

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Agenda



Date: October 22, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Attendance: Mrs Pitt, Ms Deo, Ben Chen (PAC), Andrea Louie (PAC), Natasha Haffey (PAC), Hisham Mansour (PAC)

Secretary: Andrea Louie

1. Approve agenda & any additions

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting & Action items

3. New Business

- a. Principal & Head Teacher Update

Current and Upcoming Events:

- Tennis Lessons with Marcus began on Monday, October 21. Marcus is a certified tennis instructor and will teach each class in 4 lessons during their Physical Education time block in the gymnasium. We ask for \$6 from each student to help cover the costs.
- Volleyball has started for students in Grade 6/7. The boys' volleyball team is coached by Ms. Deo and Ms. Abrahams and a parent coach, Mr. Braam. The girls' volleyball team is coached by Mr. Hait. Boys' volleyball games happen on Tuesday afternoons, and the girls' games happen on Thursday afternoons. A big thank you to the teachers and parent volunteer who are helping with extra-curricular sports.
- FSAs or Foundational Skills Assessments are happening this month and into November for all Grade 4 and Grade 7 students. If parents are curious about this assessment, there is a practice link, or FSA Samples, on our school website on the right-hand side. Classrooms accessed this resource before they began the Live FSA assessments.
- Our Learning Support Services team is finishing up IEPs (Individual Education Plans) this week with students and families who have a child with a Ministry designation to support their neurodiversity or diverse needs.
- Friday, October 25, 2024, is a Professional Development Day across the province. Teachers attend conferences at a variety of sites or collaborate on their professional growth plan learning. Education Assistants will attend a large conference at Moscrop that is specifically geared to the requirements of their job.
- On Monday, October 28, 2024 the PAC is hosting a Primary Pumpkin Patch on our back field from 12:00-2:00. Groups of Divisions will have a 15-minute time slot to pick a pumpkin to take home. Our Student Leadership Group will support the PAC and students during this event.
- Wednesday, October 30, 2024, the school will hold its Pumpkin Carving Contest. Students can bring their pre-carved pumpkins to the tables outside the office on the morning of October 30. Viewing and voting will happen during the day.
- On Thursday, October 31, 2024, classrooms may have some Hallowe'en events, but their will be a school-wide opportunity to share their costume at our Costume Parade from 1:00-1:30 pm in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend at the outside gym doors. Students who do not want to participate, can go to the Library with Ms. Askew and do a quiet reading/drawing activity. •
- On Friday, November 1, all enrolling classrooms will make paper diyas and display them in their classroom windows to celebrate Diwali. Thank you to Tanushree and Andrea for meeting with Mrs. Pitt

and getting Kam Sandhu, a parent, to share a Diwali PowerPoint presentation informing students and staff about this celebration with our school community at our last gathering on October 18, 2024.

- This week, October 21-24, is our first Digital Literacy and Citizenship Week that focuses on Digital Identity and Relationships. The District has created a Parent sharepoint at <https://edtechplan.burnabyschools.ca/parents-caregivers/> if you are interested in doing further learning in this area.

4. PAC Executive Updates

DPAC by Hisham Mansour, DPAC Rep

- Open Letter about School Budget
 - The school operating budget is different from the district operating budget. Refer to [Fund Portables, Build Schools, and Fix Education Funding: BC Families Demand Action on Education | Medium](#)
 - DPAC hosting a presentation on Nov. 5 by Dr. Deborah MacNarmara and registration are required. [DPAC Speaker Series Featuring Dr. MacNamara: MOVED TO MOSCROP SECONDARY GYM Tickets, Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)
 - DPAC Meetings are located [Meetings – Burnaby DPAC](#)
- A suggestion to build a committee to update the Constitution and By-Law from Hisham Mansour. Hisham Mansour has nominated himself for the Constitution and By-Law Committee.

12 Avenue Garden for Students

- SPEC attended on Tuesday, October 22 create an assessment report to the school regarding the garden.
- The school would need parents to help maintain the during school closure. That would be watering, harvesting, etc. More details to come during the spring. If you are interested in, please contact twelfthavepac@gmail.com.
- Kate is planning to sell Spirit Wear next year. Please watch for emails regarding the sale.

5. Reports

Treasurer's Report by Ben Chen, Treasurer

- PAC Budget and Gaming Grant Budget was presented.
 - Estimated Ending Balance to carry over to 2025/2026 are PAC ending balance estimate \$2,160 and Gaming Grant ending balance estimate \$2,153.
 - Both budgets were approved 4 out 4 based on attendance of the PAC meeting on Oct. 22, 2024
- Tanushree has resigned as Secretary and a 3rd signer is required. Currently, Hisham Mansour and Ben Chen are authorized cheque signer.
 - Andrea Louie was nominated as a 3rd signer by Hisham Mansour and Ben Chen second
 - A vote to elect Andrea Louie as a signer 3 out of 3 based on attendance of the PAC meeting on Oct. 22, 2024

Past Events and Fundraisers

- Welcome Back BBQ was a huge success and beautiful weather. We had a great turnout of attendance and thanks to the volunteers, staff, and PAC for helping make the event successful.

6. Upcoming events & dates – Check PAC News

- a. Oct 28 – Primary Pumpkin Patch from 12 pm to 2 pm
- b. Nov 5 – Family Photo from 4 pm to 9 pm

7. Next Meeting

- a. November 21 at 7 PM

8. Adjournment