

# Yarrow Community School PAC Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2024- 7:00PM School Library

Attendees - Dana Swinden, Amanda Peters, Maddie Kuyek, Ashley Bowker, Jaime Kampman, Marie Vroom, Leanne Letham, Aimee McCallister, Natasha Vandiermen, Charlotte Debruin.

1. Welcome/Call to order- Leanne Letham
2. Approval of Agenda- Jaime-Lynn Kampman 7:02pm
3. Adoption of Minutes- Ashley, & Dana 7:02pm
4. Principal's report- Charlotte DeBruyn
  - Strategic Plan Meeting - Parents to attend. December 3, 6-7:30 @ Sardis Sr.
    - "Refresh" - looking for 6 thoughtful parents/guardians/caregivers from our school who would be willing to attend the FOS meeting to share their insights and feedback. STILL looking for people. Please let Leanne Letham or Charlotte know.
  - Report card time is coming!
    - Proficiency Scale- Staff doesn't give out "Extending" on the report cards because they don't want to set that precedent for the next report card. Charlotte thinks we should start using "Extending" more often but with the expectation that we might not see it the next term necessarily on the child's report card.  
-Ashley Bowker commented -(paraphrased) We have to remember that 'Proficient' is still really great!
  - Christmas Concert - "Twas The Night Before Christmas" theme. We are going back to each class going up on stage. Last year we had everyone on stage.
    - There will be a 12:30 show and a 6:30pm show.
  - Staffing Updates:
    - Mrs. Falk on Mat leave
    - Mrs. Bauml coming back
    - Mrs. Dibble retired
  - Calendar
    - Nov 28 - Trees set up in lobby
    - Nov 29 Hot Lunch, Read A Thon
    - Dec 2 Deck the Halls
    - Dec 3-5 Book Fair

Dec 3 Strategic Plan Night  
Dec 10 Scient World here (Science World asked if they could come for free to put this on)  
Dec 11 Sr. Lunch  
Dec 12 Popcorn Day & Gr. 5 skating  
Dec 13 Report cards home  
Dec 16 Christmas spirit week- each day will be a different theme to dress up  
Dec 18 Christmas Concert 12:30 show & 6:30 show  
Dec 20 hot lunch/santa/holidays  
Jan 6 Welcome Back!

- FSA Tests. Charlotte wanted to show how well the grade 4's did! Tests showed that a large amount of the grade 4's are on track & extending in Math and Language Arts. Good work!

#### 5. Chair Report- Leanne Letham

- Pizza Hot Lunch December 20
  - Big pizza boxes to save cost
  - have at least 2 parents pass out the pizza for each class. If you'd like to volunteer please email PAC at [yarrowpac@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowpac@gmail.com)
  - Ashley Bowker volunteering to help in her son's class.
- Esther had an idea to add teacher's Christmas gifts to Munchalunch. Then parents who want to be involved in this can with an amount of their choice.
  - Leanne added a poll to our facebook page so we can get parents input. We can't put this on without volunteers.
    - Q-Jaime-Lynn Kampman: Do the teachers give a few options of what they want?
    - A- Yes, they'll have a small list of what they would like.
- Movie night is coming up on December 6th . Sherisse will be asking for volunteers soon on the PAC page. The movie will be "IF" .

#### 6. DPAC Report - Jamie-Lynn Kampman

- Janine McMorran - family peer support worker from Family Smart came to speak to the DPAC. Some of her key points are:
  - It has been around for 20 years
  - The purpose is to provide support for families/parents with children who have mental health struggles
  - They are there to listen, support, and get resources into your hands
  - It is families supporting families. Not clinical
  - Peer support services are free and have no waitlist
  - For ages 0-25+

- Family Peer Support Workers provide: Emotional support, Information & resources, help in understanding and navigating services, attend meetings with families and caregivers.

\*Refer yourself on website [familysmart.ca](http://familysmart.ca)

- Chair Report:
  - Healthier Maahs - school board trustee won seat in election for Chilliwack North. She has the choice to resign (most do but we don't have info on if she is or not) If she does then a by-election will take place in 4 months.

#### Trustee Report

- Sometime at the end of November to the beginning of December they are doing a Strategic Plan. Crucial for the direction for the next 4 years of the school district.
- Dates will be circulated for parent meetings.
- There was one tonight ( Nov 26 for student engagement)

#### BCCPAC

- At this time of meeting there is nothing new regarding elections or nominations.
- Dec 9 candidates announced
- January 5 voting period closes
- January 10 results announced

#### Idea Committee

- Continuing the work of last year focusing on SOGI & anti-racism.

#### Accessibility Committee

- Focusing on CBIEP ( Competency based individual education plan) which is a new system of doing report cards.

#### DPAC Priorities & Action Plan Proposal

- Survey done from end of year to last year
- Focusing on supporting meeting participation - hybrid has helped
- Focus on having special guests at each meeting was a preference

#### Top 3 concerns for DPAC to focus on:

1.EA Support

2. Anti bullying and racism

3. Infrastructure and capacity - classroom temperatures, bussing and traffic

## DPAC Logo

- Project for this year
- They don't have the file for it and do not know where it came from or how old it is so they need a new one
- Plan - start with online survey for what people want to see and send it to an indigenous designer to make 2 or 3 options to vote on.

## 7. Treasurer Report - Aimee McAllister

- We have \$8600 in the bank right now. Inflated due to hot lunch that we haven't paid for yet
- Popcorn day made \$180.
- November fundraiser made money
- \$5200 in the gaming account because we paid for SOPA
- Aimee asked if there are any questions about that and there was none.

## 8. Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Marie Vroom

-West Coast seeds - we are doing this fundraiser in February. This is a hard fundraiser to get into so thank you Marie for getting us in! So Luxury & Neufelds will be happening soon.

- Food Report - Natasha Vandiermen
  - We have a sign up sheet on the PAC facebook page for volunteering with hot lunch
  - Parents have all showed up and are helping so thank you!

- Events Report - Leanne Letham

Calendar attached to meeting minutes.

- Feb 7- Movie night. Our license for this expires Feb 9th. This is an expensive licence so we need to come up with an activity to fill in the rest of the nights booked before summer.

-IDEA: Charlotte- we could do a math night or bannock and bingo night

- Spring Fun Fair - This is a bigger event to plan so in January we will be looking for a planning committee if we are interested in doing it. This would be held in April for families.

Adjournment - Jaime-Lynn Kampman & Ashley 7:31pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

Yarrow Community School Library

*December*

2 - Deck the Halls  
3 - 5 Book Fair  
4 - One School, One Book Ends  
-Purdy's Order Pick Up  
6 - Movie Night - IF!  
Dinner - 5:30 Movie Starts - 6:00  
10 - Science World @ YCS  
12 - Popcorn Day \$1  
13 - Report Cards Go Home  
16 - Christmas Spirit Week Begins  
18 - Christmas Concert  
12:30 & 6:30  
20 - PAC Pizza Lunch  
-Santa Visit  
Dec 21 - Jan 5 - Winter Holidays  
No School!

1	2 <i>Deck the Halls</i>	3 <i>Book Fair</i>	4 <i>One School, One Book Ends Purdy's Order Pick Up</i>	5	6 <i>Movie Night IF Dinner 5:30 Movie 6:00</i>	7
8	9	10 <i>SCIENCE WORLD @ Yarrow</i>	11	12 <i>Popcorn \$1</i>	13 <i>Report Cards go home</i>	14
15	16 <i>Christmas SPIRIT WEEK</i>	17	18 <i>CHRISTMAS CONCERT 12:30 &amp; 6:30</i>	19	20 <i>PAC PIZZA LUNCH</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>Winter Holidays</i>			