

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

October 7, 2019 6:00-7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Mrs. Steele (Principal), Mr. Campbell (Vice Principal), Yuehan Ding, Vivienne Zhang, Jason Mok, Wanfeng Sun, Eri Magon, Shelly Ren, M Umar Afsheen, Samina Umar.

1. School Administrative Report

- School Focus
Supporting student social and emotional engagements and helping them to handle stress.
At Ferris H.E.A.R.T. defines us: Helpful & Safe, Empathetic, Accountable, Respectful & Truly Kind.
How can we &/or do we support the growth of our students in the area of Personal Awareness and Responsibility?
Personal awareness and responsibility include the skills, strategies, and dispositions that help students to stay healthy and active, set goals, monitor progress, regulate emotions, respect their own rights and the rights of others, manage stress, persevere in difficult situations. Students who demonstrate personal awareness and responsibility demonstrate self-respect and express a sense of personal well-being.
1. Self Determination 2. Self-Regulation 3. Well-being
- School reporting pilot project - 8 classes are doing e-Portfolio this year. Different rating, scaling and description from traditional progress report, e-Portfolio provides more feedbacks and comments from teachers. Feedbacks from parents are welcome.
- Foundation Skill Assessment (FSA) consists 2 numeracy + 2 reading + 2 writing for Grades 4 & 7. FSA is only a snapshot of students' performance, not a full representation.
- Kindergarten registration starting on Nov. 1 – students with Ferris siblings gets the highest priority.
- Ferris named the Greenest School in Canada! School will try to communicate with parents electronically instead of paper as much as possible.

2. Financial Report

- Gaming grant \$9,420.00 (\$20/student, number of students was based on 2018/19 school year)
- Sept 27 Hot Lunch Profit: \$271.84
- Balance of \$3,980.53 in General Account
- WeChat Parent Group raised \$43.00 in September
- Donations so far: 29 families, \$3,900.00

3. Upcoming Fundraisers and Community Building Events

- *Donations and PAC communication letter:* due on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019
- *Hot Lunch:* Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20
- *Babysitting Course:* Saturday Nov 2, 2019, ~8-hr class, limit to 30 Gr. 6 & 7 students ages 11+, first come first serve registration. PAC offers students discounted price of \$55 instead of full market price of \$65.
- *Family Holiday Party:* Friday, Nov. 29, 2019
Entrance fee or a donation (brand-new toys (no stuffed animals) /books/sport equipment donation to RCRG Richmond Christmas Fund) covers:
Free: Games (x10), Magic Show and chance to win Educational Prizes.

Sell: Photo with Santa, 50/50 Raffle, Food

Please email ferrispac@gmail.com if you are able to make educational prize donations.

2020:

- *Career Day:* Postponed to Fall 2020.
- *Cultural Celebration:* Thursday, Jan. 23 at 2:45pm. This year's theme is Lunar New Year and PAC wants to make the event inclusive – all cultures are welcome! Please contact PAC (ferrispac@gmail.com) if you can organize a table stand and showcase your cultural celebration of New Year.
- *Science World Live Show:* Friday, Feb 7
How₂Science for Gr. K-3 and Earth, Wind & Science for Gr. 4-7. PAC sponsors, \$1,260+GST
- *Spring Plant and Gym Sale:* Saturday, April 18, 10am-12pm
- *Staff Appreciation Luncheon:* Thursday, May 14. Online sign-up sheet will be made available for parents to put down the dishes they will bring.
- *Spring Carnival:* Thursday, May 28. This is the biggest PAC fundraising event of the year.
- *Music in the Park:* Wednesday, June 3 Mr. Kruk/our amazing lunch band. PAC will apply for community grant from city.
- *Parent Appreciation Tea:* Friday, June 5

4. Volunteer Needs

Hot Lunch: 21 parent volunteers

Family Holiday Party: 22-26 parent volunteers

Please sign up on Konstella!

5. District PAC

First meeting was on Oct. 1.

Parents as Career Coaches: Oct 23, 6-9pm at A. R. MacNeill Secondary School, 6611 No. 4 Rd.

PAC 101: Nov. 7, 6:00-8:00pm at A. R. MacNeill Secondary School, 6611 No. 4 Rd.

6. Playground Update

Companies pledge letters to be distributed at the end of October.

\$110,000 required - \$65,000 raised so far = **\$45,000 still needed to complete the full expansion project.**

Timeline Guidance: All fundraisers need to be completed by April 2020, place order by May 2020 and construction in August 2020.

7. New Business

Please send email to PAC (ferrispac@gmail.com) if parents have any questions or suggestions.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm. Next meeting Monday Nov. 4, 2019 at 6pm – ALL Ferris parents and guardians are welcome to attend!