

PAC Info Sheet

What is PAC? PAC stands for the Parent Advisory Council. The *School Act* gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. For more information on the role of PACs please see <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is-a-pac>

What else does the Carihi PAC do? In addition to the information above, a significant role of the Carihi PAC is to apply for **funding grants**. One example of such grant is the BC Gaming Grant. The BC gaming grand awards ~\$20 per student to all schools with an organized PAC who apply and are in good standing. This means ~\$18,000.00 for Carihi teachers and staff to use for non-curriculum based purposes!!! The PAC applies for and administers these funds. Without an elected PAC that meets regularly we will not qualify for future grants, including the BC Gaming Grant.

How big a commitment is PAC? 1 to 1.5 hour meeting 6-7 times a year, so about 10h per school year, total! Generally PAC meets from ~7-8:30pm once/ month.

What positions are needed? In Sept we will be holding elections for all executive positions, and of course everyone is welcome to participate as a member at large.

What does the President do? The President chairs the meetings, works with the Board and Admin to set the agenda and works closely with school admin if and when needed. The *Vice-President* works closely with the President and takes on the President's duties if the President is not available.

What does the Secretary do? The Secretary takes all of the meeting minutes and posts them to the google drive, posts updates on social media (Facebook) and to the school website.

What does the Treasurer do? The Treasurer applies for all of the grants, tracks spending, is the primary contact at the bank and works closely with the financial admin at the school to disburse funds.

What does the DPAC rep do? Attends both Phoenix PAC meetings and the District PAC meetings (so usually needs to be available for 2 meetings per month); liaises between DPAC and Phoenix PAC.

Who can come to PAC? All parents and caregivers of students enrolled at Carihi!

Who can hold an executive position on PAC? All parents and guardians with the exception of individuals who are on staff at Carihi or the Ministry of Education.