

PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING**

**Monday January 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

School Library

*** AGENDA ***

Call to Order

1. **Approval of Agenda** – January 25, 2016
2. **Approval of Minutes** – November 23, 2015
3. **Priority Action Items List – Review**
4. **Receipt of Correspondence**
 - a. C – 01 Tarumoto – Traffic Safety Concerns
 - b.
5. **REPORTS and UPDATES**
 - c. PAC Executive
 - d. PAC Committee's
 - e. Principal's Report
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Spring Fair - Planning Update
 - b. Playground Improvement Initiative
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a.
 - b.
8. **CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETING DATE**

Tentative: February 29, 2016

PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC MEETING
Monday, November 23
*** MINUTES ***

Call to Order: 7:35 pm - Alan Evans, Chair

Attendees: Alan Evans, Tracey Lundell, Tia Litz, Keziah McCrystal Rothlin, Mary Neef, Rosemary Marra Tattrie, Laura Clemente, Kelly Elmer, Irene Tan(Teacher Rep), and Mark Douangchanh (Principal)

1. Presentation of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda for the November 23, 2015 meeting.

Moved (K. Elmer)

Seconded (M. Neef)

Carried

2. Approval of November 23, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept the October 2015 minutes.

Moved (K. Elmer)

Seconded (T. Lundell)

Carried

3. Principals Report (circulated report attached)

- **Emergency Release** – revisions needed and will be gone over with staff – not a parent concern just for staff to help make things run smoother
- **Christmas concert rehearsals under way – every class will sing every song so everyone will be out the whole time**
 - asking for donations to help cover costs – comes out of school budget
- Spirit wear – looking into company – likely after new year
- Redesigned curriculum – resources available – District hoping to organize a parent night – still trying to finalize dates
- 2 New Professional Days added - Feb 22, Apr 18 – to allow teachers to work on new curriculum
- Emergency prep supplies – Sharon Fox supplied check list of what should be renewed
 - District provided list of what should be there – price list outdated
 - Requirements seem to vary on whether it's from the Province or District - requirement calculations are different
 - Size of bin dictates our ability to house supplies
 - Decided we are going to replace expired contents of bin and gage on space how much more we can provide
 - Tent replacement – not in season, not easy to find
- Still waiting on district to place stop sign in parking lot and for playground painting
- Miss Britney Blatchford will be replacing Mr. Sowden in the Grade 7 class until he is able to return to work in the spring
- Ms Vichinski from the resource room has moved to the high school and has been replace by Pam Green

- Waste reduction competition – Port Guichon came in 2nd in the District – PG won a pizza party!
- Spuds in a Tub – Ms. Tan is growing potatoes – the project is through fruit and veggie

4. PAC Executive:

DPAC

- review of new curriculum – September 2016 full new curriculum will be in place
 - 20th C vs 21st C – classrooms vs field work
- Chrome books – district purchased and has distributed to schools
 - Google apps for education
 - Google has provided suite of apps which is a viable alternative to Word
 - everything stored on line in the cloud – memory sticks no longer required so no risk of loss
- virtual classroom – lessons can go up on line and teachers can see in real time what work is being done – applications are very exciting
- Chrome books are substantially less costly than the Mac books
- parent / teacher interface follows student through k to 12 – ie. builds portfolio

For more info: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

Committees

Playground improvements

- Port Guichon is up for potential for funding from District for 2016/2017 year
 - Is Port Guichon PAC in a position to go ahead for 2016/2017?
 - District can provide assistance up to 50% to a maximum of \$35,000
 - as well as look at what labour is needed and District will provide breakdown of what they can provide as in-kind contribution
 - there are playground companies that the district recommends
 - in order to apply – need to know full cost – playground equip, ground prep, demo – that gets put forward
 - PAC needs to be ready to go – Corporation of Delta will not consider unless school ready to go financially
 - Before application – need to have the money ready (pre-grant)
 - need to go through an exercise of costing out entire project
 - to install 4 swing swingset - \$5000 – the rubberized base is \$10,000

- a 4 swing set takes approx. 40 ft x 45 ft
 - if we decide to go for swings – does that put PG out of the funding for a number of years
 - it is likely that it will be another 6 years
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- Alternate funding program being worked on by the Corporation of Delta, focused on creating naturalized play environments
 - similar funding process will provide up to 75% and more funding availability
- Principal Mark D. to confirm the deadline for the PAC to commit to a playground improvement project for the 2016/2017 school year.

Breakfast with Santa – December 18

- volunteers will be recruited

Fundraising

- Spring Fair – April 29, 2016
 - Coordinating Committee – Tia Litz, Kelly Elmer, Keziah McCrystal, Rosemary & Laura Clemente
 - Thank you to those that signed up to help in all capacities
 - coordinators will meet and sign up will be posted
 - THIS EVENT RELIES ON VOLUNTEERS
 - THERE MUST BE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS OR EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED
- Chip SALE = \$125 RAISED
 - Where is money is to go?
 - Talked about it going to each classroom
 - Chip sale planners – Tia and Rosemary will bring something forward
- Walk-a-thon – Playground fundraising
 - are walk-a-thons allowed – it would be good as it involves the kids
 - no immediate problem with that from the school
 - proposed to incorporate with WE team – beach clean-up, instead of walk-a-thon take pledges for time cleaning beach
- Purdy's order
All on-line, orders can be placed through Munch-a-Lunch
- Fall Market raised - \$1,200.00
 - thank you to everyone who came out

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Parking – safety issue – people continue to park in front of the school – in the event of an emergency what would emergency vehicles do, they can't come in
- In particular, people seem to think it's ok to park in front of the fire hydrant
 - Something should be done, primarily to keep the fire hydrant clear
 - Strategies? it is difficult to handle correctly

6. CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETING DATE

Next meeting January 25, 2016 - 7:00 pm, Port Guichon Library

Motion to adjourn

Moved (T. Litz)

Seconded (K. McCrystal Rothlin)

Carried

PAC Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Principal's Report
Nov 23, 2015

Information and Sharing

- Full Evac Report Out (Mark will speak to)
- Christmas Concert Rehearsals have begun (Mark will speak to)
- Spirit Wear

Pending Actions

- Redesigned Curriculum Resources for parents
 - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>
 - <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/newcurriculum>
 - Parent Night in the new year (Date to be finalized)
 - 2 additional Professional Days (Feb 22 and April 18)
- Emergency Prep Bin Supplies (Mark will share documents)
- Parking Lot Stop Sign
- Additional Painting/Refreshing of Foursquare, hopscotch...etc.

New Business

- None at this time

Port Guichon PAC

Pending Action Items

Revised November 24, 2015

#	Action Item	Comments/Notes	Date Originated	Assigned To	Completion Target Date
a.	Parking Lot	Finalization of signs for school drop-off zone – Stop signs and further directional signage	March PAC	Mark D	November
b.	Playground – Game Markings	Timeline for painting of additional 4-square game hopscotch markings around	March PAC	Mark D	October
c.	Emergency Prep Requirements	Purchase of tents	October PAC	Rosemary T	November
d.	2016/2017 Playground Improvement Initiative	Confirm timeline for PAC commitment to undertake a playground improvement initiative with the School District	November PAC	Mark D	January
e.	Chip Sale - Proceeds	Options for how the proceeds from chip sales are to be distributed or used	November PAC	Tia L Rosemary T	January
f.	Walk-a-Thon initiatives	Confirm if the School District is in support of schools holding Walk-a-Thon type events	November PAC	Mark D	January

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**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2016 MEETING**

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

C-01	Tarumoto – Traffic Safety Concerns (received via email – January 21, 2015)
C-02	
C-03	
C-04	
C-05	
C-06	
C-07	

The correspondence items listed above have been received by the PAC Executive prior to the distribution of the Meeting agenda

Alan Evans

From: Lynne Tarumoto [tarumoto@telus.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:16 PM
To: alanevanspgpac@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Port Guichon Parking

Please add this correspondence to the PAC meeting Agenda for next meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynne Tarumoto <tarumoto@telus.net>
Date: January 15, 2016 at 8:40:10 PM PST
To: Mark Douangchanh <mdouangchanh@deltasd.bc.ca>, Doug Sheppard <dsheppard@deltasd.bc.ca>
Subject: Port Guichon Parking

Good evening Mark.

I am writing this letter to you tonight very disappointedly. Both Kevin and I have, on numerous occasions, taken the time to approach you and to advise the PAC that there are issues with the way people park around the front of the school. People are parking nose in, blocking the walkways at the front of the school. The hoods of their vehicles are near the school and the rear of the vehicles are right up to the road way. This area is signed as a Fire Zone and very clearly marked for no parking. The vehicles that park in the area are very much the same vehicles that park there daily. This morning Kevin approached a lady in a gold colored Honda Accord when he was forced to walk onto the street with Samuel (kindergarten). The woman stated that she had your permission to park in this location as she is handicapped and can't walk from the handicapped parking spots - after which - she walked her grand kids to the back of the school to drop them off.

After school Kev was forced to walk around the vehicles parked on the walkways at the front of the school to get Sam out to our legally parked vehicle. A beige coloured pickup truck began reversing into the only empty area on the walkway to which Kev had to tell at Sam to stop - the pickup truck had no clue a child was around them as they didn't react like they were about to run over a child. Kevin was approaching from the back of the school near the chain link fence - and the truck reversed right at them.

Last week I was angered by a small coloured maroon SUV that pulled up on the walkway, In front of the office, to drop off their child and nearly hit my child who was 'safely' walking on the walkway. That same afternoon I approached you and the office regarding the after school parking on the walkway. I made the complaint at the office and to you directly.

Frustrated, by repeated offenders, last week I parked in the roadway blocking these people from moving until the majority of children had passed, although I don't believe that I should be taking on this issue for the school.

The family that owns the gold van with a wheel chair caddie on the back parks right up to the front of the school and their wheel chair caddie hangs into the roadway forcing children to walk into the roadway to go around it.

Children should be able to walk on walkways nearest the school with out fear of them being hit by vehicles. I have been walking pretty much down the centre of the roadway to get back to our vehicles as it is the safest route currently - at least we are easily visible.

Please - I am asking for the safety of all children - put a stop to the people who insist on parking on the walkway nearest the school impeding children from walking safely.
Perhaps a couple of mornings with a Liaison Officer parked at that location would be a good idea.

Thank you,

Kevin and Lynne Tarumoto

Sent from my iPhone