok Box and White spot and staff will be able to order as well.
 - The link for Munch A Lunch will be put on Reimer Website but as not all parents check the website, ideally info should be sent out

to all parents in the school, with an explanation on how to use the link. Students connected to the Feeding Futures Program will not need to use Munch A Lunch.

-A **Caution** message needs to be sent out to parents stating that the food may have been prepared in an environment that has nuts.

-A plan for distribution plan for meals needs to be decided on, with Leadership students and parent volunteers. Parents volunteers will need to have a valid Crim Check and Volunteer application form completed.

h) This is the last year for all current PAC Exec. If you are interested, please let PAC know ASAP.

4. Treasurers Report

-Gaming Account – \$18,430.78

-General Account - \$23,993.11

-\$1453.90 Library Books – (General)

-\$393.14 Teachers Appreciation Coffee, Tea, Sweets AM – (General)

-Teachers requests to date: (Gaming)

*Mr. Francisty - \$500 for basketball jerseys

*Mr. Parsons - \$150 for Games Club

*Mr. Yeomans - \$335.90 for Chess Club

-Need to revisit additional funding request from Band Teacher.

5. Principals report

February PAC Meeting PVP Report:

- Current enrollment
 - Gr 6 234
 - Gr 7 239
 - Gr 8 220

January Re - Cap

- Raven Ball Tournament
- Grade 7s and 8s Girls & Boys BBall participated in GW Graham tournaments in Chilliwack
- Math Residency continues
- Expectations Assemblies
- Lots of great field trips in January
- Gr 6 Pod B to Xa: Ytem
- Gr 8 Pod K to Fraser Valley Hatchery
- Gr 7 Pod E and Grade 8 Pod M to Project Climb
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February News & Information Items

- Troy Charlie from Sts'ailes coming on Feb 12 to work with Grade 8 Indigenous students participating in Floating classroom
- Thurs Feb 13 is the FINAL DAY to order a 2024-25 Yearbook via SchoolCashOnline (**see attached flyer for details**)
- Thurs Feb 13 @6pm at Abbotsford Arts Centre: Abbotsford School District and DPAC will be presenting "AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Your Child's Education: A Family's Guide to the Future" featuring Holly Clark, a leading global strategist in AI education (free admission but must register. See flyer on School Website.
- Fri Feb 14 Pro D Day (no students in session)
- Sat Feb 15 – Abby Canucks Middle School Night (tickets \$30 each)
- Mon Feb 17 Family Day (schools closed)
- Wednesday, February 19th
 - Early dismissal at 11:36 am
 - Parent Teacher Interviews from 12:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Indigenous Family Meet & Greet 5pm – 8pm
- Thursday, February 20th
 - Early dismissal at 11:36 am
 - Parent Teacher Interviews from 12:20 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.
- Fri Feb 21 – WEB day with Grade 6s
- Thurs Feb 27 – Student Council Meeting #2
- Feb 27-March 7 3 V 3 Basketball tournament (at lunch times)
- Friday Feb 28 – WorkBC presents “Find Your Fit” in ERMS Gym; Grade 6s & 7s will tour throughout the day; Grade 8s and families invited from 2:30-3:30pm
- The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical

psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from Open Parachute, will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. Registration is required.

- Many field trips this month - please check [SchoolCashOnline](#) for field trips and permission forms - contact the office if you need help with this
 - Skating (Pod G Feb 7)
 - Snowshoeing (Gr 8s Feb 13)
 - If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please speak to Geri or Delaina in the office to get the volunteer form and directions for getting a Criminal Record Check (if you don't currently have one – good for 5 years)
- Grade 8s currently participating in the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Survey between Jan 14 – March 14
- Grade 7s will be participating in Student Learning Survey; parents are also invited to participate (information will be sent out via School Messenger)
- As damage to the outside of the school after hours increases, Admin is working on AP 520 – approval from the Superintendent's office to install cameras outside.
- Plans to pave a section around the back of the school and relocate the back Gaga ball pit and create a new basketball court (high-demand activity) with funding support from the PAC.
- *The Organization, Children of the Street, doing presentations to students in order to educate them regarding child/teen exploitation. 3 pods have already participated with a plan to do more. Parents will also have an opportunity to participate in info sessions.
- *PAC has received a number of donations from parents through their "PAC Fundraiser" form on School Cash Online.
- *There is a need for more Parents to volunteer for Field Trips.
- *There will be a new paved area outside the school to improve access for students dealing with mobility issues.

On the Horizon:

- Learning Updates (aka Report Cards) go home March 7
- Last day before Spring Break begins: Friday March 14
- Classes resume on Monday March 31, 2025
- Online Parent Presentation coming in April: Keeping Kids Safe Online (date TBC)

6. DPAC -Special Guests: Superintendent Bruce Cunnings & Trustee Jared White

-Bruce Cunnings presented on student success in literacy and numeracy. Grade 4 results show numeracy trending at or above the provincial average. While literacy show an overall improvement, there is a decline among Indigenous students.

- Approximately 9.45 of K-12 students in the district are Indigenous, who are performing below their peers for literacy and numeracy. Students are in regular classes but receive support from Indigenous Support workers.
- All graduates in the district must take a course with an Indigenous focus and Teachers incorporate First Peoples Principles of Learning such as patience and time in learning.
- The Early Development Instrument (EDI) shows 40% of Kindergarten Students are vulnerable in one or more of the five areas of physical health, social competence, emotional maturity, language, cognitive development, and communication skills.
- Support for classroom teachers using literacy and numeracy tools was discussed. Four district Helping Teachers assist in implementing the current system. These teachers are invited to schools by staff and may spend a week at one school. The focus of the Helping Teachers is primarily on elementary and middle schools.
- In Abbotsford, elementary French Immersion students face the risk of being displaced to other schools due to catchment priorities. This has raised significant concerns among parents.
- International Baccalaureate Programme – Questions were raised about how students are being informed about the Program and parents hope there will be equitable access to the Grade 9 & 10 enrichment opportunities to help students in Diploma, particularly for non-catchment families.

***Next DPAC Meeting** February 27th, 2025 at 7pm on Zoom

***Next PAC Meeting** Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at 6pm (in person & online)