

Journey Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time Sept 12 2023, 7pm in Library | *Meeting called by* Journey Middle School PAC

In Attendance

Meghan Rownd, President | Shannon McInnes, Vice-President | Emma Hunter, Treasurer | Kate Langridge, Secretary | Evangelia Koutsodimos, SPEAC Rep

Other: Marisa Herron, Julie Salter, Carla Donaldson, Kristy Green, Jennifer Gibson, Zac Vine, Brad Spelt, Lara Bell, Tina Edwards, Kelly Dvorak

Meeting Called to Order: 7:11 pm

Welcome and introductions

Territorial Acknowledgement - Journey Middle School PAC would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Coast Salish, specifically the T'Souke nation on which the school is built. We recognize the territory and the nation. We thank them for sharing this beautiful land.

Opening Motions

MOTION: To Adjourn by 8:05 pm Shannon 1st, Zac 2nd. Approved

MOTION: To approve agenda Evangelia 1st, Shannon 2nd. Approved

MOTION: To approve June 2023 minutes Evangelia 1st, Shannon 2nd. Approved

Partner Groups

Staff Updates

- Sports Department, Zac Vines - plan to run intramural sports to reduce barriers to participation for students due to travel for games while allowing the students to have more access to competition.
- School Composition: 22 divisions, 1 blended learning division with 9 students enrolled in blended learning = 23 divisions total
- School Schedule: This year the school schedule is aligned with the district holding 6 blocks per day.
- FSA's (Gr 7): Info will be sent home soon. As always, there will be an additional mail to parents from the district to outline Grade 7 FSA and reasons to withdraw. Main difference between last year and this year is that Admin will need to contact families requesting exemption this year to ensure eligibility.
- Accessible Lunch Program: Lunch program is now run by Flourish, staff are working on lunch logistics with the new bell schedule. 50 lunches are being served. General composition: Hot lunch, salad and a sweet treat.
- Spirit Wear: Will be available for purchase this fall. This year looking for sample sizes so families can get a feel for sizing. Fundraiser for Athletics dep. and the school. Promotion will happen ahead of time, estimated delivery Nov.
- Exploratories: They will be happening again this year. These are mixed age teacher led offerings and students get to pick their top 5 choices. Some small fees and permission slips may apply, parents will need to ensure those are returned. There is an Affordability grant available to support these fees if families need.
- The Affordability Grant is available again this year. Request from school Admin. there will be a consultative process for how to spend the Affordability grant. Parent volunteers are needed and encouraged to volunteer for this. This will be happening soon, more info to be provided by the office. Note, staff and teachers will have final say in how grant money is distributed, and parent feedback is welcome and valued.

Treasurer Report

- Gaming Grant: \$14,032.96 Minus Milk Money \$367 & Literacy \$350 which were deposited into the wrong acct.
- Emma to adjust before the Oct meeting.
- General/Operational: \$2170.74
- Gaming Grant application has been submitted for this year, we will have updates in October.

Old Business

- PAC Executive voted and approved to spend \$150 on pencils and snacks for the Grade 6 class on their first day.
- PAC Executive voted in Shannon Green-McInnes to take the position of Vice-President over the summer break.

New Business

- Introduction of the 2023/24 PAC Executive

Motions:

- Motion to approve Constitution dated Sept 5. Shannon 1st, Lia 2nd. Approved
- Motion to approve PAC spends \$1200 for Grade 8 Aylard Farm trip to come from remaining gaming money. Shannon 1st. Julie 2nd. Approved.
- Motion to approve \$730 from remaining Gaming money to support Orange Shirt Day painted hearts project for all students. Evangelia 1st. Shannon 2nd. Approved.
- Motion to approve up to \$1385 for welcome BBQ lunch for all students - tabled for now, Exec will discuss offline after further consultation with staff and internally.

Updates

- Bottle Drive Update – Tentatively October 14th, 9-1pm, pending finding a suitable location.
- PAC to have a table at the Meet the Teacher night - date TBD.

Nominations/Voting for PAC Positions Still Available

- Emergency Coordinator: Marissa Herron Nominated. By acclamation, approved.
- Food Coordinator: Carla Donaldson Nominated. By acclamation, approved.
- Event Coordinator: Tina Edwards Nominated. By acclamation, approved.
- Fundraising Coordinator: Julie Salter & Kristy Green co-nominated. By acclamation, approved.

Next Meeting – [October 10](#), 2023 7pm Library

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:19 pm – Shannon 1st, Kate 2nd