

École Qayqayt Elementary PAC Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: April 10, 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	Daniela Laurent, Grace Steyn, Ashlee Reid	Regrets	Shawn Sorensen, Ashlee Reid, Daniela Laurent, Carly Eirikson, Rick Bloudell

Invited Guest Attendees

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

Call to Order and Welcome | JC Valeros

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Approval of Minutes and Agenda | JC Valeros

Motion to approve agenda, JC. Seconded by Laura CARRIED

School District Liaison Report | Marc Andres

- Budget season, \$1.3M on portables out of operating. Will be coming to Board meeting on April 30th
- Conservative budget this year, but don't want a prescriptive one so that a new super can come in to shape our district
- Candidates were all good for search for new superintendent, conversations with candidates centered around capacity issues and if they're a good fit for our district
- Indigenous education council will be funded by the province (council is parallel to board, board does not have oversight, don't have info on make up of council yet - will have negotiation with territories that have ties to our district)
- Proposed revised guiding principles on space use (emailed out today around 3 pm)
 - Revised because conditions have worsened

- These revisions have not been discussed publicly or voted on yet (april 30th board meeting)
- K-8 principles have changed significantly. Area standards are not met for outdoor play space that the ministry recommends. Losing access to specialized programming for students, losing green space
- Qayqayt at 730 students right now. Some of this pressure might come off of the downtown core when Simcoe Elementary opens
- Q - school zones, what does that mean? A - all the feeder schools that go to a single middle school go to a middle school
- Questions for Trustee Andres can be sent into chair.qayqayt@gmail.com or newwestpacchair@gmail.com

Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudell

No report but will be coming in May.

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

- Student led conferences right now, if your time doesn't work for you please reach out to your teacher and they'll make time for you
- Vancouver Warriors came to Qayqayt, worked with gr 2 and 5, kids had a blast, very well behaved and cheered. Last game of the season for the Warriors is on Sat, left some buy-1 get 1 free tickets to send home with families
- Collaboration day on April 18th, will be working on school learning goal which is math
- Suzanne applied for a Math festival and received it: Julia Robinson Math Festival on May 7th, coming to school to work with everyone in the school. Trying to break down stigmas against math. Show the kids math is fun and magical!
- April 22nd is earth day, asking kids to wear earth colours.
- April 24th dental screening for kindy kids
- Welcome to K on May 2nd, info has been sent to new families already
- Yes we are growing, and yes we do have 2 more portables. But we do have a pathway! That's a silver lining. Also because of portables, able to deal with drainage from upper field to lower, which allowed city to come in and fix.
- Q about kindy entry questionnaire, info used and compiled by staff after May 2nd WTK to place kids in the best possible scenario. Just a Qayqayt thing.
- Q - allocations for support staff, usually given about a week to a week and a half. Movement of classes with two new portables.
- Qayqayt is hosting summer school this year! Very excited about that. Kids might asked to pitch in moving books etc in last week of school
- Q - body science for k-2 in class? A - no, teachers have said no thank you.
- EFI teacher just gone on mat leave, have found someone from Mon-Wed but still looking for Thurs-Fri. Not easy to find a french qualified person at this time of the year. There will be a new batch coming out from the UBC/SFU/etc programs. My apologies, we are trying our best. It is hard to find. Another teacher on Mat leave in mid-May searching for that replacement as well. It is a hard time to find qualified teachers. Right now for Thurs-Fri, they don't speak a lot of french but they're a solid teachers.

Chair Report | JC Valeros

- Update on Grown Ups Trivia Night - had to cancel at the last minute because the RSVPs wasn't enough to put on the event. Everyone who paid, received a refund. One family donated back to the PAC.
- Spring Family Event - time secured Wed May 1, 5-8 pm, two slots to attend, more details coming. Qayqayt weekly newsletter will have more info!
- AGM Wednesday, May 8th - we're busy finishing up planning for spring event and are looking forward to AGM! Looking for volunteers to help run the PAC exec. What would happen if we don't have a PAC, we lose PAC lunches & treat days, no subsidies for teachers, no Gaming Grant, no farewell event for gr 5s or staff appreciation lunch as well. Need three roles at least to get a gaming grant, chair secretary and treasurer. We would receive at least \$13,000 and those three PAC exec would be able to disburse the gaming grant. If we want to continue what we've been doing in these recent years, we need more volunteers to help run events, run social media accounts, so please come to AGM and please come and support the PAC through volunteering! Spread the word also.

DPAC Report | Melody Gibson/Laura Kwong

- BCCPAC resolutions - co-submitted on 5: three on BCCPAC governance (make meeting minutes and reports available to members, committee and board meetings open to members to attend/listen, and committee/board minutes available to members), two on advocacy to the province (dedicated funding to allow districts to address deferred maintenance, and transparency of AFG formula used for budget allocations and increasing of AGF overall)
- DPAC AGM coming up in May at FRMS - looking for a secretary for sure
- Survey has just gone out - will be open until April 21st at midnight, results inform advocacy to Board of Education, particularly our budget requests that we submit as a partner group
- Partook in Superintendent interviews - glad to have been able to provide feedback to the board on the three short-listed candidates. No official way that partner group feedback is incorporated, but we know the board received it the same day.
- Getting ready for budget consultations, we present our requests to the Board of Education ahead of the April Board meeting, and will present formally to the Board at the April meeting.

CPF Report | Melody Lui

Not too much, skating event was great!

Treasurer Report | Shawn Sorensen

- General account statements:
 - Balance sitting at \$16,919.39 - expecting Curriculum Subsidies to start coming in as many teachers requested them in May and June.

- Revenue for read-a-thon deposited → is there a math version of this?? We can look into for next year!
 - Trivia night refunds (JC can explain)
 - BCCPAC → don't forget to do proxy form - by April 28!
 - Gaming account statements:
 - Balance sitting at \$15,171.99 - field trips have begun coming in more frequently.
 - 4 outstanding cheques to be cashed for field trips that have not happened yet.
 - Leaves \$13,407.74 when cashed.
 - Template for 2024-25 Budget started by JC and Shawn → not yet ready, but will aim to send out soon
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Old Business

New Business

- DPAC survey is out → social media going out tonight, please fill out as it helps inform DPAC budget requests to Board of Education
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Open Forum & Questions

Q - Sports day happening this year? A - Yes, it's "fun day" - was scheduled for June 14, but moving to June 17 (not set it stone, may move as end of year field trips get scheduled).

Movie day is June 14th - it's a premiere movie so none of the kids have seen it!

June 20th is Gr 5 leaving ceremony

Next year's calendar is done and will have the gr 5 leaving ceremony listed in it when it goes out

Adjournment at

Theresa Motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm, seconded by Laura. CARRIED

Next PAC meeting: **Annual General Meeting Wednesday May 8th** at 7 pm, virtually on zoom or in the library.