

**Shaughnessy Elementary
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) GENERAL
Meeting Minutes**

January 15, 2021
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

In Attendance

Shaughnessy Administration
Dorothy Watkins, Principal

Shaughnessy PAC Executive
Arshnoor Manavi, Chair
Aileen Chen, Treasurer
Angela Masongsong, Secretary
Sandra McPeake, DPAC Rep

Meeting called to order at 10:05

PAC general meeting minutes for November 13, 2020 reviewed – approved by Liz Goepel and Jaime Agtarap.

Agenda adopted by Katie Evans and May Tso

Administration Reports

Covid

The covid exposure notice received at the start of the winter break was the first for Shaughnessy. It involved one student in one cohort; it was a community-acquired case and there was no spread within the school. The students continue to do amazingly well. Shaughnessy continues to adjust and ensure health and safety procedures are optimal. Students are sanitizing their hands upon entry and exit of the gym, and the music program is following approved protocols.

Ms Watkins answered questions related to the side doors (Marguerite and gym) being open to support easier access for teachers/classes from the outside and to support further airflow across the building. The HVAC system cycles the air, and as the hallways are areas of increased activity, having the doors open will just allow as much fresh air as possible.

Option 4 Learning

Option 4 is officially continuing until Spring Break. Shana Albrecht is assisting the teachers with checking in with their Option 4 learners 1 time/week. Some teachers are providing “live” teaching, while others provide learning packages. At this time 18% of students are enrolled in this option (from 30% at the start).

Staffing

Ms Lui is leaving at the end of the month for her maternity leave. Christian Hendren will be taking her class and will have some overlap with her in the transition.

School Fundraiser (Winter 2020)

Funds from the Purdys Chocolates fundraiser have been used to purchase camera stands for each floor, and for rolling white boards that will allow resource teachers to go out into the hall teaching spaces (for more space).

Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

CSL is the overarching name given to reporting – what we used to just think of as “report cards”. This type of reporting was a pilot over the last 3 years; this year it is mandated for all students, K-7, in the province. It was a stem of the curriculum redevelopment in 2010. The curriculum and reporting cover Core Competencies (*Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social*) that overarch the different curriculum subject areas, and include self-reflection. There are 5 official communications a year with CSL:

- Goal-setting conferences in the fall
- Written reports
- Parent/Caregiver-Teacher conferences (which in a non-Covid year, students are involved)
- Celebration of learning (open house)
- Report cards

Report cards look different from a traditional report card. They are strength-based and use a competency scale (beginning, developing, applying, extending). They also include *Ways to Support the Learner*, for both the school and the home.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

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PAC Reports

Treasurer's Report

Aileen summarized the full report for the month ending December 31, 2020, including the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement. The full report is available upon request to any family at Shaughnessy; to request a report, please email shypacchair@gmail.com.

Division Distributions

There was a motion to distribute another \$100 to each division, plus art, music, resource, and library, for a total of \$2300. *This motion passed with a unanimous vote, and this distribution will go out as early as next week.*

Executive Position

The vice/co-chair position is still vacant if there is anyone who is interested in taking on this role. Please email Arshnoor at shypacchair@gmail.com.

Covid

PAC would like to thank parents/caregivers for staying behind the fence. It is wonderful to see so many parents/caregivers wearing masks and keeping their space from one another as we support the efforts made by the Shaughnessy staff to keep everyone safe.

PAC Communication

As we cannot use the PAC bulletin board inside the school this year, we would like to create a Shaughnessy PAC website to be our virtual board to share information. If anyone is interested in setting up a simple site for us, please email Arshnoor at shypacchair@gmail.com.

PAC General Meeting – February

Discussed trying an evening meeting in February as many families now have experience in virtual access via Zoom. *The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm.* Earthbites will be the guest speaker. An email reminder with the registration link will be sent.

Traffic

Arshnoor continues to receive much communication from families related to traffic, as concerning traffic behaviours around the school persist. Divisions 6 & 7 have been providing traffic patrol on Nanton St. Ms Watkins put out the invitation for parent volunteers to assist in the traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up times. It was also suggested to create a promotional video that could support any language barriers that could be contributing to the issue. A video could also have continued use in the future. *It was acknowledged that much of the traffic behaviour is related to families simply being unaware of the traffic guidance to support safety.*

Again, please be aware of pedestrians and the traffic rules; please follow the safety plan/neighbourhood route outlined in the Newsletter (and the School Handbook/Calendar).

- Please follow the designated traffic flow during peak hours (ie drive north on Marguerite; enter the neighbourhood by driving south on Angus, and east on Nanton).
- Marguerite does have City of Vancouver 3 min parking signs – *however*, the pick-up and drop-off line is a designated “no parking” zone (ie do not leave your car) during these peak periods in order to facilitate a safe, continual flow of traffic.
- Use crosswalks to keep your children safe and visible, and to model safe pedestrian behaviour.

- Do not idle (*do not leave your engine running*) if you are waiting in your car.
<https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/idling.aspx>

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) (www.vancouverdpac.org)

Sandra, DPAC Rep, reviewed DPAC activities, such as the Nov 26 meeting on sustainability, and invited families to access DPAC information:

- Sign up for the DPAC mailing list on their website
- You can read minutes, or watch previously recorded virtual meetings
- DPAC often teams up with VSB to present different topics
- Students are often present
- Next general meeting (on January 28) will discuss anti-racism in schools.

Meeting adjourned 11:15