

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

February 17, 2021
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

In Attendance

Shaughnessy Administration

Dorothy Watkins, Principal
Paul An, Vice-Principal

Shaughnessy PAC Executive

Arshnoor Manavi, Chair
Liz Goepel, Co-Chair
Aileen Chen, Treasurer
Angela Masongsong, Secretary
Melissa Lee, Member at Large
Sandra McPeake, DPAC Rep

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

PAC general meeting minutes for January 15, 2021 reviewed – approved by Katie Evans and Sandra McPeake. *PAC meeting minutes are online on the Shaughnessy website, under Families.*

Agenda adopted by Liz Goepel and Reza.

Introduction of new PAC Executive members:

Liz Goepel, Co-Chair
Melissa Lee, Member At Large

EarthBites Presentation – Guest, Suzanne Fielden

Suzanne reviewed this program which has been successfully operating at Shaughnessy. EarthBites Kits are on sale for families to try at home; funds will go back into supporting the program's operation.

Administration Reports

Legacy Projects (Shy100)

- 35 brand new iPads have been purchased; we now have 10 iPads for each intermediate class (with a goal of 15 per intermediate class).
- Brand new volleyball net purchased.
- Girls' change room has been converted into a sensory room
- Old out-dated smartboards were replaced with whiteboards.

Time Capsule

The container has been sealed – waiting until spring to do encasing in the ground.

Option 4

This learning option has been extended to the end of the school year. We are down to only 17% of the students remaining in this option. Intake back to the classroom will be every Monday until the end of the year.

Covid

3-ply masks will be coming home soon. Family members are asked to wear masks when on school grounds. If your child is independent, have them come to you. Don't ride bikes on the school grounds.

VSB Budget Survey

Dorothy will send this out to families this week; survey is to identify parent priorities for the VSB budget.

Photos

School photos have been postponed again.

Grade 7 Grad

All activities have been postponed.

Traffic

VPD has done an assessment of the neighbourhood given the traffic challenges with three schools in the vicinity. Police will be giving out tickets and will be doing more enforcement of the traffic and parking bylaws. Constable Hooper will also be giving lessons to all the students in the library. Staff are not allowed to direct traffic due to liability. Dorothy has put Shaughnessy on the list for the City's active travel initiative, for long-term planning with City engineers (with a scope and sequence for the neighbourhood).

February Activities

The school community is celebrating the following events this month: Lunar New Year, Valentines Day, Black History Month (with a focus on the Canadian Black History collection in the library), Pink Day.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

This independent assessment for grades 4 and 7 has started; it does not count towards grades.

Parent-Teacher Conferences/Celebrations of Learning

To review, Communicating Student Learning (CSL) has 2 report cards and 3 other activities/communications; parent-teacher conferences/celebrations of learning will be held the first two weeks of March. This year it is typically done through Teams, however teachers have autonomy over how they would like to carry out this communication.

Staffing

Ms. Lui is now on maternity leave, and is being covered by Mr Hendrin. There is an SFU student teacher in Ms Weisinger's class.

2021-2022 Enrolment

Administrations will be starting to look at the enrolment numbers for next year in order to plan how many divisions.

PAC Reports

Treasurer's Report

Aileen summarized the full report for the month ending January 31, 2021, 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.

The PAC online account is administered by the school; the division distributions were made through this account.

PAC Chair Report

Thank you to all families for doing your part – physical distancing, wearing masks, arriving just prior to dismissal instead of hanging out on school grounds. Please remember to continue doing the Daily Health Assessment with your child each day.

PAC Events

There continues to be no PAC events at the moment, including the International Cuisine Day and Used Book Fair, which typically occur in the spring.

- *Grade 5 ski trip* – if allowed, will be bumped to next year, and will include grades 5 & 6; thus PAC funding for this year will carry forward into next year as well.
- *Vancouver Art Gallery, Virtual Field Trips* – classes are still going through these online field trips. All grades, K-7, are participating.

Yearbook/PAC Website

Dorothy will talk with Katie and Daniela to plan if anything is possible for getting class photos for the Yearbook. Please connect with Arshnoor if you are interested in volunteering to support us with starting our PAC website.

Traffic

- Please follow the traffic rules.
- Please don't jaywalk.
- Please don't park on the crosswalk.
- Please be respectful of the neighbours

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

Sandra, DPAC Rep, reviewed recent DPAC:

- January 16 – Robert’s Rules Workshop
- January 28 – DPAC General Meeting
 - Long-range facilities plan
 - Anti-racism
 - School liaison officer program
 - Budget, fine arts review

The next DPAC general meeting will be on February 25.

Feel free to email Arshnoor (shypacchair@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, suggestions.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm