

ÉCOLE PAULINE JOHNSON PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes Oct 3, 2024 6-8pm

Present: Yuliia, Daria Aksoivova, Lauren Gibson, Ben Lightburn, Afshin Manai, Sophe & Steph, Dan Feng Tan, Tara Ocejo, Aineer Nerpeissou, Roman Nerpeissou, Ryan Donohoe, Jessica Oakes, Eugene Uesselman, Verena Lam, Bartek Kienc, Tristan Sawtell, Megan Mcgettigen, Omid Qashqai, Gilda Farhadian, Sarah Yassami, Melanie Miao, Olivia Zistlir, Anna Lavrova, Finola Lynch, Claudia Chavez, Barry Nguyen, Paige Yamini, Anna Chen, Tara Zielinski, Hannah Williams & virtual attendees

1. **Welcome and call to order** – Past chairs: Claudia Chavez and Barry Nguyen

2. **Land Acknowledgement** – Barry Nguyen

3. **Introductions and Ice Breaker Activity**

PAC events, descriptions of all roles are on the website at ecolepjpac.com

PAC EXECUTIVES 2024-2025

Chair: vacant

Past Chairs: [Claudia Chavez](#) & [Barry Nguyen](#)

Co-Treasurers: [Puja Suri](#) & [Bartek Kienc](#)

Secretary: [Verena Lam](#)

Communications: [Steph LeComte](#)

Volunteer Coordinator: [Olivia Zishiri](#)

DPAC Representative: [Anna Chen](#)

Fundraising & Events Coordinator: [Jenny Cha](#) & [Paige Huford Yamini](#)

Members at Large

Class Parent Liaison: [Paige Huford Yamini](#)

New Families Representative: [Aaliya Gradley](#)

Fun Lunch Coordinator: [Paola Chavez](#)

Spirit Committee Lead: [Megan McGettigan](#)

Traffic Safety Lead: [Asal Shalviri](#)

PJ Park Lead: [Laureline Balzan](#)

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Representative: [Laureline Balzan](#)

4. **Principal's Report** – Mme. Zielinski

a) New and exiting times at PJ: 399 students, 17 divisions/class; around 84 new families to PJ; staff solidified (fully staffed); staff illness and protocols (TTOC – teacher teaching on call for coverage)

b) Curriculum Night: your feedback is important – please email Mme. Zielinski

c) Staying positive and connected

- Please read through the e-bulletin and PJ online calendar/update, teachers' email
- School Messenger
- PAC and School Website
- Respect and Trust
- Parent Invites and Assemblies by Grade due to gym capacity

- New parent liaison (PAC)
- International Celebrations and Cultural Education Opportunities from diverse students' population background
- Principal's Corner – Once/Term (12 noon approximately 30 minutes, virtual)
- Miscellaneous: Budget approved in June 2024. Thank you for the Class Funds to make special projects possible; Terry Fox Thank you for the snacks and support!

5. **Financial Update** – Bartek Kienc

2024/2025 Budget presentation

- Line by line review and explanation of the budget
- Fundraising event and effort
- Review of balance sheet
- New budget document posted on PAC website

6. **PAC Events** ecoleppac.com – Barry Nguyen & Claudia Chavez

- 1) Creative Packs (Aug)
- 2) Welcome Back Coffee/Tea Event (Sept 3)
- 3) Traffic Blitz (Sept 9-13)
- 4) Terry Fox Freezies (Sept 16)
- 5) Popsicle Fridays (Sept 13, Oct 4, Nov 8, Dec 6) <https://volunteersignup/8XIX9>
- 6) Spirit Wear (Sept 23 – Oct 14) <https://epjstore.itemorder.com/>
- 7) World Teacher's Day (Oct 4)
- 8) Fun Lunch (3 days a week this year)
- 9) K-4 Pizza Day (ordering deadline Oct 11)
- 10) Garden Committee – school yard clean up

7. **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)** – Mme. Zielinski

- Indigenous acknowledgement
- History and present: District Strategic Plan as it connects to FESL
- Three main goals
 - Educational excellence
 - Visionary leadership
 - Successful transitions
- PJ's goal: We will deepen our journey towards authentic learning in a bilingual environment that honours our multilingual identity.
- Objectives
 1. To inspire curiosity and pride in our conceptual, functional and contextual relationships with French
 2. To provide linguistic and cultural opportunities to make open-minded connections that enhance our identity.
- Parents participation: how to engage in our children's journey towards authentic learning in a bilingual environment that honours our multilingual identity
- Questions: Grading, evaluation

8. **Adjournment** – Barry Nguyen, Claudia Chavez

Second part of the evening: Mingler Event (Wine & Cheese)

Secretary for this meeting: Verena Lam

Next PAC meeting: Nov 7, 2024 (6-8pm) **Location:** Virtual only. Link to be shared.