

École Margaret Jenkins School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday Feb 25, 2021 (7pm, on Zoom)

Recording available here: https://youtu.be/ecxHioTnw_E

1. Welcome and introductions
 - 12 attendees
 - Provided book recommendations along with introductions. Full list available below.
2. Approval of the minutes from the January 28th PAC meeting
 - First: Betty Greer
 - Second: Tariq Amlani
3. Presentation on emergency preparedness & SD61 reunification procedures from [Sarah Hunn](#), Emergency Management Community Liaison, City of Victoria and [Marketa Lund](#) of Ground Zero Consulting Group (30 minutes) – recording available [here](#).
 - There are 2 types of releases:
 - Controlled student release - Students will be released to parents as they are available.
 - Post-disaster reunifications - There will be a double-gate system. Authorized guardians (those listed on the emergency release forms parents/guardians filled out in September) will check in at the area marked #1 and will be verified. Staff will bring the child to the guardian at the checkout gate (marked #2) where they will then exit together.
 - It is important that all guardians have up-to-date student release forms at the school and have provided copy to those people who are on the release list. Guardians should also ensure that they have an emergency plan.
 - Visit victoriaready.ca for detailed information on emergency preparedness and download the Alertable app ([Apple](#) or [Google Play](#)) to be notified of local emergencies. This system is different from the provincial emergency notification system.
4. Parent Committees and Event Updates
 - Pink Shirt Day: ~ 100 pink shirts were sold and funds raised will be donated to the CKNW Pink Shirt Day Fund
 - [Purdys Fundraiser](#) ~ \$400.00 has been raised so far.
 - [Growing Smiles Fundraiser](#)
 - Funds raised will go to the garden committee to help cover Growing Young Farmers program fees.
 - This will start after spring break and items will be delivered on May 4th (before Mother's Day).
 - Fundraising target is \$2,000.
 - [Everyone Rides](#) bike skills program
 - Free program offered through Bike Victoria (will replace iRide this year).

- Course will include road safety and on-bike skills and will be offered to grade 4 and 5 students.
 - Grade 5 Bottle Drive - April 10th
 - Will be a drive through drop off following COVID protocol.
 - Funds raised will go to Grade 5 Camp Thunderbird.
5. PAC Executive volunteer opportunities
- Positions vacant for 2021/22: (co) Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
 - Looking for new parents to help fill these roles.
 - These roles are necessary to function as a PAC.
6. Teachers' update (Ashley Frketich, 10 min)
- Thank you for the staff appreciation lunch.
7. Administration's update (James & Lindsay, 10 min)
- Working on the projector quote for the gym.
 - Thank you for the funds that will go to purchasing playground supplies. The items purchased will make a big difference.
 - Crossing guard position is still available.
 - Requesting feedback from parents on whether their children have enough time available for lunch.
 - 4 or the 7 classrooms that were waiting for sinks are almost installed. The remaining 3 classrooms will be completed by June.
 - Report cards will be coming out near Spring Break.
 - Staff is going through emergency supplies to confirm what is current and what needs to be replaced. Will let PAC know how they can help replenish stock of perishable items.
 - [Middle Years Development Instrument](#) - results will be coming out shortly, it was completed by Grade 4's and it will provide good feedback for the school.
 - [Foundation Skills Assessment \(FSA\)](#) testing has started for Grade 4's.
 - Grade 5 leadership – just finished up with French grade 5s – Pink Shirt Day activities. Next session with English grade 5s – will start working on posters for the bottle drive, and organize a spirit day for the school.
8. New business and open Q & A
- Q: Has a replacement teacher been found for Division 11 (Mme Rogers)?
 - A: No replacement yet – still working through the process. Class may have substitute teachers for the week before spring break.

Next meeting: April 29, 7pm on [Zoom](#)

Followed by May 27 (AGM)

Need to contact the PAC Exec? Email Chair@emjspac.ca or Exec@emjspac.ca EMJS PAC Website, Online Orders and Class Contact Lists: <https://emjs.hotlunches.net> Newsletter subscription:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycn4fxab>

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EMJS PAC Facebook group: [EMJS PAC](#)

School Website and Calendar: <https://margaretjenkins.sd61.bc.ca>

Book recommendations for PAC meeting attendees

[The Tiger](#)

[The Oxford Handbook of Project Management](#)

[Petra](#)

[Where the Crawdads Sing](#)

[Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters](#)

[The Glass Hotel](#)

[American Dirt](#)

[Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved](#)

[Becoming](#)

[A Man Called Ove](#)

[Cemetery Boys](#)

[The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue](#)

[A Long Petal of the Sea](#)

[Greenwood](#)

For kids: [Zoey & Sassafras series](#)