

Eugene Reimer Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

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

1. **Welcome** and Approval of Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement

- Approval of Agenda – 1st Shannon Gaudette 2nd Gurpal Bamara

- Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2025 – 1st Shannon Gaudette
2nd Gurpal Bamara

2. **Hot Lunch Report**

- First Hot Lunch on Friday, Feb 21st, (Wok Box) went well. Some feed back was that the food was cold and some boxes were not full, while others were overfilled. Next Hot Lunch (White Spot) will be tomorrow, March 6th, and food will come with labels with students' name. Food will be delivered tomorrow at 10:45. The Leadership students were a big help and hopefully they can help out with future Hot Lunch days.

- PAC needs to make a decision regarding how often they want Hot Lunch to happen and what company to use next. We will need parent volunteers to help out with hot lunch in the future. Next Hot Lunch will be Thursday, April 24th. At least 3 Volunteers will be needed for every HT in the future.

Wok Box brought in \$230 and White Spot brought in \$430

3. **Presidents Report**

- BCCPAC – Spring Parent Leadership conference and AGM on May 23,24, 25 at UNBC in Prince George. Virtual attendance is available.

- Family Smart events are available in person & online. In March there will be a session re Explosive Behavior in Teens: Strategies to Empower Families, ADHD The Real Deal, OCD and Teen Depression.
- Lorea attended "Bridging the Gap on March 1st at Abby Middle School and found it beneficial. Topics were Local Community Organizations assisting families with transitions and supporting children and youth with support needs and mental health challenges.
- Crim Checks - All parents that want to volunteer at the school, need to go to the School Board office to fill out a form, then they will send you a link to take you through the process of applying. Crim Checks are good for 5 years. Parent will also need to fill out a volunteer form at the school, which are only good for a year.
- DPAC Budget Mtgs will be at the School Board Office on March 13th and May 8th at 6pm.

4. Budget Report

- General Account - \$23,259.81
- Gaming Account - \$18,430.75
- No teacher requests for \$100 through Gaming. Form still needs to be completed and sent out to staff. Deadline for requests is May 1st
- All funds for Field Trips have been approved.
- Track Meet is coming up on May 15th. *Need confirmation re concessions.

5. PVP 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

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 attached flyer for details**))
- 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 8:00pm
 - 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; **see attached flyer for details**
- 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)
- Admin is working on AP 520 – approval from the Superintendent's office to install video cameras
- 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)

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 Update

*Special Guests-Assistant Superintendent Bruce Cunnings & Trustee Jared White

- SI Bruce Cunnings presented on student success in literacy and numeracy. Grade 4 results show numeracy trending at or above the provincial average, while literacy shows an overall improvement but a decline amongst Indigenous students.
- Early Development Instrument shows 40% of Kindergarten students are vulnerable in one or more of the five areas of physical health, social competence, emotional maturity language, language and cognitive development and communication skills. This is showing growing complexity in schools.
- Key initiatives include a literacy framework and administrator training (UFLI) promoting creativity, comprehension, and communication. The Indigenous Working Group prioritizes cultural identity, equity and advocacy to support student success.

Next DPAC Meeting: April 24/25 at 7pm (Zoom)

Our next meeting: Wednesday, April. 2, 2025 at 6pm

