

# Porter Street Elementary PAC

## Meeting Minutes for September 28th, 2021

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### Location: ZOOM MEETING

### Attendees (28)

Ashif Jiwa Principal, Nicole Marcelin PAC Chair, Paraskevi Tsahtsiris – PAC Co-Treasurer, Tanja - PAC Co-Treasurer, Jenn Faccin PAC Secretary, Elisheba Muturi - DPAC Rep, Claire McCrea - Fundraising Coordinator, Alfredo Hernandez, Andrew Clauson, Cassie, Danica Fidler, Danna, Elisha Elisha, Ethan, Fatemeh Renani, HChang, Jason, Joe, Karen Bhartu, MPT, Kimberly Sivak, Kiran Khatkar, Laura Ziefflie, Mark Leung, Reihaneh Rihana, Sara Tanner, Soyoung, Steve Graham, Steve Janes, WWang3

### Quorum is met

### Introduction

#### 1.0 Commence meeting: Nicole called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

- a. Indigenous land acknowledgement.
- b. Welcome and introductions of executive members.

#### 2.0 Adopt previous minutes - May 2021

- a. Tanja motions to adopt previous minutes, Jenn seconded. Previous minutes are adopted.

#### 3.0 Additions to agenda

- a. No additions to the meeting.

### Business Arising

#### 4.0 Principal's Report 6:41pm

- a. **Welcome new staff members** including Harriet Chang counsellor joining our school for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
  - Harriet Chang: 26th years in counselling and very happy to be joining the Porter family. Supporting social emotional needs that may be detracting from their learning. Going to do some group work outdoors and in larger spaces as much as possible. Passionate about leadership. Please use email to reach her. Counsellor's corner will be started and posted to our school website.
- b. **331 students enrolled** – same number of divisions with slightly fewer students. 11 French and 5 English divisions.
- c. **Thank you to PAC and Porter Street community:** 30 new laptops and 20 new iPads. We want students to integrate computer use directly in their classrooms. Over 100 iPads in our school that allow whole classrooms to engage together. Projectors or big screen TVs in every classroom.
- d. **FSA testing** for grades 4 and 7 throughout the province will be happening next week. Please contact Mr Jiwa with any concerns that may come up ahead of this testing.
- e. **COVID updates**
  - **Exposure notifications** - protocols are changing rapidly. The province has decided to reissue school exposure warnings.

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### Principal's Report cont'd...

- **School mask mandates** - remains in place for students in grades 4-12 at this point. Students have been asked to allow the adults to manage the mask rules. Many kindergarten to grade 3 students wear masks voluntarily. School staff are required to wear masks at all times unless they are behind a plexi-glass barrier or are eating or drinking.
  - **School staff vaccination mandate** - Staff are not required to be vaccinated and their status hasn't been recorded by the school.
  - **Cohorts and learning groups** – There are no more mandated cohorts or learning groups this year. The kids all line up at their separate doors maintaining distance and entering as a class and that has been working very smoothly.
  - **School sports** - technically allowed but we are moving forward with everyone's comfort level in mind. We're progressing with care and attention and going slowly. Sports will return at some point in the future.
- f. **Orange Shirt Day** – An assembly will happen to discuss aspects of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in an age appropriate way. There are amazing resources available if you're looking for somewhere to start try googling the phrase 'truth and reconciliation'.
- g. **Earthquake Kits** – Volunteers needed to update earth quake kits. Porter would like to have somewhere to store the emergency supplies – a shipping container potentially. Volunteer coordinator required to sort and replace items.
- Jenn will find out if there are any containers available for donation through family connection.
- h. **Questions :**
- Will Porter join the Vancouver School Board in insisting all students wear masks at school? - Mr Jiwa is not in a position to be able to make a decision of that magnitude. The Coquitlam School District would have to make that mandate and then pass it on to the principals to make the change.
  - Will we be doing the buddy reading program? - Hopefully soon but not yet we have to consider the comfort of all students and parents.
  - Will we have Grade 5 lunch monitors – we're holding off for now but hopefully soon.
  - Hot lunch – hopefully just not yet.
  - Assemblies – technically we can but we're holding off for a while.

### 5.0 Proposals, Voting, and Discussion on Budget Items (7:03pm)

- a. **Vote: Co-DPAC Representative:** Appointing a second member to share this role with Elisheba.
- Tanja nominates Joe Pound to DPAC Co-Representative. Joe accepts the nomination. At the time of the vote 23 members were qualified to vote. The nomination passes. Joe is adopted as the DPAC Co-Representative.
  - Votes for: 14
  - Votes Abstained: 4

### 6.0 Ongoing and Upcoming Events, Projects and Updates: (7:13pm)

- a. **Family Engagement**
- Class representatives for PAC
  - Newsletter – volunteer to organize a newsletter
- b. **Crosswalk Flag Program** – Danielle spearheaded this program and has been working tirelessly to get the flags installed. The city will let us know when we can do so. Thank you Danielle.

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### Ongoing and Upcoming Events, Projects and Updates cont'd...

#### c. Fundraising:

- PAC fundraisers often support additional Provincial Gaming Grant money as well as contributed to our new playground equipment and supplements Technology Grant funds.
- Welcome Claire our new Fundraising Coordinator
- Fundraising Ideas: Truffle Pig, Fruit/Veg Program, Paint Nite for Kids. Please contact Claire with any additional ideas.
- Ongoing fundraisers: Mabel's Labels & Return-it, Family Donation Program. Information about these and directions is available on our website [www.PSPAC.com](http://www.PSPAC.com) or contact PAC for more information.
- Spirit Wear – samples are in, clothing coming out tomorrow options: Hoodie, t-shirt, and crew neck sweatshirts in a heather grey and blue.

#### 7.0 DPAC Update: (7:43pm)

- a. Upcoming Meetings @ 7pm via Zoom: Oct 6 – PAC 101, Oct 27, Nov 24
- b. All meetings currently virtual, usually at 7pm. Learn more & register at [www.dpac43.ca](http://www.dpac43.ca)

#### 8.0 Treasurer's Report: (7:45pm)

- a. Current Standing
  - Chequing: \$13,656.33
  - Savings: \$6,318.44
  - Gaming Account: \$11,031.28 (contains Gaming Funds made available through the BC Lottery Corporation once the PAC applies and is based on the number of students)
  - Account total: \$31,006.05

#### 9.0 Additional Items: (7:55pm)

- a. Laura is returning to coordinate the KM Club. We're aiming to get back to normal with in person runs but we're starting slow with virtual KM club meetings.
- b. Is the kiln functional? Yes it works great and is used frequently by Madame Bell for art projects.
- c. Birthday treats are ok to send in to school this year. The school prefers pre-packaged items. Treats will be sent home with classmates.
- d. Parent Ed session – digital citizenship was successful last year and we can revisit that if there is interest.
- e. PAC room needs some organizing to get set up for the year.
- f. We have a free piano if any parents want one.
- g. Challenge: Bring a friend to the next PAC meeting!

#### 10.0 Adjourn Meeting: (8:13pm)

- a. Nicole motions to adjourn the meeting, Jenn seconded. Meeting is adjourned.