



**Canyon Heights Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
General Meeting**

**November 9, 2023
7:30pm**

Welcome!



Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Previous Minutes – June 8, 2023 (AGM)
4. Introductions
5. Principal's Update – Kevin Ward
6. PAC Updates
 - a) Safety (Kendra)
 - b) Fundraising (Vanessa/Mona)
 - c) Events & Gala 2024 (Vanessa)
 - d) Volunteering/help needed
 - e) Other info/reminders
7. 2023/24 Budget (for approval) – Erin
8. Questions/comments/suggestions
9. New Business
10. Close of Meeting



What does the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) do?

PAC Exec are elected **volunteers** that serve for 2-year terms

Our PAC Exec:

- Liaise between parents and admin & with other family of school PACs (e.g. Grade 7 FOS social last June)
- Advocate on behalf of parents for causes important to the entire student body/school community (ie: safety, Handsworth field)
- Fundraise to provide items that enrich the school and the school environment for our kids (computers, ipads, 3D printer, dance troop, young actors, body science, math fair, high jump mat, etc.).
 - We fundraise through events (see below), hot lunch (biggest fundraiser), card project, purdy's fundraiser etc.
- Organize events (for fun and to fundraise) (Harvest Fest, Music Fest, movie nights, ice cream social, morning coffees, bottle drive, Holiday Market etc.)
- Organize special events to show appreciation to staff, admin and teachers (World Teacher Day cookies, teacher appreciation luncheon, holiday and end of year gifts etc.)
- Organize and facilitate after school programs & class reps for each division.



Introductions...your 2023/24 PAC Team

- Kendra Low – Co-Chair & Safety
- Vanessa Mitchell – Co-Chair & Social Media
- Erin Alexander – Treasurer
- Sonia Gadtke – Secretary
- Mona Tavassoli – Fundraising Chair
- Julie Hebb – Volunteer & Class Rep Coordinator
- Jocelyn Chang – After School Programs
- Joyanne LeBarron - Hot lunch Coordinator
- Catherine Kowalski– Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator
- Saman Hamidi – Communications & IT



Safety Update – What we have been doing....



- Focus on Safety – \$4000 DNV Sustainability Grant, community safety meeting (March 2023), lobbying for safety improvements through the DNV (for 2+ years), safety survey engagement with NS Safety Council, safety blitzes, walkabouts with DNV councilors and staff
- Our new crossing light has been installed (yay!); BC Hydro will be connecting it soon.
- Road lines to be painted; new crosswalks N/S at Belvista and curb painting coming.
- Encouraging active transport (very successful bike to school weeks!) – to get people out of their cars & reduce congestion



Safety Update – What’s Planned

- Additional Safety Updates/Actions coming:

- new tall cones
- New signage
- “did you know” PAC parking tickets
- In-class safety education kits
- Follow-up safety survey
- Crossing flags on Highlands & Lions

- Report a violation:

<https://www.dnv.org/report-a-problem>





Safety Update – Help Needed

- Cone patrol
- Parking patrol
- Safety blitz team
- Crossing guards
- Ideal world:
 - Volunteers for a safety committee


Ultimately, we need **everyone** to do their part:

- follow the rules (no excuses!)
- be a good neighbour
- Set an an example and be a good role model



Fundraising & Events


- Hot lunch – 2x/week (with a third on some Fridays 😊)
- Many amazing fundraisers this year including:
 - Purdy's (orders due Nov 22)
 - Winter Market (evening of Nov 22)
 - Bottle Drive (Spring 2024)
 - Card Project
 - Kids Books
 - Gala
 - E-commerce website
 - Ongoing: Krave, Cobs Bread & Nelly's (reminder to say you are from Canyon Heights to have a percentage of your purchase come back to the school)



**Supporting a Cause Never
Tasted So Good!**

Buy your favourite chocolates to support our fundraising campaign.


Purdy's
CHOCOLATIER

Go to fundraising.purdys.com or Scan QR 

Enter customer # to shop & support.

Place your order by

Contact at
for more details.

 CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907



Fundraising & Events

Successful events held already this year:

- Popsicle Social
- Bike, Walk & Roll to School
- Movie Night

Coming up:

- Winter Market – November 22





Fundraising & Events

2024 events planned:

- 2nd movie night – Feb 13th
- Gala – May 2024
 - Push in early 2024 for donations and volunteers
 - Fundraising goal: funds for “outdoor refresh”
- Music Fest – late June (weekend)
- Potential sports day??
- Help Needed:
 - Bottle drive coordinator
 - Social media help
 - Safety committee members





Recap of Last Year's Spend

- *Big Spend Items last year (over \$50,000)*
 - 30 I-pads & cart
 - 3-D printer
 - New high jump mat and bar
 - First Aid course for Grade 6's
 - Young Actors Project; Dance Troop
 - Grade 7 celebration fund (\$2000)
 - Classroom supports (\$7000)
 - Pickleball equipment & new volleyballs



Canyon Heights Elementary PAC

WHAT WE DO: Fundraising, Social Events, Liaising with the School and Parents, After school programs, Safety and so much more...

**WELCOME TO
CANYON HEIGHTS!**

In 2022/23, the PAC provided over \$50,000 in support to the school including:

- 30 I-pads (\$19,000)
- 3-D printer (\$2,500)
- New high jump mat & bar (\$4,000)
- Classroom supports (\$8,000)
- Young Actors Project & Dance Troop Lessons (\$5,000)
- Grade 6 First Aid Course (\$1,000)
- Pickleball and volleyball equipment
- and more...

In addition to continued financial support, we have big plans for 2023/24 including hosting coffee mornings, movie nights, a winter market, a Gala...and much more!

We are always looking for volunteers!

Email: chair@canyonheightspac.org



Follow us on Instagram "canyonheights_pac"

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2023/24 Budget

- \$59,921 currently in our bank accounts
- Some spend priorities 2023/24:
 - Holiday musical script and sound equipment
 - Math Festival (just completed)
 - classroom support funds -\$400 for each teacher and support staff
 - First Aid Workshop (Grade 6's)
 - Hip Hop Dance
 - Young Actors
 - Body Science
 - Grade 7 contribution



Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

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