

École Phoenix Middle School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Agenda
January 7, 2025
Called to order 7:05pm

Current PAC Executive:



President: Beth Pechter

Vice President: Sarah Quenneville

Secretary: Sarah Neil

Treasurer: Myriah Foort

DPAC Representative: Dino Pagliardi and Blair Davies

The Ecole Phoenix Middle School PAC recognizes that we are meeting on the traditional territories of the Laichwiltach, Klahoose, and K'omoks First Nations.

1. Welcome + introductions

In attendance – Rachel Nelson, Beth Pechter, Sarah Neil, Sarah Quenneville, Aimee

Meeting agenda & minutes:

- a. Review and approve the meeting agenda
- b. Review and approve previous meeting minutes from Nov 14, 2024 meeting

Beth motion to approve
Carried

2. Reports

a. Principal's Report

Rachel – working with students and families on sense of belonging, and how what we say and do impacts others. Heading into the winter break students tend to act out more and we did experience that before the break.

Washrooms have been an issue lately where students have been congregating and vandalizing. This came up before the break and still seems to be happening this week.

We are reviewing expectations with students this week and how to get back into routine and good sleep patterns.

Monday January 6th was the highest attendance day of the whole school year so far, 100% attendance!

We saw a little bit of a setback with cell phone use in school, students using phones for listening to music. We will do a pod assembly next week to review the expectations on this.

Unsafe language of a homophobic or racist nature will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic suspension to clearly convey this message.

Cathy Camelari (sp) working with students this week regarding decolonization. A healing process regarding whether you are indigenous or non-indigenous, the roles we must play in the decolonization process. She is working with Grade 8 students in the school this week.

Grade 6/7 students will be working through “calm corners”, social and emotional learning. Teachers teaching students about self regulation and agency to create their own self check-ins and power to advocate for themselves.

Handing out “Gotchas” – catching kids doing wonderful things and acknowledging them.

Due to the fire, Carihi band is operating out of Phoenix right now. And all of the Carihi basketball teams are practicing and playing here.

Feeding Futures – student breakfast and lunch program – is up and running.

b. President's Report –

Beth - suggests we plan a separate fundraising meeting. Bring along the spreadsheet for school funding requests and approvals, to get an idea of current needs.

Rachel – suggestion to add outdoor classroom equipment as a need. Something that could be permanently placed, weather and vandalism resistant.

Aimee – asks for a rough idea of the cost of outdoor classroom equipment.

Rachel – previous benches have cost \$1,000 per bench. 6 benches would be ideal, budget about \$6,000.

Aimee – suggests sending out another email to parents to ask for bottle pick up at Session, with the goal to raise money for outdoor classroom equipment.

Beth – set up new Phoenix Facebook Group, hoping to talk to Kelsey to finalize it. Then send a note to Sandrine to send out to all families to encourage people to join. We can share all kinds of PAC information on there including fundraising information.

C. Treasurer's Report – current and end of fiscal (September 30, 2024)

2.c.i. Fundraising bank balance September 30, 2024

2.c.ii. Gaming bank balance September 30, 2024

Myriah not able to attend tonight's meeting. Will have a full update for us at the next meeting.

d. DPAC Report

No DPAC representative present at the meeting tonight. We will ask for an update next meeting.

3. Old business – Fundraising

Beth – will update bottle collection spreadsheet for Session. And update on the new Facebook group.

Aimee – we will need other families to pick up bottles at Session. Last time I went in they said they had kept 4 bags of bottles for me but had to throw them up as they were there too long.

Sarah Q – she will talk to the staff at Session about bottle pick up.

Aimee – are bottles in the school recycled.

Rachel – yes the Students for Life program collect them and put them towards different school programs.

Beth – will plan a separate Fundraising meeting, likely at MVP again.

4. New business –

None

5. Other business

6. Motions

FUTURE DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

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FUTURE PAC MEETINGS:

• March 4th, 2025 at 7pm

*next meeting focus on fundraising *

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm **