



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

**February 8, 2024  
7:30pm**

**Welcome!**



# Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Previous Minutes – November 8, 2023
4. Introductions – welcome our new VP, Sarah Dawson
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 Updates
8. Upcoming parent info/education evenings
9. Questions/comments/suggestions
10. New Business
11. Close of Meeting



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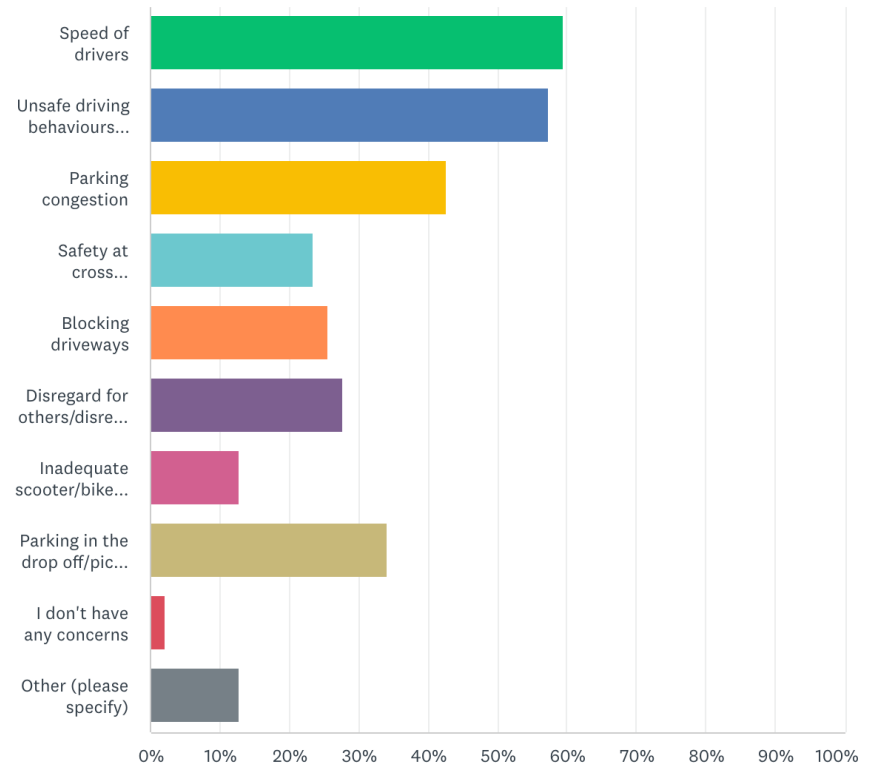


# Safety Update – What we have been doing....

- New crossing light installed and working
- Crossing flags installed on Highlands and Lions
- Some new signage installed (drop off only areas & speed reminders)
- Follow up safety survey – 47 responses to date.
  - 95% say safety has been improved with our recent upgrades
  - Speeding, unsafe behaviours and parking issues still the main concerns.
- Additional RCMP/police presence

What are your main concerns with respect to road safety/parking? (check all that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0





## Safety Update – Follow up with district



- Following up with district on:
  - new crosswalk painting N/S at Belvista
  - Refreshed curb painting
  - Extending the school zone north by one block
  - Adding additional school zone signage
  - Adding delineators in center of road (to stop u-turns)
  - Adding additional parking restrictions on adjacent streets
  - Full list of suggestions on our March 2023 safety presentation:  
<https://canyonheightspac.org/community-safety-meeting/>



## Safety Update – What’s Planned

- Additional Safety Updates/Actions coming:
  - new tall cones (ordered)
  - New signage (additional ordered)
  - “did you know” PAC parking tickets (printed)
  - In-class safety education kits (have arrived)
  - School Zone Safety Reference Sheet
- Report a violation:  
<https://www.dnv.org/report-a-problem>





## Safety Challenge Launching

- Each classroom eligible for class prizes each month
- Parents sign up on “sign-up genius” for daily volunteer slots to earn points towards their child’s classroom(s)
  - Cone patrol
  - Parking patrol
  - Crossing guards
  - Bike, Walk and Roll to school week
- Students can earn points by completing safety challenges each month
- Grand Prize & “Golden Cone” awarded in June





## Fundraising & Events

Successful events and fundraisers held already this year:

- Popsicle Social
- Bike, Walk & Roll to School (Sept)
- Movie Night (October)
- Winter Market (November)
- Winter Purdy's (over \$5000 of chocolate purchased!)





## Fundraising & Events

- Hot lunch – 2x/week (with a third on some Fridays 😊)
  - Recent tweaks to hot lunch have helped increase profit margins!
- Many amazing fundraisers still coming this year including:
  - Purdy's (orders due Feb 24)
  - Bottle Drive – moving to ongoing fundraiser
  - 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)





## Fundraising & Events

2024 events planned:

- Gala – Date TBD this week (May 11 or June 1)
- Bike, Walk and Roll to school week (June 3-9)
- Fun Day (tentative; June)
- Music Fest – late June
- Dance Party/popsicles (students only) – last day of school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night – scheduled for Feb 13: POSTPONED (date TBD)
- Help Needed:
  - Social media
  - Interested in joining the PAC – please reach out!





# 2023/24 Budget

Items supported so far this school year...

- Holiday musical script and sound equipment (what a show!! 😊) ~\$1500
- Math Festival
- Classroom support funds -\$400 for each teacher and support staff
- Grade 7 contribution \$2000
- Staff appreciation/gifts (Christmas)

Big Spends budgeted for balance of the year:

- First Aid course (grade 6) \$1,000
- Body Science \$2,500
- Hip Hop workshop \$2,000
- Young Actors \$4,000
- Outdoor upgrade (specific projects) \$8,000
- Staff appreciation/gifts (year-end)

Update to budget – Canyon Heights did not receive a gaming grant this year



# Upcoming Parent Info Sessions/Workshops

## **Body Science – Parent Info Night (Canyon Heights parents only)**

Feb 20, 2023 @ 6:30pm

### ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 893 2868 0818  
Passcode: 214023

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## **Monitoring, Filtering & Tools for Parents (presented by NVPAC)**

White Hatter

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

[Registration Link](#)

## **Dyslexia BC (presented by NVPAC)**

**Facts, info, recent developments, Q&A**

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7-9pm (zoom)

Registration Link:  
<https://forms.gle/9zjhMmqM5ZD98C8RA>

### Monitoring, Filtering & Tools for Parents & Caregivers (by The White Hatter)

February 22, 2024 7:00pm - 8:15pm VIRTUAL  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE February 20 at 9pm

This is NOT a public event. This event is intended for parents/caregivers of students currently attending an NVSD school for the 2023-2024 school year and NVSD staff.

By filling out this form you are consenting to your personal information being collected to determine parents/guardians of students currently attending an NVSD school for 2023-2024 (or NVSD staff). Your name and email address will be utilized for the purposes of granting access to the White Hatter secure presentation platform on FEBRUARY 22, 2024 and for a feedback survey following the presentation. If you opt to receive notification of the subsequent White Hatter presentations for 2023-2024, you may also receive further email communication.

*A link to register on White Hatter's secure presentation platform will be sent to those registrants who are parents/caregivers of students currently attending an NVSD school for 2023-2024 and NVSD staff. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ACCESS THAT PLATFORM at least 15 minutes prior to the event start time. Contact [rsvp@northvanpac.org](mailto:rsvp@northvanpac.org) if you have difficulties accessing the platform or have not received a link by February 21 at 9pm.*



Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

[www.canyonheightspac.org](http://www.canyonheightspac.org)



REFERENCE

INFO



# 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.



# Canyon Heights 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





# 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](mailto:chair@canyonheightspac.org)



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