

École Qayqayt Elementary PAC Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: December 6, 2023, 7:00 pm
Location: Qayqayt library & virtually via Zoom

2023/2024 Executive

Chair	JC Valeros	Secretary	Laura Kwong
Vice Chair	Theresa Lomas	Treasurer	Shawn Sorensen
DPAC Rep	Melody Gibson	CPF Rep	Melody Lui
Members at Large	Charlotte Viau, Daniela Laurent, Grace Steyn, Ashlee Reid	Regrets	

Invited Guest Attendees

Principal	Suzanne Cameron	Vice Principal	Carly Eirikson
Community Schools	Rick Boudell	SD40 Trustee Rep	Marc Andres

Call to Order and Welcome | JC Valeros

- Welcome to new Trustee Rep Marc Andres. *some banter in french with Mme Cameron*

Approval of Minutes and Agenda | JC Valeros

- Minutes MOTION to approve JC, seconded LAURA, CARRIED
- Agenda MOTION to approve JC, seconded LAURA, CARRIED

School District Liaison Report | Marc Andres

- Excited to be here, have a three year old who will attend Qayqayt in 2 years
- Current board activities:
 - prioritizing inclusive education review, moving to competency based IEPs, trying to stay inline with core competencies using common language, more specific evidence gathering, reduced number of goals. Objective to address gaps in literacy and numeracy for diverse learners. Have made progress with indigenous students, and still see gaps in numeracy/literacy. We are above provincial avg for indigenous student evals but want to still push for parity with non-indigen
 - Wanting to improve learning commons (library) systems. Prior system, each school library was independent, and this was not equitable. New centralized budget system will have school autonomy and context work along side district budget process. Three year budget plan developed in consultation with each

Teacher Librarian, equitable structures for district wide. Board will be looking for feedback on these. These recommendations for this will come to Board in Feb.

- POC review - consultant recommends consolidation. But the district is not recommending to consolidate until the new Fraser River Zone elementary school has opened (4-5 years away).
- On track for spring break facilities that are being relocated from Qayqayt, serviced by Purpose Society
- Gradual Entry - coming back in Feb to the board. Was discussed at Ed policy and planning, Survey will be multilingual, soliciting a broader range of stakeholders in focus group discussions. Survey early feb, final recommendations in April.
- Upcoming board activities
 - Advocacy calendar, trying to coordinate more the way we advocate to the province. SSACs have been stagnant since 2008, and BCSTA is pushing the ministry to change these right now.
 - Board strategic plan expires in 2024, this document guides action of board, robust consultation with the public. Some changes in senior staff all at once, working through this (added challenge) hoping after Associate Supt is in place we will have a plan moving forward.
 - Discover New West Schools - coming up in Jan. Hope to see you all there!
- Questions
 - Is there a political appetite to go after SSACs and not area standards? Heard from MLA Whiteside that there is no political appetite to change SSACs in light of BC Builds policy. A - Will consider with Board.
 - When the new school has been built, and with POC consolidation will there be catchment redrawing? A - don't know if it will happen down the road, but it is not included in the current LRF (June 2023).
 - Q - what does it mean for the board to not consolidate at this time? A - it's just not practical to force all EFI/Montessori students into one location. This was a direct staff recommendation.

Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudell

Via Suzanne

Programming options have been received by Suzanne, options look good!

Principal & Vice-Principal Report | Suzanne Cameron & Carly Eirikson

- Parent comments about Royal & McBride issue. We now have a crossing guard there, is temp and have put a posting for Jan. Might be missing a day or two here or there until full time is hired.
- Winter Wonderland - very excited about this. 4 - 6 pm, half hour increments. Focus is on school learning plan around math, all activities are math related!
- With the construction of the new classrooms going upstairs, we will be a go for connecting the classroom up stairs. By next Sept we will have a new pathway!
- Many kids unsupervised after school on the playground. Families are having kids wait around the back after school, will be sending out a message to families. Students can't

be unsupervised out there, resulting in behavior issues. *PAC can post on the socials, reminder there is no supervision*

- Q - will it be noisy for staff and students during construction? A - shouldn't be, they'll do all the demo during spring break so the noisy stuff will be when everyone is out of the school. They will need to take over some parking lot space...not looking forward to that!

Chair Report | JC Valeros

- Looking for volunteers to help sell raffle and 50/50 tickets, help families navigate through the baskets, how to bid, etc.
- Sign up form ready to go out. SC - if need more volunteers, teachers are available to help
- New access code for Stay Safe Alone & Babysitting course. **Ecole2324**
- Bursary & scholarship support in our budget - trying to be cognizant of where the money we are fundraising and asking parents to give, where it goes. Want to ask if we should defer the \$1000 (2 x \$500) defer for next year, or defer just one of the scholarships/bursaries (1 x \$500). Trying to plan for the spring family event and our budget is already very tight. Jan 31 deadline.
- Comment - better to have 1 than zero.
 - Scholarship - inclusive ed
 - Bursary - Marites McCarthy
- **Decision** - we will offer only one bursary or scholarship this year. Need to decide which one, will do that in Jan.
- Gr 3 - 5 movie night on Dec 21, we will be needing volunteers for this event.

DPAC Report | Melody Gibson

- Fuel up discussion continued
- Decision to not offer scholarships & bursaries this year due to budget constraints
- Went to BCCPAC DPAC Summit, connected with DPACs around the province
- All candidates debate Mon Jan 22nd - location and time TBD. Four confirmed candidates.

CPF Report | Melody Lui

- Recommendation from POC to consolidate, questions
- Wanting to provide more info to parents before signing up
- Perception of more support for students at francophonie school vs EFI program
- Parent survival night, we want to provide more resources for older families. Most participation was from K families and gr 6 LEFI students
- No longer promote late EFI in elementary schools, seeing drop in interest
- Other events in Jan and Feb including Bonjour, Bonne Nuit.

Treasurer Report | Shawn Sorensen

- Gaming account update - \$275 transferred to gaming for basket raffle (\$20 to be moved additional), two field trips across 4 divisions have occurred.

- General account update - lots of expenses. E-transfers are very time consuming, but still recognize the value of those especially for people who don't have credit cards.
 - Three major invoices - Subway, Taco Del Mar, Neufelds coming out
 - 5 divisions/resource teachers have submitted for their subsidy.
 - Fundraisers are generally successful.
 - Will be meeting with JC to make sure we're on track for our budget.
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Old Business

- Fundraising report (Grace)
 - We had a very successful **Neufeld Farms** fundraiser. We exceeded our goal and raised \$748. We hope to run the fundraiser again in the Spring in time for BBQ season.
 - **Purdys Chocolate** Orders closed over the weekend. We sold over \$10K and raised \$2627 for the Qayqayt PAC. Thank you to all the Qayqayt families who bought sweet treats for family and friends. Chocolate pick-up will be communicated to those who ordered and via social media. Hopefully over the weekend and early next week.
 - **Raffle Baskets** - We've had some very generous donations from our Downtown business community in addition to donations from families. Tomorrow is our last day for collecting new items from families for our baskets. Please join us to take a look at our baskets during next week's Winter Event - Thursday, December 14 from 4-6. We will have a square reader and accept cash. We will be selling raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. Don't miss out on your chance to win one of our great holiday baskets!
 - Last day to order Opa! lunch Sat Dec 9th.
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New Business

- Pedestrian pathway request (Laura)
 - Walking School Bus (Laura)
 - Pilot needs approval of funding for Jan 2024 and beyond to continue
 - Please write a letter to Board, City, TransLink show support for this program
 - Autonomy benefits, getting people out of their cars!
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Open Forum & Questions

- JC - thank you to everyone for all the work you've been doing this term.
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Adjournment

- JC MOTION to adjourn, Laura SECONDED, CARRIED 8:10 pm
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Next PAC meeting: **Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm**, virtually on zoom or in the library