

Peter Ewart Middle School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2024, 6:00pm PEMS

Attendance

Administration

Kim Casquilho

Executive Members

Christos – President	Brenda Brown – Secretary
Robyn Graham – DPAC	Darko Brunac - Vice President
Maria Fiorentino - Grade 7 Rep	Alma Edwards - Grade 6 Rep
Ukumaka Ude – Grade 8 Rep	Wendy Sjodin – Munch
Akane Awazu-Ayres- treasurer	

General

Paula Boyechko Vega
Olivia Olczak Day

Welcome – Christos

Christos welcomed everyone at 6:02pm.
Territorial Acknowledgment

Approval of the Agenda – Christos

Agenda was received. Christos motioned to pass the February 2024 PAC agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes

Christos made a motion to pass the February and March 2024 minutes. Motion passed.

Principal's Report – Kim Casquilho

- 1) Staffing updates: Welcome Glen Mckinnon (Tuesday-Thursday) for Tamara Neufeld
- 2) Eagle camp: Grade 8 students are encouraged to participate in Eagle camp. The summer program at RE Mountain Secondary School has been designed to keep students connected to school and give them a head start as they transition into grade 9. Moving to high school or simply changing schools can be a challenge for many students and extra time and support can make a huge difference in making a smoother, more successful transition.
- 3) Track and Field: practice will likely be Monday and Thursday right after school for 3.5 weeks starting on May 29th. The season for grade 6 and 7 is short and sweet!

4) Whistler band and Choir Trip: Mr. Mills and Ms. Williams are bringing some of our band and choir students to a music festival at Whistler on April 18th – 21st

5) Grade 8 sports day at RE Mountain: As part of our transition to grade 9, on April 22nd, all of our grade 8 students will be walking to RE Mountain to attend a sports day from 10am-2pm. During their time at RE Mountain, students will work with the leadership students and participate in several activities. The purpose is to acquaint our students with RE Mountain and help prepare for a successful start in September.

6) Grade 8 Farewell Information (June 24th): students from division 801-805 will have their ceremony taking place in the morning. Doors will open at 10:00 and the ceremony will be starting at 10:15am. The ceremony will take approximately 1 hour.

Students from division 806-810 will have their ceremony taking place in the afternoon. Doors will open at 1:00 and the ceremony will be starting 1:15pm. The ceremony will take approximately 1 hour.

All grade 8 students will take part in a farewell lunch here at the school during our scheduled lunch. This will give an opportunity for all of our grade 8s to come together and connect with friends.

More information will be sent home by classroom teachers after spring break.

7) Grade 12 Grad Walk: RE Mountain grade 12 graduates will be coming to our school for a grad walk at 9:00 on June 24th.

8) Recruiting WEB Mentors Next year: Looking toward next month, we will be recruiting future WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) mentors for the 2024-2025 school year. Our WEB Facilitators/teachers will be holding information sessions for all current grade 7 students. In these sessions, students will learn the importance of being a grade 8 WEB mentor to our incoming grade 6 students. More information will follow. Applications will be shared in the coming weeks.

9) Feeder School Visits: in preparation for upcoming transitions, we will be hosting the grade 5s from our feeder schools for a morning in April. They will have a chance to tour the school, participate in team building and experience the day in the life of a middle school student. Our current grade 8 WEB mentors will be supporting our staff during this time. Each feeder school will join us on the following days:

>Langley Meadows: April 19th 9:00-12:15

> RC Garnett: April 23rd 9:00-12:15

> Donna Gabriel Robins: April 29th 9:00-12:15

10) Grade 6 night and 2024-2025 new students to PEMS (June 11th at 6pm): we will be having an information night for families to PEMS on June 11th at 6pm in the gym. We will share the pillars of middle school, the middle school philosophy, answer frequently asked questions and outline the day in the life of a middle school student.

11) other important dates:

>April 18th – April 21st Whistler band and Choir music festival

- >April 19th Grade 5 Visit Langley Meadows 9:00-12:15
- >April 22nd grade 8 sports day at RE Mountain
- >April 23rd Grade 5 visit RC Garnett 9:00-12:15
- >April 26th PEMS speak out celebration (grade 6 and 7)
- >April 26th Spirit Day
- >April 29th Donna Gabriel Robins 9:00-12-15
- >May 1st Grade 8 PEMS poetry slam off
- >May 15th District Speak out celebration
- >May 21st District Grade 8 poetry slam off
- >June 11th Grade 6 parent meeting 6:00
- >June 24th Grade 8 Farewell

Welcome and Introduction

Treasurer's Report – Akane Awazu-Ayres

Gaming – February 2024

- 1) Balance: \$28,593.19
- 2) Akane made a motion to pass the February 2024 gaming account. Motion passed.

Gaming – March 2024

- 1) Spent \$131.81 on student clubs (crochet yarn, hooks, bracelet kits)
- 2) Spent \$223.43 on Common space (cardstock for celebration board)
- 3) Spent \$480.48 on music/arts (stands)
- 4) Spent \$26.79 on Pub Night (license & 50/50 Tickets)
- 5) Balance \$27,730.68
- 6) Akane made a motion to pass the March 2024 Gaming account. Motion passed.

General – February 2024

- 1) Spent \$2,742.75 on hot lunch (A&W, Sides)
- 2) Made \$600.65 from Spirit wear
- 3) Spent \$50.40 Grade 8 Hoodies
- 4) Made \$5,000 from playground (TOL Grant)
- 5) Made \$325.08 Grade 8 hoodies
- 6) Balance \$22,497.80
- 7) Akane made a motion to pass the February 2024 General account. Motion passed.

General – March 2024

- 1) Spent \$2,959.90 on Hot lunch (pierogies, sides)
- 2) Made \$542.80 From Pub night (Silent Auction \$145, Return it depot \$77.80, 50/50 sales \$320, payment to jimmy mac)

- 3) Spent \$982.29 on learning commons (books)
- 4) Spent \$1,000 on sports equipment (hockey sticks)
- 5) Balance \$17,846.41
- 6) Akane made a motion to pass the March 2024 general account. Motion passed.

Other treasurer reports:

- 1) Make a line under gaming for year-end event
- 2) Akane made a motion to pass moving \$500 from hot lunch to dance line, motion passed
- 3) Akane made a motion to pass \$1500 for dance. Motion passed.
- 4) Akane made a motion to pass \$10 from BC grant to 50/50

Grade Report:

Grade 6- Alma

- 1) PEMS speak out celebration April 26th.
- 2) District Speak out celebration May 15th.

Grade 7- Maria

Grade 8- Ukamaka

Updates:

- 1) Hot lunch on Friday.
- 2) Paula Boyechko Vega volunteered to take over Hot lunch next year.
- 3) AGM on May 15th
- 4) Secured Dj for year-end event, 3 exec members needed for volunteers. Signs to advertise year-end event.
- 5) REMS dry grad discussion
 - a) Can't find anything in past minutes about what was discussed before
 - b) Want to know if there will be other schools also going to help support the dry grad
 - c) Thinking about asking if grads can volunteer for money towards the dry grad
 - d) Table further discussion till next meeting
- 6) May 8th Lets glow dance
- 7) 2 bins of PAC stuff need to be moved out of Christos place.

Adjournment:

Christos adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm. Motion passed.

Next meeting:

Next meeting will be May 15th