

# École Qayqayt Elementary PAC Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Date: March 13, 2023, 7:00 pm  
Location: Qayqayt library & virtually via Zoom

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## 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	Daniela Laurent, Grace Steyn, Ashlee Reid	Regrets	Daniela Laurent, Ashlee Reid

## Invited Guest Attendees

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

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## Call to Order and Welcome | JC Valeros

Meeting called to order at 7:01

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## Approval of Minutes and Agenda | JC Valeros

MOTION to approve January minutes, JC

SECONDED by Laura

CARRIED

MOTION to approve March meeting agenda, JC

SECONDED by Theresa

CARRIED

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## School District Liaison Report | Marc Andres

- Board meeting last night, eventful for a number of reasons
- Last meeting with Karim Hachlaf, going to Burnaby
- Some strong candidates, happy to be involved, looking forward to opportunity
- Board recognized that we need to improve on our communication, first training on IAP2, improving communication and using consistent knowledge, clear expectations when communicating with public and partner groups, want to use this shared language moving forward

- At board meeting, update from Athletics Audit from motion by T Connelly and T Sluis, led by Suik Rai (teacher and coach at QMS), felt timeline for Audit was optimistic especially given engagement planned, pushed back timeline. Purpose of audit is to assess if all students can access athletics equally in our schools
- Short term capacity remains at the top of our list of priorities, Board is trying to develop guiding principles for meeting capacity challenge for next 3 years. For 3 year timeline, have positive news re Fraser River elementary school that is in proposal phase, plus having the QEE expansion coming in 2027. Leaves gap before that time when we're still continuing to grow. Encourage you to look at the draft guiding principles. Hearing from families that access green space is important. Staff will come back to the board on this.
- At NWSS, capacity challenges, 5 block time table could alleviate some of the crunch at NWSS
- Also discussed holding back just grade 6 students, site dependent. Not an option at Qayqayt, but at other schools it is something that we are actively considering. Staff are gathering information. Encourage you to read the guiding principles proposed: [https://newwestschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Agenda-Package-BM\\_Mar12\\_2024.pdf](https://newwestschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Agenda-Package-BM_Mar12_2024.pdf)
- Q - timeline on anything being discussed, e.g. big ticket items, K-6 and portables. A - guiding principles are coming to next board meeting, also mindful of new Supt coming in
- Q - around athletics, focus on looking at non-participating students? A - will bring that back thank you

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### **Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudeil**

- Seven programs starting after spring break, starting second week April finishing early June
- Flyer sent home last week.
- To manage overwhelming interest and to make it fair, we send an online application form for families to enter info and select top and second choices, then a randomized draw is conducted when the program application period closes. Friday April 5th. Then selected families are contacted to complete their registration
- Partnering with Irving house for two K classes to do a gardening program. This has been going on for at least 10 years, the city and district really value this and we're looking forward to continuing this.
- Hosting event on Sunday April 7th from 1 to 3 pm at Queens Park arena, new west play day. Working with CNW and local sports groups, invited Reps from minor sports and activities to showcase their sport or activity, kids can try and parents can get info about registering. Flyer is coming!
- Re Fuel Up: We take feedback from parent community, parents and staff very serious, have been following up on feedback from survey and are making changes. Encourage to reach out to Rick and Lunch Lady, they are very flexible and happy to make changes to the program to please as many people as possible. Can email [fuelup@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:fuelup@sd40.bc.ca), Rick sees all the emails that go to this address. Working to make change, want to know faves or what's not working for families.

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

- There are a lot of unhappy students that spring break is coming in one day, staff are also sad (/s)
- Very happy that Body Science is coming to 3-5, and we'll talk about K-2 at another time.
- Tomorrow is going to be a day of quiet. It has been very busy and everyone is ready for a break.
- Q - work has been started on daycare space, what is going to happen to the fenced area. A - will be available for use by the two classrooms up there. And we'll get our pathway.
- Drainage at playground area and on the field is getting fixed by the city.
- Q - how many portables are we getting? A - don't know yet, will have that info for the next PAC meeting.

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### **Chair Report | JC Valeros**

- DEI Parent Ed Night - on Feb 21st, thank you to everyone who came out and learned. Great to hear from Ken Headley and Kai Smith. We recognize as a PAC that this was a more challenging workshop than we usually put together, but important as they are part of our kids education so important to have opportunity. Hoping to put on another one next year
  - AP520 Fundraising Consultation Update - Shawn and JC attended the district consultation on behalf of PAC. As exec we reviewed and discussed issues we see with proposed draft, more consultation will be held with schools, and thank you for request to provide consultation.
  - Grown Ups Trivia Night reminder to purchase tickets - happening on Sunday April 7th, proceeds to school wide movie field trip. Currently we have only 13 grownups RSVPd, we need 50 to make it worthwhile. Bring some friends, this is a great way to connect, it's an 80s and 90s theme. We hope you can come out to show support for the Qayqayt kids.
  - PAC Exec invitation to participate at Welcome to K - plan is a little different this year, we'll have a little station to be able to discuss and invite K parents to our AGM. To encourage them to volunteer for the coming school year.
  - Body Science Workshop - we are a go for grades 3-5, we'll have an honorarium amount vote for the Body Science hour.
  - April PAC Lunch - Pasta lunch with Yummy Slice, last day to order on Saturday April 6th
  - Spring Family Event - committee met on the weekend, we have a smaller budget but please save the date of May 1st!
  - AGM - Wednesday May 8th, we'll be sending out info on the volunteer roles that help us run all the things we run, questions can go to [chair.qayqayt@gmail.com](mailto:chair.qayqayt@gmail.com). There are vacancies, can make an impact for all the teachers and students at Qayqayt.
  - Announcement - I will step down as chair, harder for this role to be filled and hopefully have someone to step into this role. Thank you for allowing me to be here and serve our school.
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## DPAC Report | Melody Gibson/Laura Kwong

- Board of Education update
  - thinking of community schools as hubs, well utilized from a facilities rental perspective, partnership with Mosaic at welcome center, nurse practitioner well used and recently reduced wait time.
  - QEE expansion open house was successful and permit package getting submitted soon, design has 30% less glass inside and outside will also have AC and inclusive washrooms, pile driving needed and minimizing measures in place.
  - Operating grant \$1.7M increase from enrollment growth will go to EAs and non-enrolling staff, \$500k deficit due to NWSS cooling project + by-election + recruitment consultant.
  - Fuel Up paid lunches decreasing and subsidized lunches increasing, need to rethink how to get interest back up in program.
  - Board's advocacy plan has 6 areas of focus: increasing basic student funding, capital funding, climate resilience funding, diverse needs and ELL needs, mental health support, child care.
  - School generated funds ad hoc committee has 2 board members and is reviewing current policy & 2023 spending for select schools, wish they would have asked more questions earlier to avoid an escalated response.
  - Budget invitations sent to partner groups, survey launch on April 15th
  - Superintendent recruitment underway, interviews first 2 weeks of March
- Superintendent update
  - Apologized for stress and pain caused around AP510
  - Budget - were in small structural surplus, might be able to offset deficit with unexpected costs, provincial budget update will come in April
  - K grad entry survey will be sent out, recommendations following survey will come in April/May
  - Short Term capacity crisis - guiding principles under review, FRMS and EGMS have no space for portables, spending operational funds on portables to accommodate about 350 additional students next year
  - Cell phones - it's a restriction not a ban. Language still to come in form of ministerial order, the order will lead to change in code of conduct. AP140 recently updated, consultation with parents is expected.
- Chair report -
  - Participating in AP520 ad hoc committee, SOGI committee and anti-racism committee. Shared black history month resources. Leading BCCPAC facilities committee, working on recommendations for BCCPAC board to advocate to MOECC
- Treasurer's report
  - Send in parent ed funding requests
  - What is the vision for DPAC? Where is the most value or biggest impact?
    - Training for PACs, parent ed, child minding, movie licenses for PAC use, building connections between PACs and providing education
- Anti-Racism advisory committee report

- No consensus yet on intended audience for guiding document (still in draft) Goal is to meet every month to finish by end of year.
  - New Business - Diverse Learner Success Rates: SD40 is ranked 37/52 for graduation rate for diverse abilities, and 47th/52 (28%) in difference in graduation rate between diverse and non-diverse ability students
  - Neurodiversity celebration week is not recognized in SD40  
**Motion:** that DPAC write a letter to the Board of Education that 1) SD40 formally recognize Neurodiversity Education Week this year (March 18th) and all years going forward and 2) make a plan to address the difference in disparity of graduation rates between ND and non-diverse abilities.
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### **CPF Report | Melody Lui**

- First event - skating event on March 30th, 10-11 at Moody Park Arena, \$2 for non members and \$2 for CPF members, haven't had an event since COVID.
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### **Treasurer Report | Shawn Sorensen**

- Gaming Jan 16 to March 12, had no revenue in this period of time. 6 expenditures that were expected, and one unexpected. A student cashed a scholarship cheque from 2021. All of the field trips will start to drawn down our bank account, and we did not account for this extra \$500 withdrawal.
  - General - haven't had any events, really liking Square (2.6% is what they take, but worth it for ease of use). Account is healthy and will keep going down as staff apply for their subsidies.
  - Hoping to move a bit of money to bump up the spring event budget to \$900.
  - Also need to revise budget for Saleema Noon.
  - General - MOTION to reduce the Classroom Saleema Noon budget line item from \$1207, to \$500 by Laura, Seconded by Shawn. CARRIED.
  - General - Reduced the parent ed portion Saleema Noon budget line item from \$400 to \$250 and ask for invoice so we can get reimbursement from DPAC.
  - General - MOTION to move the remaining amounts from SN in classroom to the Spring Event line item (\$857 added to the current \$600). SECONDED by Laura.
    - Q - what's the objective with increasing the budget. A - reduce workload on volunteers, thinking of food trucks and Mini-Makers so that all the kids can do an activity and have the option to purchase a little STEM kit. High school students as buskers or something like that. Last year we sold pizza at cost.
    - Motion CARRIED.
  - Moving forward we're going to ask NWSS scholarship coordinator if instead of sending cheques to students, can we e-transfer the scholarship recipient instead.
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### **Old Business**

- Read a thon winner prizes have been distributed and the top fundraising class is having their sushi party tomorrow.
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### **New Business**

None

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**Open Forum & Questions**

- Neufelds? A - happening on May 4th, and pick up on June 6th. Comment - let families know how much from sales goes to the PAC from sales.
- BCCPAC conference fees in the gaming budget - need to find room. Suggestion for reallocating the Fine Arts experience for the BCCPAC conference fees. If it came from General - we have \$250 that we didn't spend from the Parent Ed plus \$250 from the welcome day.
- Q - why isn't the gr 3 symphony happening anymore? A - was canceled during covid and the organizers (VSO) of the program haven't restarted it.

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**Adjournment at 8:09 pm**

MOTION by JC, Seconded by Theresa, CARRIED.

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Next PAC meeting: **Wednesday April 10th** at 7 pm, virtually on zoom or in the library.