

# Minutes - PAC Meeting October 26 2021

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## Introductions:

Bitar – PAC chair (bitarezaei82@gmail.com)

Claudia & Adam – Secretaries

Nick –Treasurer

Macy (Arisa to shadow) – Website coordinator

## PAC website:

-All members should familiarize themselves with it

-All positions (filled and available) are listed there

-Looking for vice president, safety, health and emergency preparedness, multicultural coordinator, athletic club coordinator, etc...

-Another email will go out to the Panorama community to fill positions

-Macy: are the people in the current positions still willing to stay in their positions for this year?

## Updates from the school:

-Again this year, it is not a typical relationship with PAC and school because of COVID

-How can we rebuild the strong connection Panorama always had between PAC and school?

-At each PAC meeting, Perry will present his “Principal’s Report”

### -Today’s report:

- Happy to start school year in a different way than how school ended in June
- Big change: no more cohorts. Kids can cross different play zones. Decision was made because benefits outweigh the risks.
- Classes are kept separate for instructional hours
- Another big change is that we can now mix students in small groups to provide them with support beyond the classroom
- Trying to move forward with safety being the top priority . All these changes are taking safety into account. They are value decisions

- Unprecedented challenges but we are taking it one day at a time. We are off to a good start. Moving towards progress
- School is very full on the English side. Construction will allow us to expand. New wing/4 classrooms were slated to open in September but there are delays. Both the outside and inside will be state of the art. Additional staff parking will also be provided.
- COVID situation is very fluid. 100% of our student population is unvaccinated. Situation at school is stable though and protocols are helping to curb this. School is always in contact with Fraser Health. If there is an outbreak, Fraser Health could impose restrictions on the school community to control spread: individual self-isolation, classroom self-isolation or school-wide self-isolation.
- **SD43 has a District Plan: Vision 2025.** Panorama must align its goals/focus with the district plan ([https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Vision/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Vision/Pages/default.aspx#/=))

-We have an academic focus and social/emotional focus to respond to the impact COVID has had on our community:

1) **Social/Emotional focus:** how to give back and think beyond yourself? School will create a rock garden (each student will decorate a rock when teacher recognizes that a student has given back in some way). Other focus: how to solve problems in peaceful ways

2) **Academic focus:** how do you express yourself? Communication skills and abilities are important for students to become successful members of society. Focus is on writing skills to better express ideas. This is a long term goal.

**-Staffing this year:** 2 maternity leaves; we were allotted another 15 hours of EA time

**-School initiatives:**

- Halloween activity: slideshow will be made with costume pictures
- Remembrance day ceremony on Nov 10. COVID still prevents a full blown community event
- Grade 5 leadership team: challenging them to find ways they can give back to school and community. Opportunities for them to be leaders and give back: recess and lunch monitors, activity planners. Will be adding layers to this program as year goes on.

**-Traffic:** remember importance of being sensitive to traffic control/rules

**-New business:**

- PAC provides school with budget on tasks that support school like fundraising
- More fundraising activities are needed and will be happening. Open to ideas and suggestions: new activities, reintroducing previously successful activities
- Need to think of new ideas to communicate PAC initiatives with parents (not many visit the PAC website).

**-Question from parent: Doing anything for graduating grade 5 classes?**

In previous years, got hoodies made for grade 5 students. Still have the plan to get hoodies made. Will try to get them to the students in November/December. Need to follow up with Terry, who was in charge of the hoodies project last year. Action item: reach out to Terry so can get this going sooner rather than later. Need to wait to see if COVID will allow us to have a graduating event.

**-Question from parent: Can we reinstate hot lunches?**

Must use the hot lunch coordinator email to contact the previous coordinator (Lynn) to assess the feasibility of introducing hot lunches again (what would a hot lunch program look like with COVID, how many volunteers, etc...). Any interested parents can meet with Perry to discuss what hot lunches could/would look like. Claudia to research available options.

**-Procedure for teacher stipends:** budget is confirmed and in place. Teachers' enrichment fund is \$4000. Nick will be finalizing procedures/processes. Perry will confirm with Ms. Jorgensen and reach out to Nick.

**One Time Donation fundraising event:** Perry mentioned that we can't do all fundraising activities because of COVID so do we repeat the one time donation that we did last year? Yes, we are open to this as well as a raffle and pizza night. We are open to any proposals.

Perry recommends that the donation fundraising event is separate from all other fundraising events. Also consider that if we do a 1 time donation, can't ask too many other times to donate.

One time donation is effective but its not a community building event. In light of COVID though, it's a good initiative. Vida confirms that the PAC will remain sensitive in how they ask the parents for donations. Perry asks that the PAC communicates with him on the initiatives we decide to do. One time donation is more effective the sooner it is done before Christmas.