## École Margaret Jenkins School

# Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting 

Thursday, May 27, 2021 (7pm, Zoom)


#### Abstract

Attendees: Heather Macdonald (PAC Chair), Betty Greer (Member-at-Large), Britta Bentz (Member-atLarge), Tariq Amlani (Member-at-Large), Kate Donahue (Secretary), Ashley Frketich (EMJS teacher \& parent), Lindsay Swan (VP), James Hansen (Principal) +8 other parents


1. Welcome and introductions

- People shared highlights of the year. Kudos to the teachers, administration and staff for all of their hard work! Plenty of positive feedback from parents.

2. Approval of the minutes from the April 29 PAC meeting and agenda additions

- No corrections to the minutes or additions to the agenda
- Minutes approved

3. Items requiring quorum (PAC Exec \& budget)

- Heather reviewed the PAC Exec for 2020/21 and thanked Suzanne Weckend (Co-Chair), Michaela Anderson (treasurer) and Kate Donahue (Secretary) for their contributions to the PAC - all 3 are stepping down from the PAC Exec at the end of this school year
- The following parents have volunteered to join the PAC Exec next year: Kenna Miskelly \& Kate Brown (Co-Treasurers), Heather Sanche (Secretary), CJ Young (Member-at-Large) and Emily Ross (Member-at-Large)
- Other parents are welcome to volunteer for these roles - can be shared. Other open positions include Co-chair, communications secretary and member-at-large (to help with parent education, event planning)
- No other parents volunteered
- PAC Exec nominations for the 2021/22 school year
- Chair: Heather Macdonald
- Co-Treasurers: Kate Brown, Kenna Miskelly
- Secretary: Heather Sanche
- Members-at-Large:
- Betty Greer (staff appreciation)
- Britta Bentz (passive and virtual fundraising)
- CJ Young (misc.)
- Emily Ross (kindergarten liaison, secretary support)
- Tariq Amlani (emergency supplies)
- Poll posted, 15 vote YES. 2021/22 Executive elected
- PAC Financial report and budget vote
- Heather reviewed this year's budget and current spending (see attached financials)
- Spent a little more for certain programs (e.g., chess) but others did not go ahead (eg. iRide, presenters/performers etc.)
- We still have significant savings from previous years. We have typically raised \$8000$\$ 10,000$ from hot lunch but without these funds, we need to dip into the contingency fund from last year in order to continue with our regular programs for next year.
- We are looking at other community partners for passive fundraising as some partners such as Thrifty's (through Smile card) will not be happening.
- Anticipate having similar online fundraising programs next year as we had this year (e.g., Purdys chocolate, Growing Smiles)
- We budgeted $\$ 38,000$ for 2020/2021 and have, to date, spent around $\$ 30,000$; therefore, within budget. We anticipate more receipts coming in from teachers by the end of the year.
- Smile Card savings will be put towards the gym projector, which can be purchased before the end of the year with the help of funds from the school (unused professional development funds)
- Total budget for 2021/22: \$26,811
- Poll posted, 15 vote YES, budget passed


## 4. Parent Committees and Event Updates

- Walk \& Wheel to School Week, May 31-June 4
- Four draw prizes per day, t-shirts, bells, etc. with a grand prize draw at the end of the week. Thanks to North Park Bikes, JK's Bicycleitis and Pit Stop Bikes for prize donations!
- The class with the most active trips to school will get a pizza lunch. Individually packaged.
- Volunteers will sign students up for draw as they arrive in the morning.
- Emergency supplies
- Marketa Lund, external consultant, providing guidance on emergency planning.
- Suggested investment of $\$ 2000$ to provide food and water that does not need replacement every year, but rather every 50 years for water and 25 years for food.
- Back up plans may be required to support students with allergies despite administration having back up medications and lists of conditions for each child readily available. More research needed to assess allergens in survival bars to ensure they are suitable for students with various allergies.
- Parent volunteers required (preferable before year end), to inventory current emergency supplies and to assess needs. Tariq to provide spreadsheet on volunteer requirements so we can move forward from there.
- Consideration is required for proper storage and access of supplies. There is City storage on site (container near garden) and lock ups in the school.
- School supplies
- Taryn will hear back from Monk tomorrow and will coordinate sending link to ordering school supplies for next year. This is the first fundraiser of the 2021/2022 school year.
- Staff appreciation
- Classroom parents will be sending notices about cards and gifts for teachers.
- Hot lunch for next year
- Betty and Roberta have been researching options for monthly hot lunch.
- Roberta reviewing school guidelines to suggest new ideas for incorporating lunches that are healthier and include more vegetables. Local vendors would be ideal to minimize the need for volunteers.
- Can food be packaged beforehand by vendors and delivered per cohort?
- Can the vendors accommodate 450 student orders? Or can the deliveries occur per cohort so that there are fewer orders to accommodate.
- In the Provincial re-opening plan, it is, at this time, likely that schools will reopen as per previous years, prior to covid, with no requirements for cohorts. This will be taken into consideration for planning for hot lunch to continue as a possibility for next year, perhaps less as a fundraiser, but more as a treat for the students.

5. Proposed PAC Calendar for 2021/22 school year (5 min)

- Includes in-person events such as Welcome back BBQ and meet the teacher event, the Fall Dance, the Spring Fair etc. - all TBD once we know about Covid-related restrictions
- Also more emphasis on passive and virtual fundraising compared to previous years.
- Proposed virtual fundraising initiatives include a walk-a-thon, West Coast Seeds, Purdy's Chocolate, Growing Smiles etc.
- Suggestions made for potential dates in order to inform administration and the District Calendar.
- PAC will continue with Zoom meetings in 2021/22

6. Teachers' update (Ashley Frketich, 5 min )

- Ultimate lessons were popular.
- An Escape Room presentation will be happening for many classes during the last week of June and teachers will be using the money allocated to presenters/performers for this.
- Duffle Bag Theatre has done a multi-lingual presentation in previous years and teachers would like to have them back next year, budget permitting.

7. Administration's update (James \& Lindsay, 15 min )

- Thank you to the PAC for your presence and support throughout the year. The once a month coffee and cookies are much appreciated by all staff.
- Ultimate was excellent and well-received.
- Schedules have been standardized for next year for all schools. The basic schedule will be: 8:53 am start and 2:35 pm end time for all students.
- We have an extra Division next year with 11 French (Fr.) divisions with approximately 236 students and 11 English (Eng.) divisions with approximately 233 students. These numbers will change over the course of the summer with students leaving or enrolling.
- There will be a Grade $3 / 4$ split in Eng. and Fr.. Hoping to have Grade $4 / 5$ splits as teachers are keen to work together.
- The last day of school in 2021 is Thursday, June 24th. Start date for 2021/2022 school year is Tuesday, September 7th.
- Based on changes to the School Act, parent teacher interviews will require early dismissal in Fall but there will be no early dismissal in the Spring for student-led conferences.
- The leaving ceremony for Grade 5 s will be low key and likely a class by class event, to limit covid exposure.
- The Virtual Talent Show will go ahead in the next couple of weeks.
- Grade 5 s are working on a mural for the garden fence using painted wooden triangles that will be mounted in a wave formation. The legacy project can be continued by future Grade 5s.
- Camp Thunderbird is reserved for June 21st with transportation by buses for a full day trip.
- Island Sexual Health will come on June 14th to deliver maturation talks for Grade 4s and 5s.
- Welcome to Kindergarten will be held on June 7th with a staggered approach.
- Playground equipment has been upgraded using PAC funds and has been distributed throughout the classes.
- Sinks have been installed in all classrooms. Sinks were paid for by federal funds.
- The school had extra budget this year as some school funds were not used. Extra funds (\$6000) will contribute to the purchase of a new projector which the EMJS PAC has been raising money for, for several years. PAC will cover the other half ( $\$ 6000$ ).
- Funds were also allocated to purchasing more books for each classroom, more chromebooks and better sound technology in the classrooms.
- Leadership opportunities will be continued next year through the new VP, Tiffany Poirier. Thank you to Lindsay Swan for all of her great work this year and best of luck to Lindsay in her new role at the District office.

8. New business and open Q \& A

- All in favour of zoom PAC meetings moving forward as attendance is much improved.

Q:Why is the district keeping the shorter school day hours "post-covid"? With lunch being instructional time, there is less opportunity for students to socialize and have "unstructured" time.

A: Many teachers were in favour of the shorter lunch and having lunch as instructional time without student monitors. Various concerns arose, including but not limited to, the safety of students, difficult behaviour between similar-aged students and recesses being too long and leading to problem behaviours. On the staffing side, if a TOC had a morning job at one school and another job at a different school in the afternoon, it was found that there was not adequate time to make the switch.

Q: Will there be alternative leadership opportunities for Grade 5 s now that class lunch monitoring will not be required and Lindsay Swan will be moving into a District position?

A:Yes, absolutely, the new VP has her own skill set that she will be bringing to the school to engage students and provide leadership opportunities.

First PAC meeting of the 2021/22 school year will be Thursday, September 23!

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
EMJS PAC on Twitter \& Instagram: @emjs_pac
EMJS PAC Facebook group: EMJS PAC
School Website and Calendar: https://margaretjenkins.sd61.bc.ca

EMJS PAC
Budget Tracking for Period Starting:
August 1, 2020
and Ending:
May 26, 2021
Per Books As of:


| $\sim$ | Grade 5 Committee (hoodies/events/legacy) | 0.00 | 2,123.10 | 2,123.10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Parent Education | 500.00 | 748.75 | 248.75 |
| ~ | Other Fundraising (Clothing, Purdy's, Growing Smiles...) | 250.00 | 35.00 | (215.00) |
|  | TOTAL Revenue Related | 750.00 | 6,378.03 | 5,628.03 |
|  | Other (Benefiting Staff \& Parents - not gaming grant eligible) |  |  |  |
|  | Staff Appreciation Luncheon \& Gifts (not gaming grant eligible) | 1,000.00 | 755.37 | (244.63) |
|  | PAC Admin/Miscellaneous (website, office supplies, cheques/bank fees) | 800.00 | 346.02 | (453.98) |
|  | TOTAL Other | 1,800.00 | 1,101.39 | (698.61) |
|  | Special Projects |  |  |  |
| ** | Smile Card eligible Infrastructure Project (Gym Projector) | 4,200.00 | 0.00 | $(4,200.00)$ |
| ** | Top-up Beyond Smile Card Revenue (Gym Projector) | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | $(1,800.00)$ |
| ~ | Jerseys | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | $(1,500.00)$ |
|  | Bike club funded walk-and-wheel weeks | 200.00 | 231.73 | 31.73 |
| ~ | School Tents | 0.00 | 907.16 | 907.16 |
|  | Emergency supplies replenishment (first aid kits/lockdown kits/outdoor bin) | 489.00 | 0.00 | (489.00) |
|  | VAC fund usage beyond art supplies (legacy art project, artists in classroom) | 0.00 | 263.84 | 263.84 |
|  | TBD Special Projects (Playground, tech, library, gardening, etc.) | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | $(5,000.00)$ |
|  | --> Chrome Books | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| $\sim$ | --> Garden | 0.00 | 575.22 | 575.22 |
| * | --> Playground | 0.00 | 1,435.96 | 1,435.96 |
|  | TBD | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | TBD | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | TOTAL Miscellaneous Projects | 13,189.00 | 6,413.91 | $(6,775.09)$ |
|  | TOTAL Expenses | 38,514.00 | 23,089.73 | $(15,424.27)$ |
|  | Anticipated Excess (or Shortfall) | 0.00 | 17,960.16 | 17,960.16 |
|  |  | Budget | Actual | Over (Under) |
|  | THE FOLLOWING SECTION HELPS FORECAST FUNDS FOR NEXT YEAR |  |  |  |
|  | Breakdown: Net Fundraising Profits Generated (calculated, included above) |  |  |  |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Lunches(lines 1-51) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 \# |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Fall Dance(lines 2-52) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Spring Fair(lines 3-53) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from TBD Community-Building Events (BBQ...)(lines 4-54) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Make Sale(lines 5-55) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Hampers/Subsidized Lunches(lines 6-56) | 0.00 | (16.58) | (16.58) |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Grade 5 Committee (hoodies/events/legacy)(lines 7-57) | 0.00 | 346.14 | 346.14 |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Parent Education(lines 8-58) | (500.00) | (498.75) | 1.25 |
|  | (calculated) Proceeds from Other Fundraising (Clothing, Purdy's, Growing Smiles...) (lines 9-5 | (250.00) | 1,442.41 | 1,692.41 |
|  | Total Fundraising Profits to carry forward to General Funds next year | (750.00) | 1,273.22 | 2,023.22 |
|  | Breakdown: Forecasted surplus remaining in designated funds at year end |  |  |  |
|  | (calculated) VAC (value at start of year = \$7385.66) | 5,885.66 | 5,627.02 | (258.64) |
|  | (calculated) Bike Club (value at start of year = \$2041.38) | 1,091.38 | 1,809.65 | 718.27 |
| ** | (calculated) Smilecard (value at start of year $=\$ 4560.62$ ) | 360.62 | 6,196.12 | 5,835.50 |
|  | (calculated) ParentEd (value at start of year = \$572) | 72.00 | 73.25 | 1.25 |
|  | (calculated) Emerg Supplies (value at start of year = \$489) | 0.00 | 489.00 | 489.00 |
|  | (calculated) Grade5 (value at start of year = \$0) | 0.00 | 346.14 | 346.14 |
|  | (calculated) TBD (value at start of year $=\$ 0$ ) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Total forecasted end-of-year DESIGNATED savings remaining | 7,409.66 | 14,541.18 | 7,131.52 |
|  | Total forecasted end-of-year CONTINGENCY remaining |  |  |  |
|  | Undesignated contingency (at start of year $=$ \$15170.66) | 11,665.01 | 15,170.66 |  |
| * | Gaming contingency (at start of year $=\$ 2660.73$ ) | 1,035.73 | 8,568.90 | 7,533.17 |
|  | * Gaming Grant will be used to fund a portion of these items; <br> ~ May be Gaming Grant eligible if not used for curricular activities <br> ** Smile Card may be used for infrastructure projects only <br> \# Proceeds from Lunches will be less at year-end - expenses for remaining lunches have not been paid ( $\sim 1500$ per lunch) |  |  |  |

## EMJS PAC

Budget for Period:

## Pending approval at May 2021 AGM


Art Supplies (K-5) 1,500.00

Music Supplies (instruments, repair, school performance supplies) (K-5) 500.00 TOTAL Specialized Extracurricular Instruction 13,025.00

## Class Allotments

Class Funds for Projects (not gaming grant eligible) 3,500.00

* Field Trips \& Extracurricular Activities (gaming grant eligible) 3,500.00 TOTAL Class Allotments 7,000.00


## PAC Initiatives \& Fundraising for 2021/22 Programs

Community Building \& Fundraising Expenses (Revenue Related)
Lunches ..... 0.00
~ Fall Dance ..... 0.00
~ Spring Fair ..... 0.00
~ TBD Community-Building Events (BBQ...) ..... 0.00
~ Make Sale ..... 0.00
Hampers/Subsidized Lunches ..... 0.00
~ Grade 5 Committee (hoodies/events/legacy) ..... 0.00
Parent Education ..... 250.00
Other Fundraising (Clothing, Purdy's, Growing Smiles...) ..... 0.00Other (Benefiting Staff \& Parents - not gaming grant eligible)Staff Appreciation Luncheon \& Gifts (not gaming grant eligible)1,000.00
PAC Admin/Miscellaneous (website, office supplies, cheques/bank fees) ..... 800.00
TOTAL Other ..... 1,800.00
Special Projects
~ Walk-and-wheel weeks ..... 400.00
~ iRide cycling instruction (Gr 4/5) ..... 900.00
~ Gardening ..... 1,000.00
Emergency Supplies ..... 1,500.00
classroom) ..... 0.00
~ TBD Other Projects (e.g. playground equipment, jerseys) ..... 1,000.00
TBD ..... 0.00
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TBD ..... 0.00
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TBD ..... 0.00
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TOTAL Miscellaneous Projects ..... 4,800.00

| TOTAL Expenses | 26,875.00 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Anticipated Excess (or Shortfall) to put toward next year's budget | (64.00) |

THE FOLLOWING SECTION HELPS FORECAST FUNDS FOR NEXT YEAR
Breakdown: Net Fundraising Profits Generated (calculated, included

| (calculated) Proceeds from Lunches(lines 1-51) | 0.00 |
| :--- | :--- |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Fall Dance(lines 2-52) | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Spring Fair(lines 3-53) | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from TBD Community-Building Events (BBQ...)(lines 4-54) | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Make Sale(lines 5-55) | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Hampers/Subsidized Lunches(lines 6-56) | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Grade5 Committee (hoodies/events/legacy)(lines 7-5 | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Parent Education(lines 8-58) | 0.00 |
| (calculated) Proceeds from Other Fundraising (Clothing, Purdy's, Growing Smiles | 0.00 |
| Total Fundraising Profits to carry forward to General Funds next year | 0.00 |

Breakdown: Forecasted surplus remaining in designated funds at year
(calculated) VAC (value at start of year $=\$$
4,127.02
(calculated) Bike Club (value at start of year $=\$ 1541.38$ ) 241.38
(calculated) Smilecard (value at start of year $=\$ 0$ ) 0.00
(calculated) ParentEd (value at start of year = \$572) 73.25
(calculated) Emerg Supplies (value at start of year $=\$ 489$ ) (511.00)
(calculated) Grade5 (value at start of year $=\$ 0$ ) 0.00
(calculated) TBD (value at start of year $=\$ 0$ ) 0.00
Total forecasted end-of-year DESIGNATED savings remaining 3,930.65

Total forecasted end-of-year CONTINGENCY remaining
Undesignated contingency (at start of year = \$15170.66) 6,106.66
Gaming contingency (at start of year $=\$ 1064.77$ ) 864.77

YELLOW HIGHLIGHTING indicates estimates to be updated after financial year-eı

* Gaming Grant may be used to fund a portion of these items;
~ May only be Gaming Grant eligible if not used for curricular activities
** Smile Card may be used for infrastructure projects only


# ÉMJS PAC: Proposed 2021/22 Calendar of Events 

Events with $a^{* *}$ beside them are TBD for next year.
Please confirm actual events and dates with school calendar or on the PAC website

## SD61 calendar for 2021/22

## September:

- **Welcome back-themed family BBQ held in conjunction with Meet the Teacher night
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, September 9, 7pm
- PAC Meeting, September $23,7 \mathrm{pm}$ - all parents welcome.


## October:

- Walk and Wheel to School Week, October 4-8
- Parent Education Night, Tuesday, October 5, 7pm (possible Zoom webinar)
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, October 7, 7pm
- **First Hot Lunch, Wednesday, October 13-TBD
- PAC Meeting, Thursday, October 21, 7pm - all parents welcome.
- **Pumpkin Parade - decorate a pumpkin like your favourite book for Halloween week.
- **Fall Dance, Friday, October 29, 5-8pm - come in costume, and sign up online to help!
- Gr 5 fundraiser: grad hoodies (or combine with school clothing)


## November:

- Parent Education Night, Tuesday, November 2, 7pm (Zoom webinar)
- PAC Exec Meeting, Wednesday, November 11, 7pm
- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, November 17
- Library Fundraiser: Scholastic Book Fair or Munros
- PAC Meeting, Thursday, November 25, 7pm - all parents welcome.
- Possible fundraiser: School clothing


## December:

- **Make Sale (student craft fair), Friday, December 3, 3-5pm
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, December 9, 7pm
- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, December 15
- Holiday hampers \& food drive
- Holiday gifts and cards for teachers, usually organized by class parents
- Possible fundraiser: Purdys Chocolate (or in time for Easter)


## January:

- Parent Education Night, Tuesday, January 11, 7pm
- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, January 12
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, January 13, 7pm
- PAC Meeting, Thursday, January 27, 7pm - all parents welcome.
- Possible fundraiser: Bottle drive (for Gr 5 Camp Thunderbird trip)
- Pink Shirt Day fundraiser for Pink Shirt Day Fund


## February:

- Parent Education Night, Tuesday, February 8, 7pm
- Teacher \& Staff Appreciation Luncheon (to coincide with Valentine’s Day), Thurs, Feb 10
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, February 10, 7pm
- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, February 16
- PAC Meeting, Thursday, February 24, 7pm - all parents welcome
- Possible fundraiser: West Coast Seeds


## March:

- Parent Education Night, Tuesday, March 8, 7pm
- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, March 9
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, March 10, 7pm
- Spring Break, March 21-April 1

April:

- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, April 13
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 7pm
- PAC AGM, Thursday, April 28, 7pm - all parents welcome
- Possible fundraiser: Growing Smiles plants

May:

- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, May 11
- PAC Exec Meeting, Thursday, May 12, 7pm
- Walk \& Wheel to School Week, May 30-June 3
- PAC Meeting, Thursday, May 27, 7pm - all parents welcome
- **Parent Volunteer Appreciation Coffee, TBD
- Possible fundraiser: Walk-a-thon

June:

- **Hot Lunch, Wednesday, June 8
- **Spring Fair, Friday, June 10, 5-8pm
- **Grade 5 Recognition ceremony and celebration, TBD
- End-of-year gifts and cards for teachers, usually organized by class parents
- Fundraiser: Monk Office school supplies

