

Sunshine Hills Elementary School
2024/2025
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Hello All and Welcome to the New School Year!

Hello Sunshine Hills Elementary Parent Community,

We are well on our way to another great year for our school!

As valued members of our community, your involvement is essential to the success and growth of our school. We are reaching out to introduce our current PAC executives and vacant roles and share a bit about who we are as the Parent Advisory Council.

In this letter, you'll find information about upcoming meetings and how you can get involved. We encourage you to participate and contribute to the vibrant community we're building together!

What is PAC

Every parent that has a child at the school is already a member of the Parent Advisory Council ("PAC"). You are all encouraged to participate, come to meetings and volunteer!

The PAC plays a vital role in addressing issues that impact our school and the education of our children. Your voices are invaluable, and together we can advocate effectively for our school.

As parents, you bring a wealth of ideas and support to help tackle the challenges facing public schools. We also fundraise and provide resources for our teachers and students, put on social events and parent education.

PAC Communications:

We invite you to join our PAC WhatsApp community! This group will be our main channel for sharing announcements, calling for volunteers, and keeping everyone informed throughout the year. Mme Hanlon will also send out communication to parents as needed on PAC's behalf.

In recent years, we've noticed a drop in engagement and have faced challenges in recruiting volunteers. By joining this community, you can help us strengthen our connections and make a positive impact.

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Please join our WhatsApp Community - We will only use it to send out announcements and ask for volunteers. Please share with other parents!

Your Current PAC Executive 2024/2025

President:	Candace Basi
Vice-President:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Joseph Chang
Secretary:	Megan McDonald
District PAC:	Vacant
Exec at Large:	Amika Reichard
Exec at Large :	Vacant
Past President:	Monika Reyes

Pac Roles:

Parent Education:	Vacant
Family Fun Night:	Sherri Plantinga and Jashan Grewal (Co Chair)
CPF Rep:	Carolina Lee
Hot Lunch:	Amika Reichard
Playground:	Vacant
Social/Fundraising:	Vacant

Class 2025 Grade 7 Farewell Celebration Chairs - Leigh Berglund Karmody

Class 2026 Grade 7 Farewell Celebration Chairs - TBD

Other positions as required

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 cooperation 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"

Principals Update

One of the first things that occurs at a PAC meeting is our Principal/Directrice, Keri Hanlon and Vice-Principal/Directeur Adjoint John Rodgers, 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. They will update us on the school teams, both sports and academic, as well as, events the SHPAC has brought into the school.

NEXT MEETING is WEDNESDAY, October 9th at 7:00PM at the Library

PAC Meeting Schedule 2024/25 (subject to change)

- October 9, 2024 *budget draft*
- November 20, 2024 *budget vote*
- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025 PAC Executive 2025/26
- June 11, 2025 AGM/Vote

Sincerely,

Candace Basi

PAC Chair

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