

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC)
Zoom Meeting
October 4th, 2021 6:00-7:00pm

Attendance: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donald Dixon, Fritz Ho, Yuehan Ding, Alla Becker, Julia Luo, Shelly Ren, Vivienne Zhang, Zoe Zhang, Angela Huang, Cecilia Bisdorf, Dustin Brett, Eri Magon, Irne Yu, Kwok Pak Ki, Loren Au, Luciana Montes, Narine Snakhchyan, Rex Chen, Sarah Chen, Light Ma, Mario David, Rex Xu, Xiaonan Jiang, Jerica/Monica, Reeba, Ashley Beyer, Lucy Qu, Claire Hui, Patino.

Host: Mr. Neal Campbell, Fritz Ho

- Playground - after 5 years of fundraising, students now can enjoy the extended playground. Showed the video of playground installation, thanks to all volunteers for their full day of work!
- Introduced the 2021-2022 PAC executive members

1. Administration

- Welcome new members!

PAC is very important as a community building element. In the past, PAC has organized a lot of community building events, educational events, fundraisers in creative ways to connect everyone in Ferris school community. It also acts as a bridge to school and has given lots of feedbacks to school. Highlight of the fundraising last year: Maker space project and playground completed.

- This year Ferris has 556 students in 23 divisions.

School learning has been focusing on social and emotional learning, HEART, and social responsibilities.

Informative parent nights were held twice last year for parent education. School will continue hosting it this year.

e-Portfolio – some classes will keep using this online platform to communicate / improve students' learning.

- COVID safety protocol:

Daily health check – no symptoms before entering school; Mask mandate extended to K-3; Try to use spaces to keep distance; Hand washing; Try to have better ventilation as much as possible. Vaccine clinic in school (Gr 7 for now). Parents are welcome to talk to school if they have any concerns.

- Parking issue in school:

For students' safety, WALKING to school is encouraged to reduce the traffic flow in the neighborhood.

2. Financial Report

- Gaming account balance \$1,326.45 from last year (Gaming Grant from government, based on number of students of last year)
- General account balance \$5126.49
- New revenue from Gaming Grant: 525 students x \$20/student = \$10,500
- Total balance: \$16,952.94
- Financial plan for this year:
 - MunchaLunch annual fee \$336 paid
 - BCCPAC membership: \$75 paid
 - DARE \$200
 - Teacher reimbursement \$7500 (TBD based on # of teachers, \$250/teacher)
 - Field trip subsidy \$500
 - Teach recognition \$500
 - Ferris alumni scholarship \$600
 - Graduation cake & DJ \$400
 - Miscellaneous Expense \$2000
 - Teachers wish list \$18800
 - i. More wobble stools (PAC purchased 2/class two years ago) - about \$60/each
 - ii. Games/puzzles for classrooms
 - iii. Hammers for the Maker Space ~\$300
 - Bigger items:
 - iv. ipads - we are looking at replacing one of our older sets of ipads (very expensive - need 30)
 - v. New hoop for the one that was burned many years ago (expensive ~\$1800)
 - vi. Sensory path in the L-shaped courtyard

3. Fundraising

- Pizza lunch starting next Friday, Oct 15th, twice a month on Fridays. Place order on Munchalunch. FreshSlice Pizza comes in the individual boxes of 2 slices (pepperoni, cheese, Hawaiian, veggie, chips, juice), no mix&match. The ordering cutoff date is Oct 8, 7 days prior.

*New parents need to register their kids on the school website for Munchalunch before ordering.

Much appreciation to all volunteering hot lunch coordinators.

Plan 2nd pizza day on Nov 5.

- To support teaching at Ferris, fundraising letter (donation drive) will be sent out by Mid of October, to make sure the donation receipt can be done by the end of year for tax purposes.
- Parents will be asked to register for a Konstella account for better communication such as volunteer sign-ups, school events announcement, PAC meeting minutes etc.

4. District PAC: Ferris District PAC Rep, Julia Luo, will attend their meeting on Tuesday, Oct 5, and give updates at the next PAC meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT, next PAC Zoom Meeting will be on Nov 1st Monday at 6:00pm