



**Henry Anderson Elementary
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19th, 2023**

Multipurpose Room

Chairs: Aisha Elgahmodi (Chair), Mary Hsi (Vice-Chair)

Attendees: Sean Harrington (Principal), Colin Chan (Vice-Principal), Vivian Ko (Treasurer), Fanny Lee (M.A.L. – Hot Lunch), Monica Das (M.A.L. – School Fruit And Vegetable Nutritional Program), Canny Sin (M.A.L. – Fundraising), Michelle Wang, Baren Tsui, Donald Mak, Selina Chen, Lucy Jdanova, Cheyenne Sia, Marine Walic, Sheon Chen, Gail Lam, Joanna Tam, Theora Lu, Aimee Ang, Queenie Chan,

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm. Welcome from **Aisha**. Great turnout. Went around and a quick introduction from all.

Sean asked if our school SWIS worker, **Mandy Yang**, could take a few minutes to share a little of her work and how she can help newcomers to our school. She says services can be provided in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Punjabi, and more. Her office hours are Monday mornings and all day Fridays.

We started with the Admin Update so everyone could have a chance to look over the minutes from the June 14, 2023 Meeting. The attendance list was not turned in to Marine, so she could not send it out to everyone who attended.

Sean: The staff work very hard on class placements, starting in May. We've had a great start and working towards a positive learning environment.

Colin: Meet the Teacher opportunities will be at 8am on Thursday. We have 612 students this year. Everyone has recess at the same time, and we all eat at the same time now at 11:50am. We have 5 new Noon Hour Supervisors and Sean and Colin are out there as well. Volleyball season will be starting soon, open to all Grade 6 and 7 students. Terry Fox Run on Thursday, encourage people to wear red, and there will be 2 assemblies. On Sep 29th for Truth and Reconciliation Day, we will have 2 assemblies, Orange Shirt Day and call to action. Our theme of Building Community via Math and Leadership, and working with teachers. Wednesday, Sep 27th will have 2 presentations on the CORE French Program.

Our School Board Trustee, **David Yang**, sends his regrets. He looks forward to joining us next month.

Treasurer Report:

Selina Chen officially tenders her resignation.

Vivian has offered to step in as she was Crista Burke's co-treasurer last SY.

Vivian: Refer to 3 handouts: (1) Budget vs Actual, For the SY 2022-2023; (2) Hot Lunch 2022/2023 Budget vs Actual; (3) Statement of Financial Position, For the 12 Months Ended June 30, 2023. We have 24 months to spend Gaming Grant.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:

Past meeting (June 14th, 2023) minutes, edits were suggested. There was discussion, and there was a general feeling of vague memories. It was a very busy meeting, with the highest turnout of the year, and we were unsure if the areas of responsibility of each Member-at-Large was mentioned. Some people thought it was mentioned, others thought they did not hear it. As a factual matter, not all the attendees of the June 14th 2023 meeting are at the meeting tonight (Sep 19th 2023). In fact, only 11 of the 42 PAC members from June 14th 2023 are present tonight. As memories were unclear, but no large objection, it was suggested to take out the clarification of the areas of responsibility of the 3 MAL positions, namely Hot Lunch, Fundraising, and Fresh Fruits and Veggies Program. Motion to approve minutes with edits, moved by Lucy, seconded by Monica. Motion passed.

Hot Lunch:

Thanks to Veronica who is our Master Admin for the app, makes ordering and paying for Hot Lunch so easy!

Fanny: Using 3 vendors this term. Had some hiccups with White Spot last term. This school year, everyone eats at the same time at 11:50am. There were some questions, and discussion took place. Donald informed us that the logistics of delivering the Hot Lunch, quickly and accurately, must be taken into account. Because everyone is eating at the same time now, and we are one of the largest elementary schools in terms of student population and Hot Lunch orders, some vendors would not be able to accommodate us. In previous discussions with White Spot, they would not be able to accommodate our order size at this time.

Halloween activities: **Monica** suggested that we could bring a lot of Halloween fun to each Division by having the students in each Division decide on a theme for their classroom. Many ideas, ranging from in-class decorations, to classroom door decoration contest, to crowning a primary grades winning class and a intermediate grades winning class and a nice class Halloween trophy that can be kept by the winning classes until the next Halloween, and presented to the winning class the following year. It can foster a fun competition, and elicit a lot of Anderson Eagles school spirit! Discussion followed.

Pumpkin Patch, the first year, we paid \$1 for each pumpkin, so approx \$600. The next year, pricing increased to \$2 per pumpkin, and we spent \$1300. This year the prices may have increased again. Motion to approve up to \$1500 for pumpkins for all students. Moved by Marine. Seconded. (Unfortunately I missed writing it down in my notes who seconded, so please reply email me or bring up at meeting). Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.