

Peter Ewart Middle School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 20th 2024 9:18am

Attendance

Administration:

Stephanie Labby – Principal Andrei Baboi - Vice Principal

Sabrina Sidhu – Vice Principal

Executive Members:

Chelsea Nestman – President Jory Threinen – Vice President

Paula Boyechko Vega – Munch Brenda Brown – Secretary

Robyn Graham – MAL Amanda MacMillan – Grade 6 Rep

Kim Olynyk – Grade 7 rep Kim Hartman – Grade 8 Rep

Olivia Olczak Day – DPAC

General:

Chad Ludbrook Claudia

Jen Victor Daniela DiAntonio Hides

Reeta Shandiel Chidi Uneze

Jennifer

Welcome – Chelsea

Chelsea started meeting at 9:18am. Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda

Chelsea made a motion to pass the agenda for the PAC meeting september 20th 2024. Motion passed.

Minutes June 2024

Chelsea made a motion to pass the June 2024 minutes. Motion passed.

Principals Report – Stephanie Labby

- 1) Teacher Vacancies
 - a) There are 3 divisions that have vacancies (2 in Grade 7 and 1 in Grade 8)
 - b) At this time, we are working with human resources to hire a teacher for these classes.

- c) We can assure families that we have supports in place as we go through the hiring process. The children will excellent educational programming with the support of our instructional services district teachers who are working alongside this class. In addition, we are fortunate to have wonderful teaming teachers in our building who are supporting these classes.
- 2) National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - a) National Truth for Reconciliation Day takes place on September 30th. In honor of the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities, we will have an assembly on September 27th in second block.
 - b) There is no school on September 30th.
- 3) Middle read aloud (Barren Grounds)
 - a) The middle read aloud provides the opportunity for the entire school to connect.
 - b) The entire school is reading the book and completing related activities.
 - c) Creates connections, belonging and unites the school and the middle schools in the district.
 - d) Benefits of the read aloud: it provides adult model of fluent reading (voice, tone, volume, inflection, pace, gesture). Develops a sense of story/text. Develops vocabulary. Encourages prediction/connections. Builds a community of readers. Develops active listening. Teaches the reading process in a meaningful context. Motivates students to read. - Taken from Langley's balanced literacy resource for intermediate grades 4-8 (2018)
- 4) Sept 24th Meet The Teacher

We will be having meet the teacher night on September 24th from 6-7pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom. We encourage students to come. Please note that Parent Teacher interviews take place in October.

5) Catchment Boundary Changes REMSS family of schools (Elementary)

The District is excited to be opening a new elementary school in Northeast Latimer area of Langley. Ahead of September 2025, the District is communicating the catchment boundary change process which could impact children attending elementary schools in the R.E. Mountain family of schools. There will be NO changes to the catchment boundaries for R.E. Mountain Secondary, Peter Ewart and Yorkson Creek Middle schools. However, the District welcomes all families in the Willoughby slope region to attend an info session and provide feedback.

Join this info session to learn more about the proposed changes, ask questions, and provide feedback

Location: Online Virtual Meeting

Meeting Link: Willoughby Slope Info Session (REMSS/PEMS)

Date: October 2, 2024 7pm

If you have any questions about the info session, please contact the school. If you have questions about the catchment boundary process, please email: feedback@sd35.bc.ca

6) Grade 7 camp

The grade 7 students are looking forward to their outdoor education field trip to Zajac Ranch in Mission. Students will engage in experiential learning outside of the classroom. They will have the chance to explore and learn about our local environment and participate in team-building activities. Some of the activities students will participate in include archery, rock climbing, rope courses, and orienteering. Students will also enjoy an evening campfire.

Classes area attending on the following dates: Oct 1 (703, 709, 710), Oct 2 (704, 705), Oct 3 (701, 706, 707), Oct 7 (702, 708, 711)

7) Photo Day September 26th

Photo Day will take place on September 26th. Retakes will take place on October 22nd.

8) Terry Fox Run/Pep Rally

a) Friday October 11th

b) Virtual Assembly

c) Grade levels will participate in separate blocks (to relieve congestion)

d) Donations Collected Sept 23rd – Oct 10th.

e) Overall goal of \$1000. This will be related to house team points.

9) Parent Demographic, Reunification Forms etc.

Paper copies of these forms have been sent home. Please return as soon as possible.

Treasurer Report

2024/25 Budget notes:

-we did our best to create a budget with the information passed on to us and receipts from last year, amounts are estimates. Next year's budget will be more precise when we have a year of exact amounts to base it on.

-the format of the budget is different than in previous years, it now shows total income, expenses, and profit. A loss, indicated as a number in brackets at the bottom, reflects surplus money that we have budgeted to spend. If anyone has questions about how to read it please email pemstreasurer@gmail.com

-The general fund budget is our main account used for most fundraising and expenses such as class allowances which make up the majority of our yearly spending.

-The Gaming budget is grant money we receive from the government, this can only be spent on a specific list of things unrelated to the curriculum, and each year's grant must be spent within 3 years or paid back. This year we have kept the majority of these funds set aside for field trip support, this can be spent on buses or subsidizing the cost of field trips at the teacher's discretion. We may adjust this once we have a better idea of what these funds are being used for at the end of this school year.

-budget will be updated throughout the year for each PAC meeting

Other 2024/25 updates:

-we have budgeted \$200 each for classroom enhancements for each division and expos in addition to \$200 each for ELL and Resource. Staff will need to complete a cheque request form and attach original receipts for reimbursement, this is important for our financial records. Additional funding requests can be directed to the PAC for consideration.

-please note the new reimbursement procedure, I will be writing cheques at the end of each month. Please email pemstreasurer@gmail.com with any questions or if reimbursement is needed sooner

-please note the new cash handling procedure

Chelsea made a motion to pass the budget for 2024/25. Motion passed.

Updates:

Banks

Bank got switched to envision, old bank account is still open till grant comes through once it comes in old bank account will be completely closed.

Playground

- 1) Two different companies/people donated \$10,000 to playground; plaque being made with their names on it.
- 2) Money is put aside for future updates to playground
- 3) Playground committee will be in the process of being put together.

DPAC

There was talk about sinks not being suitable for students to drink water from. There will be a truth and reconciliation event on Sept 30th.

<https://sd35dpac.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/LangleyDistrictParentsAdvisoryCounsel/EfAEvCF5DzREldXIIJhX1MQB6EBLuXDUItJmfC0XayzVJw?e=O9jjxA>

Grade Reps

Grade 6 - Amanda

No Update

Grade 7 – Kim Olynyk

Camp In October, See Principals report for dates.

Grade 8 – Kim H

No Update

Spirit Wear - Amanda

Got in contact with the person about making spirit wear/ hoodies for the school.

Halloween dance – Chelsea

- Halloween Dance Oct 30th
- Dj has been booked
- Tickets will be \$12 presale, \$15 at door
- Volunteers needed for set up and take down
- Poster advertising the dance should be done soon
- No Cellphones

Munch – Paula

- There will be two hot lunches per month
- Kim Olynyk will be helping with fundraising on munch site
- Welcome back wagon wheel
- Another school will be storing our hot lunch stuff till we need it

Grade 8 Money – Kim H

- Money going towards the graduating grade 12s who missed out on grade 8 grad
- Track down money we voted for last grade 12's
- Chelsea made a motion to pass 250 for the grade 12s. Motion passed

New Business:

Fundraising committee - Jory

Fundraising committee in the works of being put together

Square readers – Chelsea

Chelsea made a motion to buy two new square readers, ones that don't require to be connected to your phone. Motion passed

Constitution Update – Chelsea

Working on fixing the constitution, trying to get it done November.

Social media changes/grade whatsapp communities – Chelsea

- There will be a new Facebook social media page. It is up and running.
- Each grade will have a whatsapp group where info will be posted about by the grade reps
- There are QR codes available if needed

Next Meeting Date

October 18th 2024 @ 9:15 am

Peter Ewart Band Room

Adjourn Meeting

Chelsea adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.