

# EMILY CARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Parent Advisory Council

*Working together, with students and staff, to enhance the school experience for our children*

### **What is the PAC?**

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is ALL of the parents at Emily Carr. Every parent/guardian of a child enrolled at the school is a member of the PAC. That means that there are hundreds of members of the PAC at our school!

### **What does the PAC do?**

The function of the PAC is to:

- Help create a school community. This is done through events and volunteer opportunities that bring the school community together.
- Support the educational mandate & needs of the school. This is achieved through fund-raising efforts and the purchase of infrastructure and resources that support the school.

### **What is the PAC executive?**

A PAC is required to have an executive. The role of the executive is to schedule and host PAC meetings, managing the PAC financial activities, and keeping records of the meetings and financial transactions.

PAC executive for the 2018/2019 year are:

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| Katie Lee    | Chair      |
| Roy Quiñones | Vice Chair |
| Lorna Braber | Treasurer  |

### **What happens at PAC meetings?**

All PAC members – that means all parents are invited to attend all PAC meeting. Typically the agenda of the meetings includes: updates from a teacher and the principal about things going on in the school and discussion of events and activities of the PAC. In the spring of each year, the PAC votes on spending decisions for the coming year.

### **If I come to PAC meeting will I have to commit to a project or a committee?**

Nope, nope and nope!! Your time and effort contribution to the PAC is voluntary and based solely on what your schedule allows and what your interests are.

### **How does the PAC get stuff done?**

The PAC is a volunteer organization and has no staff or other supports. All activities that the PAC does have been created and implemented by a parent – or group of parents - that are looking for a way to 'pitch in'.

### **Who decides what activities the PAC supports financially?**

YOU DO !!! All spending is decided through a resolution at a PAC meeting.

### **What can I do to support the school?**

You contribute your time as works best for you. There are a range of opportunities.

- If you have a flexible day-time schedule you could volunteer for events at the school during the day.
- You could organize an event
- You could get a group of parents together for a project (fundraiser or new activity)
- You could join the PAC executive
- You could volunteer to help out at one of the events organized by other parents.

There are many activities and the intention is that anyone who wishes to help out can find or create an activity that suits their interest and schedule.

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### ***I have an idea for an activity or project...how can I get started?***

You can develop an activity that interests you for the school. All of the activities that the PAC currently does were once just an idea someone had....and then put into action. The first step is to talk to the principal, or come to a PAC meeting, or talk to one of the PAC executive. New ideas are usually started by a group or team.

### ***Previous years' "BIG" purchases (approximate – and by memory)***

- 2006-8 – school playground replacement – tens of thousands
- 2009-10 – smart boards for each classroom – \$2000 each
- 2011 - gym/ mobile sound system with microphone - \$11,000
- 2012 – seed funding for sensory room \$4500 (rest came from other funds); gym equipment \$3500; canopies with Emily Carr labels \$1000; reading help materials and licenses \$1000; marimba seed funding \$2000 (rest came from a grant)
- 2013 – iPads – the first cart of 30 - \$12,000; reading help materials - \$1500
- 2014 – 2 tire swings for playground – supply and install - \$12,000
- 2015 – iPads – in bins with charging stations \$12,000; gym equipment -\$2000, SOS funds - \$1000
- 2016 – Technology – iPads, 15 keyboards, aps – estimated at \$13,000; Library – carpet and casual chairs – estimated at \$3,000; Music and Band –two new Marimbas (17 keys) – estimated at \$1350 each; Library - annual author visits estimated at \$1300 for the year; Funding for SOS - \$1000 for the year
- 2017 – spotlights for gym \$3500; resource and literacy \$3000; classroom technology \$10,000; library furniture \$2000
- 2018 - 15 iPads \$7500; Zero Waste Program \$350; \$2000 primary playground seed funding

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