



**Ranch Park Elementary PAC
General Meeting
Minutes: Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Nicole Darling, Jacquie Bekar, Tanya Kadach, Debbie Joyce, Nicole Wood, Heather Wilson-Banks, Karen Pyne

2. Approval of January 2017 GM Minutes

Motion to approve January minutes: Nicole Darling, Second – Jacquie Bekar.
All in favour - CARRIED

3. Principal's Report: prepared by Don Hutchinson

3.1. New Initiatives for 2016-2017:

- APL: Literacy (Non-Fiction Reading) as the Goal
- Power Up each morning at 8:50 in the gym
- Lunch Period: Play first 12:00-12:30, Eat 12:30-1:00
- Family Groupings: Meet Monthly
- Monthly School Wide Runs: Following Recognition Assembly
- Westcoast Recess:
- Recycle/Compost Program
- National Anthem: Monday before Power Up

Health Promoting School: A Health Promoting School focuses on the following aspects: Healthy Eating, Active Living, School Connectedness and Safe Schools.

Student Weekly Goals and Recognition Assembly: Focus on Core Competencies: Personal Awareness and Responsibility

Family Grouping: Focus on First Nations Principles of Learning

3.2. January in Review:

Planetarium visit
Late French Immersion visit for grade 5s
Division 1 and 2 Curling
Division 1 Field trip to Evergreen Cultural Centre
Cassie and Friends visit
Division 1, 2 and 3 Water Conservation presentation
Family Literacy Day
Kindergarten Registration began

3.3. Before and After School Programs:

BOKS: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8:00-8:45

Cartoons and Comics: Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 Jan 18-Mar 8

Music Adventure: Mondays 3:00-4:00 Jan 9-Mar 6

Big Brothers: Thursdays 3:00-4:30 Jan 12 – Jun 22

3.4. Others:

February/March Calendar

Date	Activities and Events
Tuesday, February 7th	PAC Meeting 7:00
Wednesday, February 8th	Poultry in Motion visit
Tuesday, February 14th	100's Day Valentine's Day Dance 2:00-2:45
Wednesday, February 15th	National Flag Day
Friday, February 24th	Pro D Day
Tuesday, February 28th	Division 5 and 7 Skating
Wednesday, March 1st	Divisions 1 and 2 Britannia Mines
Friday, March 10th	Reports Go Home
March 11th-26th	Spring Break

4. President's Report: presented by Nicole Darling

Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Updated budget is attached at the end of the minutes.

6. DPAC Report

6.1. Budgeting Process (presented by the Trustees)

- SD 43 is one of the largest school districts in BC. Enrollment was up last year (in contrast to predictions). Numbers for next year are not yet available, but should become so in early spring.
- SD 43 is financially solid and able to pass balanced budgets. We get significant income from international students, for whom SD43 is a popular destination.
- 90% of the operational budget is for salaries.
- SD 43 schools are generally operating at or close to capacity. The implications of the Supreme Court ruling could lead to more portables or other temporary classroom housing being used.
- Funds for rebuilding or upgrading schools are still hard to come by. SD 43 financed and/or contributed to some projects with its own funds, such as from splitting off and selling unused parts of school properties.
- The sudden increase of teacher positions caused by the Supreme Court ruling has led to a teacher shortage in some areas, such as French (former teachers moved away due to housing unaffordability etc.)

- Budget consultations start in Feb. and will be finalized in April. Further information can be viewed on the DPAC website.

6.2. BCCPAC: A mailing from DPAC should out soon for collecting this year's proxy votes for the AGM. PACs are encouraged to complete the necessary forms and return them in time.

6.3. At our school: "Chinese PAC" (Pinetree Secondary)

Language barriers prevent some immigrant parents to participate in regular PAC activities and/or meetings. To accommodate those and help them becoming an integral part of the community, Pinetree Secondary introduced a "Chinese PAC" for its large population of East Asian parents. It is coordinated via social media, and a liaison would attend both the regular PAC and the Chinese PAC, carrying information and suggestions back and forth. The Chinese PAC organizes fundraising and other activities in a similar fashion as the regular PAC (e.g. Chinese New Year party) and is a major contributor to total fundraising.

6.4. Looking ahead:

The district policy and approach to Bring Your Own Device is currently being reviewed/newly drafted. Feedback from parents is requested. How do we parents feel about it:

- Even more screentime for our kids?
- Will devices negatively or positively impact their learning?
- Supervision of device usage outside of the classroom?
- Will BYOD be "allowed" or "required"?
- Will specific devices and/or software have to be purchased upon the school's request, even if the parents would otherwise not want this particular device?
- What about parents financially unable to purchase a device?

=> I will collect any feedback and take it back to the next DPAC meeting!

7. New Business:

- **Bad Mom's event** will be held on Friday March 31st. Tickets are \$20 and include: entry, pizza, dessert and corkage fee.
- **Scrapbooking Fair** is planned on April 8, 2017.
- **Golf Tournament** booked Friday June 2, 2017. Extra volunteers are required for the day of the event.

8. Next Meeting – General Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

9. Adjournment – 8:21 pm

Ranch Park Elementary School PAC

General Account		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2016/17
		YTD Actual	YTD Actual	proposed budget	YTD Actual
Bank Balance - Beginning of School Year		28,993	29,112	29,801	31,818
Receipts:					
Donations	Sept			1,000	
Planners	Sept	1,711	1,710	1,500	2,020
- Planner Costs		(926)	(932)	(1,500)	(1,084)
Book Fair	Oct	2,082	1,511	2,000	2,534
- Book Fair Costs		(2,082)	(1,511)	(2,000)	(2,534)
Hot Lunch/Lunch Lady	year	1,658	468	500	224
Family Photos	Nov		370	400	
Parent social Night	Nov	1,562	543	1,500	
Art Cards	Nov	920	1,016	1,000	867
Fun Fair		3,948		3,000	
Scrapbooking	Feb	2,497	844	2,000	
Golf (net \$1,500 from last year)	May	5,796	(1,291)	3,000	
Mother/Father's Day Markets	May/Jun	1,753		1,200	(4)
TD Grant			250	-	
Other (best seat/pub/Movie tix)		1,438	2,348	1,000	860
Expenditures					
DPAC Fees				75	
BC C PAC				75	
T-Shirts for kindies		654	147	400	(65)
Dr Charles Best Graduation Scholarship		-	500	250	
PAC Discretionary Fund (Food Safe course/cheq reorder)		498	257	200	148
Emergency Preparedness Supplies (\$2,000 in Sept 2016)				2,000	963
Parent Education and Workshops			788	1,000	
Grade 5 Farewell				200	
Parent Welcome	07-Sep	37	102	100	123
Teacher Appreciation	May	300		250	
Legacy Wall			44	-	
Pancake breakfast	11-Dec	612	437	700	752
Santa's Visit to Kindergarten		324	233	350	206
Hardship Fund				300	
Classroom and Craft Supplies (\$250 per FTE, Max \$2500)		2,226	1,052	2,500	921
Year End Celebrations - Spani pool	June	290	486	500	
10 ipad minis		3,500			
Playground equipment		13,236			
Website			524	525	524
Teacher wish list - Technolgy			4,569	4,000	3,367
Teacher wish list		916			
Net Change		<u>119</u>	<u>(3,811)</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>(4,056)</u>
Available for Playground		<u>29,112</u>	<u>25,301</u>	<u>30,976</u>	<u>27,763</u>

Gaming Account		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2016/17
		YTD Actual	YTD Actual	proposed budget	YTD Actual
Bank Balance - Beginning of School Year		13,017	7,232	9,320	9,320
Receipts:					
Grant		4,300	4,480	4,480	
Provincial Grant			462		
Expenditures					
Classroom Speakers (\$100 per class, based on 9 classes)				1,000	1,000
Classroom Field Trip Transportation (\$250 per class)		1,531	2,161	2,500	
Dance instructor				2,200	2,394
Butterfly kits/kite kits		410			
Playground equipment		8,089			
social/emotional learning					
4 picnic tables					
Other		54	10	300	
Net Change		<u>(5,785)</u>	<u>2,089</u>	<u>(1,520)</u>	<u>(3,394)</u>
Bank Balance - End of School Year		<u>7,232</u>	<u>9,320</u>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>5,926</u>