



**Chute Lake Elementary
Parent Advisory
Council**

Location: Via Zoom **Date:** October 14, 2021

Purpose: Informal Parent Meeting and CLE PAC Meeting

The Chute Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the Traditional, unceded Territory of the Okanagan People.

Informal Parent Meeting (7:03-7:52pm, Notes below PAC meeting minutes)

PAC Meeting

Members present:

Brenda Kirsch -CLE Principal	Steven Labrie – CLE Vice Principal
Nicola Baker – PAC President	Dave Cartwright – PAC VP
Lisa Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary	Jack Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary
Kelly Lee – PAC Treasurer	Jennine Turner -PAC member
Luciana Luz – PAC member	Rup Malhotra- PAC member
Devon Hunt – PAC Member	Tannis – PAC Member
Stephane – PAC Member	Patty Glover – PAC Member
Laura Buschel – PAC Member	Peggy Herd – PAC Member
Lea Friedman – PAC Member	

All CLE Parents are members of the PAC and encouraged to attend meetings.

- 1) Call to Order – Nicola – 7:52pm
- 2) Approval of Agenda – October 14, 2021
 - a. Motion by Laura, 2nd Dave
 - b. Agenda approved
- 3) Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2021
 - a. Motion to adopt by Dave, 2nd by Laura
 - b. Minutes adopted
- 4) Volunteer Chairs – update
 - a. Lea Friedman – Carnival Chair
 - b. Angela Brown – Fundraiser Chair (Purdy's etc)
 - c. Shannon Bruckshaw – Winter Market TBD
- 5) Finance Report (2020/21)
 - a. No bank activity in September.
 - b. Some funds into PayPal from Hot Lunch
 - c. Complete update next month as account activity commences.
- 6) COPAC Update
 - a. October is Principals and Vice Principals Month as declared by School District
 - b. Next week is School Bus Safety Awareness week

- c. TicToc challenge about doing damage to schools
 - i. RCMP and School Board aware
 - d. Pride Week – Oct 22-31, 2021
 - e. If interested, COPAC rep role is open
- 7) Adjournment – 8:03pm

Future Meeting Dates:

CLE PAC: November 18, 2021 7:00pm

Approved by: _____
CLE PAC President

CLE PAC Treasurer

Date: _____

Notes from Informal Parent Meeting (7:00-7:45)

1. Welcome & Acknowledgements – Nicola - 7:03pm
 2. Meeting attendees have a chance to win a CLE shirt or hoodie for their child.
 3. CLE Admin Update – Principal Brenda Kirsch & Vice Principal Steven Labrie
 - a. **CLE Learning Plan**
 - i. On CLE website under Learning Plan
 1. Inquiry process, Spirals of Inquiry
 - a. Videos, pictures, artifacts and evidence
 - b. Discuss report cards, communicating student learning, enquiry projects
 - c. Has had effect on Equity committee, and Mission Statement
 - d. Informs Annual report of School Board and visits every 3-4 years by special admin visitors
 - b. **October Updates**
 - i. Social-emotional learning for self-regulation and empathy skills
 1. Kids sit in circles (based on indigenous principles) to discuss issues and solutions
 - a. Play is the Way method/games used to teach social skills
 - ii. Field Trips beginning again after 1.5 yrs
 - iii. Volunteering opportunities for kids
 - iv. Clubs starting - hockey, student voice, leadership, social justice groups
 - v. Drumming Oct 21-28 (African Drums with Bobby B and Mrs. Hoek)
 - vi. Halloween
 1. Kids can wear costumes
 2. No big pumpkin carving event this year, may be class based
 3. Big Parade- kids and teachers in costumes
 - a. Parents will be invited
 - b. Route around perimeter of school
 4. Teachers will tell parents if pumpkins are needed at school
4. Community Discussions – Questions & Comments from CLE parents and caregivers.
 - a. **National Teachers Day last week** – PAC dropped off coffee and treats
 - b. **1st National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

- i. PAC donated books by Indigenous authors
 - ii. Mrs. Hunter sent thank you note
- c. New PAC website – www.clepac.ca**
 - i. Surveys and parent info
 - ii. Hot Lunch website still in use for hot lunch orders and other fundraising sales
- d. District engaged in consultation process about mission schools capacity issues (Discussing reopening of Bellevue Creek Elementary School which will lead to new catchment lines for surrounding schools)**
 - i. Multiple surveys for parent engagement
 - ii. Website to visit (<https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/okanagan-mission-catchment/home>)
 - iii. Late November public engagement session
 - 1. Trustee and school district staff will be available to answer questions
- e. COVID**
 - i. District PAC approached by Vancouver/Surrey/New Westminster DPACs with letter they sent to Minister of Health and Education - looking for Support
 - ii. PACs reticent to speak about COVID but communication needed
 - 1. Parent Questions/Statement: Letter to DPACS may lead to some teacher /staff job losses
 - 2. Parent Questions/Statement: School District has done excellent job, and are impeccably clean
 - 3. Letter is publicly available and from several weeks ago (reach out to CLE PAC for copy or can find via Google)
 - Highlights of letter:
 - a. Mask Mandate for K-3
 - b. Limits on gatherings and return to cohorts
 - c. Enhanced contact tracing
 - d. Vaccination mandate for teachers/staff
 - e. Comprehensive testing and rapid tests
 - f. Stronger mask mandate with fewer exceptions
 - g. Plexiglass insufficient
 - h. Faster exposure notifications
 - i. Better ventilation updates
 - j. Better resources for remote learning
 - 4. Letter is just for conversation right now
 - 5. Parent Questions/Statement: Mask wearing – issues with mask wearing apparently in some cases only half the class are wearing masks
 - a. Teacher enforcement?
 - b. In same classroom 6ft rule should not apply
 - c. Resources for teachers
 - d. Brenda Kirsch – teachers encouraged to enforce masks policy, probably comes down to teacher style
 - i. Some 100% wear, some not
 - ii. Teachers feel it's a constant issue to deal with while also trying to teach

- iii. “Long COVID” frustrations coming through
 - iv. Parents should be encouraging their kids to wear masks at school as well
 - v. Ongoing issue even in Middle and High School
 - vi. Schools are very clean, and students clean hands going in and out of classes
 - vii. Everyone on lookout for kids who are not well
 - 1. Parents called if sick kid identified
 - e. Steven Labrie
 - i. Kind supportive and nurturing approach
 - ii. Reminding sometimes gets in way of education
 - iii. Older kids get into some politic discussions and leading to conflict
 - iv. Many are wearing masks, some on exclusion lists, or being reminded
 - f. Parent Questions/Statement: Everyone should have at least one layer of protection to do their part
 - i. ie: Vaccine or Mask
 - ii. Brenda K – parents restricted from entering and all feel safe so far
 - 1. Cannot ask if double vaccinated
 - 2. Masks worn and hands cleaned
 - 3. Rolling out smoothly so far
 - g. Hot Lunch
 - i. PAC & Hot Lunch Coordinator made plan to ensure everyone is kept safe
 - ii. Level III surgical masks in kitchen
 - iii. Parent volunteers do health check before coming into school
 - iv. Dawn worked with Steve Labrie to ensure meeting school health and safety
 - v. Minimizing number of people helping for now
 - vi. Today students had smoothies (1st day Hot Lunch)
 - vii. PAC can ask if parents are double vaccinated
5. Upcoming Fundraisers
- a. **Spirit Wear**
 - i. For sale on Hot Lunch website (coming soon)
 - 1. T-shirts, Hoodies, Toques (Blue and Gray)
 - b. **Purdy’s Fundraiser**
 - i. Suggested timeline? No later than 1st week of December for delivery
 - c. **Bottle Drive**
 - i. Use CLE phone number, print labels and they will deposit in CLEPAC account
 - d. **Mabel’s Labels**
 - i. ongoing
 - e. **November Hot Lunch orders coming up**
 - i. May put both December and November together
 - ii. Suggested may not be a good idea as totals will be higher for two months and people may order less items

