



# Chute Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Date: January 13, 2022 7:00pm

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Location: Via Zoom

Email [CLE.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:CLE.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca) with additions to the agenda, questions or comments.

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

## PAC Meeting

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

Members present:

Brenda Kirsch -CLE Principal	Steve Labrie—CLE VP
Nicola Baker – PAC President	Kelly Lee—PAC treasurer
David Cartwright – CLE VP	Lisa Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary
Jack Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary	French Family –PAC member
Joelle Berry – PAC Member	Lindsey– PAC Member
Jennine– PAC Member	Angela Brown—PAC member
Laura—PAC member	Shaojuan Chen—PAC member

1. Call to Order / Welcome & Acknowledgements 7:04PM
  - a. Enter in the chat for a chance to win CLE shirt or hoodie / announce November winner
2. Approval of Amended Agenda – January 13, 2022
  - a. Motion to approve Lindsey Fisher
3. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2021
  - a. Motion to approve Lindsey Fisher
  - b. Second Jack Gordon
4. Volunteer Chairs – update
  - a. Carnival
    - i. Desire to host event in Covid safe manner
    - ii. Fun and memorable for kids and community
    - iii. Looking for committee to plan
    - iv. Usually held third week of May (May 27 tentatively)
  - b. Hot Lunch
    - i. Postponed January orders until February as volunteers and vendors are unpredictable right now due to covid
    - ii. Looking for more volunteers to help
  - c. Grade 5 Year End Celebration Committee
    - i. Group of parents will be planning/fundraising
    - ii. To meet with Brenda and Nicola

5. **Need for volunteer coordinator** (responsibilities: generate a list of parent volunteers, help fill volunteer needs for hot lunch and other events, managing volunteers at CLE Carnival)
  - a. Dave is working on finding someone to fill this role
6. Upcoming Fundraisers
  - a. **Purdys Easter**
    - i. Easy fundraiser
    - ii. March 29 close
    - iii. April 5-11 delivery
  - b. **Westcoast Seeds**
    - i. Another hands off fundraiser 40% back to school
    - ii. Feb 15 open
    - iii. March 4 close
7. Upcoming Parent Events
  - a. **Digital Learners – February 1(elementary) & 3 (middle and high school)**
    - i. How to get the most out of digital engagement
    - ii. Positive course
  - b. **Anti-bullying** – January 18 (BCTF, limited space 30 spaces available)
  - c. **BCCPAC: Understanding PACs from A-Z and Why they are Important for Families** (February 10)
    - i. May need to reschedule our PAC meeting if there's a lot of interest
  - d. **Saleema Noon** – Must reply to COPAC by January 14
    - i. Discounted rate if enough schools sign up
    - ii. Online course for parents and children (sexual health education)
    - iii. 30 days access to videos
    - iv. Motioned to sign up for Saleema Noon Online Course by Dave
      1. Second by Jack
      2. Approved
    - v. Will need to update budget
8. CLE Admin Update – Principal Brenda Kirsch
  - a. Kids happy to be back
  - b. Holding pattern due to covid
    - i. Hoping to keep schools open
    - ii. Fun and safe learning environment
  - c. MDI testing
    - i. Indicator of children's wellness (survey, optional)
    - ii. Nutrition
    - iii. Physical activity
    - iv. Gives understanding of what's working well for kids and what needs to be improved
  - d. Still running field trips
    - i. Trying to keep things normal for the kids
  - e. Meetings have all gone to Zoom
  - f. If spike in illness there is contingency plan in place
  - g. Harmony Day – February 16
    - i. Treating people with fairness and kindness
    - ii. Talk about kindness with kids regularly, not just this day
    - iii. Everyone wears bright colours, gather in gym, skits, videos, singing, dancing, celebrating diversity

- iv. Will need to be done differently this year, but still fun!
  - h. Pink Shirt Day – February 23
  - i. Report Cards end of January
  - j. Parent teacher conferences in March
    - i. Will likely be via Zoom
  - k. Staff expressed a lot of appreciation for generous gifts at Christmas
  - l. Outdoor classroom
    - i. Applied for grant and got it! \$2000
    - ii. Planning will extend into next year
    - iii. Must be approved by school board
    - iv. Boulders for more seating
      - 1. Parent group can obtain rocks and place them ourselves
      - 2. Hoping to get donation from local developer or company
  - m. Parent question about planning and looking forward to things
    - i. School will be planning things that are realistic and we can do
    - ii. Pancake breakfast was different this year but the kids loved it
    - iii. le Break the rules day, grade 5 celebration, science programs, ski program
      - 1. Morale booster, keeps kids and staff excited
      - 2. Some things need to be altered to meet covid protocol
      - 3. Don't want to plan something big and lavish and have to cancel it as that's very disappointing to kids
      - 4. Lots of micro events happening that are keeping the kids engaged
  - n. Carnival
    - i. Variety of covid safe activities
      - 1. Retro game ideas that are inexpensive and kids can be spaced out
    - ii. Slideshow on big screen?
  - o. Parent question: What can parents do or bring from outside to help staff?
    - i. Positive emails about staff member
    - ii. Mask, coffee/treats huge morale booster
  - p. Vitacore is going to donate masks to schools across province
  - q. Staff appreciates the positive messaging on PAC website and social media
    - i. Morale boosting
  - r. All about me sheets from the teachers were really helpful with group gifts for teachers
9. ~Community Discussions – Questions & Comments from CLE parents and caregivers.
- a. Parents are being kept in the dark but this is due to Interior Health (IH), not the staff/school
  - b. Guidelines for student/staff attendance
  - c. Elementary schools prioritized for TOC's as older kids could be sent home but elementary age kids need supervision
  - d. Big change with mask wearing for kids, being more compliant than before break
    - i. Lots of handwashing
    - ii. It's becoming their new normal
    - iii. Positive happy interactions
  - e. PAC exec is available for support if parents ever need anything. Feel free to contact us with questions or concerns
  - f. Helpful for the school to know what's going on with covid.
    - i. Let your friends know that it's helpful to notify school if students have covid

- ii. Private info and won't be shared but helps with planning
- iii. Goal is to keep school running and keep students and staff safe
- g. Parent question: can PAC put out info regarding BC covid tracker?
  - i. Reluctant to tie PAC's name to this as it's not necessarily the most accurate information although it is helpful to know
  - ii. Don't want it to add to negativity associated with covid
  - iii. Chute Lake parent covid group
    - 1. PAC can't share it with the community, but parents can share on their personal pages
    - 2. Much more covid than is being posted
- h. District PAC has asked Interior Health to allow schools to report out to families on Covid cases in schools but haven't heard back

#### 10. Treasurer's Report Updates to Budget 2021/22

- a. See attachment
- b. Motion to accept amended budget by Kelly Lee
- c. Approved

#### 11. Family skate

- a. Family day (February 21<sup>st</sup>)
- b. Sponsored by Care Dental (will also be providing free toothbrushes)
  - i. 4:30pm-6pm
  - ii. Capacity 100 people on ice and off
  - iii. Breaking into two 40 minute time slots
  - iv. \$540 cost
  - v. Hot chocolate –concession closed
  - vi. How can people sign up for the event
    - 1. Sign Up Genius (web application)
    - 2. Lise Bradshaw can help
  - vii. Need invoice to give to Care Dental (\$600)
  - viii. Pop up banner for PAC?
    - 1. To use at a variety of events
    - 2. \$125 approx. cost

#### 12. Adjournment 8:25

**Future Meeting Dates: CLE PAC February, 10 2022 7:00pm**