

École Qayqayt Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

**May 10, 2023 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Via HYBRID**

2022/2023 Executive

Chair: JC Valeros

Treasurer: Andrea Arnold

Vice Chair: Michelle Kennedy

Secretary: Grace Steyn

DPAC Rep: Vacant

CPF Rep: Heather Hansen

Members @ Large: Michelle Bridge, Allison Clavelle, Laura Kwong, Ashlee Reid, Jocelyn Cross

Volunteer Coordinator: TBD

Facebook/IG: Grace Steyn

Principal: Suzanne Cameron

Vice Principal:

School Board Trustee: Danielle Connelly

Community Schools: Rick Bloudell

Call to Order and Welcome | JC Valeros

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes and Agenda | JC Valeros

Motion to approve minutes by JC seconded by Michelle

School District Liaison Report | Danielle Connelly

1. We are at the end of the budget season. Superintendent Hashlaf presented his recommendations based on feedback from students, staff, and the community at the Operations Meeting on May 2, 2023. For details see:
https://newwestschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Agenda-Package-OPPC_May02_2023.pdf
- Priorities identified include:
 - o Staffing replacements
 - o Inclusive Education Supports
 - o Increase social-emotional supports

- Safety and Supervision
 - Indigenous Education Curriculum Supports
 - Technology in Schools
 - Planning for growth
 - Support for increasing childcare
 - Priorities that have been operationalized include:
 - 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist
 - 0.5 FTE Indigenous Curriculum Staffing
 - Maintain 1 Block Climate Action Facilitator Staffing
 - Continue Diversity and Inclusion Work
 - Continue to use contingency for EA Staffing
 - \$1500 for Middle Schools for rising costs in athletics
 - School District is waiting for funding for exempt Principals – this may impact budget.
 - Final reading for budget and approval hopefully at May 23 meeting
 - Long term planning: Fraser River area elementary school business case ongoing
 - School District has until June 30th to submit final budget
2. Presentation re: Child Care at Operations Meeting
- Before and after school care discussed. Presentation in Agenda Package, for details see:
https://newwestschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Agenda-Package-OPPC_May02_2023.pdf
 - 3 options were presented. 2 of 3 would be at the expense of the School District and would be coming out of operation budget. This is due to cost associated with staffing structure.
3. Hybrid meetings working well with minimal difficulties. Staff joining that via hybrid.

Question re: increase in counselling services. None allocated but advocating with MLA
 Whiteside re: need for more. Trying to get creative with where the needs are.

Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudell

Sends regrets.

Principal Report | Suzanne Cameron

There is a lot happening at Qayqayt.

- Streams of Dreams provides education about salmon and was funded through the Affordability fund.
- Hub Cycle is here this week for all the Grade 4 and 5.

- Water fountain is now on – please don't allow children to put sand in the fountain
- Jump Rope for Heart will be June 1, 2023
- June 8, 2023: a group will be coming in to talk to students about Rock and Roll and work with classrooms to work on a 'school song'. Funded by the Affordability Fund.
- June 9, 2023: the whole school will be going to a movie, partial funding by PAC and Affordability Fund 10 am show of Mario.
- June 16, 2023: Beach theme, sports theme. Parents/caregivers welcome.
- June 23, 2023: Farewell to Grade 5's – start time to come, parents are more than welcome to join. Grade 5 only.
- Pride Day/Rainbow Day coming up to promote inclusion/diversity. Teachers will also be teaching to this.
- Clubs will be ending soon. More field trips coming up.

Question re: parent/caregiver volunteers for movie? Stay tuned re: need.

In reference to email about drug paraphernalia found on School grounds. This was discussed at the staff meeting this week and teachers will review with children the need to be careful and maintain safety precautions.

PAC Chair and Vice Chair Report | JC Valeros and Michelle Kennedy

1. Streams of Dreams Parent Volunteers - we are looking for parent volunteers to help us install the Streams of Dreams artwork our students created. It'll be on Wednesday, May 17th, at 8:55 am. We need 6-8 parent volunteers to help out. If you want to and are available to help, you can sign up online via the link found in this Sunday's weekly newsletter, or we have a signup sheet going around as well.
2. Spring Family Event - invitation has been sent out, and if you haven't already, please RSVP and pre-order your pizza dinner if you'd like to have pizza at the event for your family. We are still looking for more parent volunteers to help run the event. Feel free to include your older children to help out. Just add their name to the signup form and specify their grade so we can assign tasks accordingly. The last day to RSVP and pre-order your pizza dinner is Friday, May 19th.
3. School & Safety Education surrounding drug paraphernalia and other hazards that may be found in our schools and urban spaces. If you haven't read the email, Mme. Cameron shared about being mindful of our surroundings; please do so, and check out the link in the email, as it gives great information about the safe disposal of sharps such as syringes, etc. The PAC will work towards finding workshops for parents in the next school year to spread awareness around this topic. If there are any parents who would like to get involved, please let us know.

4. A special and big thank you to our PAC Executives who worked tirelessly all year as we navigated and found ways to rebuild our school community. The work is not done yet, but all our efforts this year will pay off. This is just the beginning, and I am forever grateful to work alongside incredible people on the Exec, the parents who came out to help us with PAC lunches and Treats and everyone who continued to support our initiatives.

On behalf of the Council, we also want to thank Mme. Cameron, the Teachers, and the Staff for an incredible year. We had so many wins this year, and they wouldn't have been successful without your support.

A big thank you to Heather Hansen, Michele Bridge, Michelle Kennedy and Andrea Arnold who will be stepping down this year.

Thank you very much!

DPAC Report | Michelle Kennedy

1. Gaming grant applications opened April 1st and the cut-off for guaranteed funding is June 30th
2. Board is passing the new 2023/2024 school budget: DPAC supported 3 priorities: staffing, access to mental health, student safety
3. Increase in funding to our district for access to food programs for students
4. Approval for business case for a middle school in the west end of New West
5. Presentation done by PACT: crisis responders: work in pairs with a peer support worker and a counselor going to calls for one on one support. Located on Begbie St, open 7 days a week 12pm-8pm, hoping to add hours with increased funding. They take calls from family members or friends, community members and calls from police or fire. They are able to provide wellness checks, help with isolation, and depression, and give community support to individuals requiring mental health support. Phone number is 778-727-3909.
6. Went through the resolutions for the BCCPAC AGM which our school will be represented by Laura Kwong

CPF Report | Heather Hansen

1. The School District is running Focus Groups to discuss Programs of Choice this month. School specific invites have been sent.
2. The Federal Government announced a new Action Plan for Official Languages on April 26th.

<https://cpf.ca/en/media/news-releases/canadian-parents-for-french-welcomes-the-acti-on-plan-for-official-languages-2023-2028/>

3. CPF's School Trustee shared that there is a recruitment push funded by the federal government to hire more French teachers.

Parent Education Team Report | Grace Steyn & Michelle Kennedy

Nothing to report. We are hoping to have a small committee next year that can lead this initiative.

Treasurer Report | Andrea Arnold

Reports attached.

Old/New Business | Laura Kwong and JC Valeros

1. Walking School Bus

Laura met with Lauren (Qayqayt parent), Charmaine (PAC at Middle School) and Society for Youth and Children (SYC) who is partnering with Translink. They are hoping to launch two pilot Walking School Busses in the District next year - hoping we can have one for Qayqayt. The City and School District have both signed on to this initiative. Victoria Hill is a potential pilot.

2. BCCPAC AGM Update

- Laura attended on behalf of DPAC as well as proxies for various PACs.
- A new board as elected:
 - o Laura Ward (from SD41, Burnaby) - First Vice Chair
 - o Cheryl Blondin (from SD75, Mission) - Treasurer
 - o Meredith Laird (from SD36, Surrey) - Secretary
 - o Vik Khanna (from SD39, Vancouver) - Director 2 yr
 - o Tracy Humphreys (from SD61, greater Victoria) - Director 2 yr
 - o Alex Mulligan (from SD42, Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows) - Director 1 yr
- Various resolutions were voted on and Laura voted according to previous discussion.
- Resolution about Gaming Grants for funding scholarship/bursary – did not pass.

Question re: progress on resolution from last year re: sexual health and consent – no progress.

3. C&B Proposed Amendments

- a. Motion to approve waiving the 14-day notification period for giving members less than 14-day notice on the C&B's proposed changes by Laura K, seconded by Michelle - PASSED
- b. Motion to approve JC and adopt the revisions, seconded by Michelle – PASSED.
- c. Amendments:
 - 1st Amendment: BC Human Rights – listing classes
Motion to approve Kira, second by Grace
 - 2nd Amendment: Awkward sentence – re: school
Motion to approve by Laura, second by Michelle
 - 3rd Amendment: No less 10% of budget – in PAC General account
Motion to approve by Laura, second by Michelle
 - 4th Amendment: Conflict of Interest definition, expanded definition
Motion to approve by Laura, second by Michelle

Motion to approve amended version of C&B by Kira and seconded by JC – PASSED.

4. Election for new PAC 2023-2024

1. Chair Person

Kira nominated JC V., accepted nomination Acclaimed.

2. Vice Chair Person

Michelle nominate Theresa L., accepted nomination. Acclaimed.

3. Secretary

Laura K self nominated. Acclaimed.

4. Treasurer

Michelle nominated Shawn S., accepted nomination. Acclaimed.

5. DPAC Representative

Melody G. nominated by Michelle, accepted nomination. Acclaimed.

6. CPF Representative

Melody – Kindergarten parent may be interested. Will connect with Secretary for info.

7. Member at Large

JC nominated Charlotte V. accepted nomination. Acclaimed.

8. Member at Large

JC nominated Daniella L. accept nomination. Acclaimed.

9. Member at Large

Michelle nominated Ashlee R., accepted – by email. Acclaimed.

10. Member at Large

Grace S. nominated self. Acclaimed.

Motion to accept 2023/2024 Qayqayt PAC Executive by JC, seconded by Michelle.

Open Forum | JC Valeros

No questions or comments.

Ajourment | Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion to adjourn by JC, seconded by Grace.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2023