

**Sunshine Hills Elementary School  
2019/2020  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

**Hello All and Welcome to the New School Year!**

Hello Sunshine Hills Elementary parent community,  
I am excited to start another school year with all of you. I wanted to send out a letter outlining who we are as PAC, an introduction to executive, an encouragement to get involved, and to give you dates for our PAC meetings. I have been fortunate to be apart of this parent community for seven years and am looking forward to partnering with all of you this year.

**Who/What is PAC?**

Every person that has a child in the school is a member of PAC (Parent Advisory Council). **You are PAC.** If you are receiving this it means you have a student in the school and you are already part of our PAC. All parents and guardians are welcome at our monthly meetings.

“PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parent's concerns and aspirations for their school”

(definition from BCCPAC website, [www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is-a-pac](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is-a-pac))

The PAC aspires to cultivate positive school culture, to support the learning of the students and to promote a cohesive school community.

**The Executive**

**PAC Executive 2019/20** [sshpac@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:sshpac@deltasd.bc.ca)

Executive		Helpers	
President	Melanie Funk	Parent Education	Needs Filling
Vice President	Kirsten Fleming	Family Fun Night Team of 4 leading representatives from each grade.	1.Needs Filling 2.Needs Filling 3 Needs Filling 4 Needs Filling
Treasurer	Kim Kautzman	Emergency Preparedness	Lisa Porter
Secretary	Alyson Quan	Canadian Parents for French Rep (CPF)	Glenda McCallum
District PAC	Trish Uppal	Fruit&Veggie Program	Angela Akehurst
		Absentee	Crystal Fletcher
Exec at Large	Jayne Campbell	Social	Martina Pavlik
		Playground	Dawn Silver /Jayme Campbell
		Craft Fair	Kim Kautzman / Sarah Bishop
		Hot Lunch	Martina Pavlik

**How does a PAC work?**

“Through their elected executives from parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to PAC meetings communication may also be done through newsletters, email, telephone, email and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input. PACs, with strong participation from parents have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education.

## Purposes of a PAC

1. To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
2. To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.
3. To encourage parent involvement in the school, & to support programs that promote parent involvement.
4. To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
5. To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
6. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.
7. To advise and participate in the activities of the DPAC and BCCPAC"

(from BCCPAC website, [www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/pac-dpac/what-is))

In the past few years, Sunshine Hills PAC has financially supported the school community by building a new playground, and monies for teacher allocations (funds for classroom teachers' classrooms), bursaries (funds for field experiences, resources etc.), electronics, jerseys, cultural events, sports equipment, TV in library, Ipad cart, computers, teacher appreciation lunches, gym mural, and much more.

## Ideas wanted, Volunteers Necessary

PAC meetings are the place to bring ideas for creating social events either for fundraising or simply to bring the community together. The biggest issue with these wonderful ideas is getting people to organize them. A BIG thank you for everyone that has volunteered in numerous ways such as school drivers, readers, field trip supervisors, veggie program, hot lunch, absentee list, library helpers, family fun night volunteers and much more. We couldn't run many of the school events without you. We hope to see many more faces volunteering in the upcoming school year.

## Principals Update

One of the first things that occurs at a PAC meeting is our Directeur/Principal, Jody Billingsley, will give a school update. Everything from school initiatives to assemblies, different school events and the day to day of Sunshine Hills, will be shared. Principal Billingsley will update us on the school teams, both sports and academic, as well as, events the SHPAC has brought into the school.

## Get involved:

- Sign up for our PAC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/237382066388807/> to get school related information.
- Add yourself to our PAC email. We also have a PAC email that we use to send information and use as a place to ask questions. The address is: [sshpac@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:sshpac@deltasd.bc.ca). Only Sunshine Hills parents can be members. For the safety of the students and families we do verify this. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please email the above address and write ADD in the subject line.
- Attend our monthly PAC meetings. We hope to see you there.

## NEXT MEETING is WEDNESDAY, September 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm

## PAC Meeting Schedule 2019/20

All meetings are held in the **Library at 7pm on Wednesdays.**

Sep 25	Oct 30	Nov 20	Jan 22	Mar 04	Apr 29	Jun 03
Budget Draft	Vote on PAC budget				Nominate PAC Executive	AGM/Vote

Sincerely,  
Melanie Funk  
PAC President