



## **Frank J Ney PAC – Newsletter May, 2018**

Hi everyone!

This newsletter is a monthly update for you as part of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) at Frank J Ney.

There is also a weekly email and Facebook post, and regular updates on our Facebook page. If you haven't already, please do join our Facebook group – '**Frank J Ney Elementary PAC**'. That way you will receive updates in real time and can join in useful discussions about what is happening at our school.

If you would also like to subscribe to our emails or have any questions please contact me at [fjnpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:fjnpacchair@gmail.com).

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### **PAC Meeting**



At our latest PAC meeting in April we discussed updates on the **Travel Planning Committee** and I delivered a presentation from **HASTE** which has since been emailed out and posted on Facebook.

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There was also an update on our **playground enhancements project**.

As a group we looked at some options. The committee was meeting again with the school district after the PAC meeting so it was agreed further update would follow. See the newsletter for more.

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We talked about the **PAC Executive election**, which is coming up in October. The usual election is held at the AGM in February. However, this year it was agreed to extend this to October to enable all incoming parents to consider.

Our current Treasurer, Charlene McKay, will be stepping down. So, if you are interested in this role she can start working with you now! Please let me or Charlene know if you would like to talk about, or any of the roles, in more detail.

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### **Budget Update**

Please see the documents sent out by email/posted to Facebook.

A motion was made and accepted, to restrict \$1,000 of PAC funds, to be available for the Fine Arts program we support. These need to be booked in advance so the school can utilize grants.

We also discussed and approved a motion to add additional funds, \$500, so that can be used for providing the food for the Rutherford families evening.

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*As usual meeting minutes, budget updates, Principal's Report etc were posted on Facebook & sent out by email.*

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### **Travel Planning Committee**

We have again met with Lise from HASTE and she is currently updating the action points, including those for us as parents and administration at the school. These should be with us very soon, and then these can be shared in the most appropriate way.

We also reviewed the actions that have been drafted for the other project stakeholders; RCMP, City of Nanaimo, RDN Transit, ICBC, and SD68.

Hopefully you have all seen the bright sign that was placed in the middle of the



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crosswalk on Hammond Bay Road over Spring Break. We have feedback our concerns that you cannot see it when someone is waiting to turn onto Williamson. However, it is a starting point!

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### **Transportation**

I am sure you have heard that it has now been approved that a school bus will be provided for the students who are coming to Frank J Ney from Rutherford. This is great news!

As this is currently only a 1 year plan, there will be work to do with our new students and their parents to try and maintain this bus for them if this is what is needed.

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### **Playground Enhancements**

The committee met again with Mike Ross from SD68. We discussed the hard work that Charlene McKay has done on looking at the best options and pricing.

We agreed that the 2 structures discussed and voted on would continue to be our aim. We are also looking at adding some accessible play elements in a dedicated area by the school gym.

Work is still ongoing to confirm final plans, and get these ordered!

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### **School Consolidation Working Group (SCWG)**

The 6<sup>th</sup> working group is due to be held on 28 May, where representatives from affected North End schools discuss how we will manage the intake of Rutherford students/parents, when the school closes next year.

This is our final meeting, so as usual any questions, queries, concerns please let me know [fjnpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:fjnpacchair@gmail.com).

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### **Emergency Kiosk/Packs**

We will soon starting to think about the students who have emergency/comfort packs in the kiosk at the school.

I will be arranging for the packs of those in **grade 7** to be removed in June. These can then be collected by parents if they would like them back. I will be sending a note home to confirm the process.

I will also be looking at taking out packs for those in **grade 4**. As it has been 5 years since this grades packs went into the kiosk, it is time to check they are still current and refresh where necessary. Again, I will send a note home. Please note, we cannot maintain a list of every student's expiry date, so they come out in batches!

Finally, if your child is leaving the school at the end of June and you would like the pack, please let me know by May 31. I can then also take these out for you to collect. Please contact me at [fjnpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:fjnpacchair@gmail.com) and let me know the student's name and teacher. Thank you!

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### **Events/Fundraisers**



#### **Dance-a-thon**

Our students got a chance to show off their moves (and singing skills!) during this years Dance-a-thon.

We raised a fantastic \$2,683 which exceeded our target. Well done everyone!!



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This means that the whole school gets a free popcorn day. Also, the winning class get an extra popcorn day – well done Mrs. Zolob!! Dates for these to be confirmed.



Thank you to Shayne Todd for organizing this fun event. Shayne will be leaving us next year, so if anyone is interested in taking this on, please let me know!

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### **Track meet concession**

Thank you to everyone that helped at the concession this year. It was a sunny day which was much better than last year! We raised approximately \$1,100 to go towards funds for our students. The best concession profit yet!

Well done to all the students that made such a great effort in their events too.

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### **Rutherford family evening – 24 May**

A reminder that we have organised for invitations to be made to the new Rutherford families, to come and have a look at the school, meet some teachers and parents, and have some snacks.

This is an informal evening, where we hope some of our existing parents will come along too. Please do join us!

I am looking forward to saying hello to our new families!

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### **Teacher's Appreciation Lunch**

This event is being held on **14 June**.

Our new coordinator, **Celina Kwasniak**, will be asking for donated food/drinks and help with running this soon.

This is a great way to thank our wonderful teachers and staff, so thank you to you in advance for supporting this!

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### **Popcorn**



7 May – send in \$1 for your child to get a fresh bag of popcorn!

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### **PAC Calendar**



As usual I have updated the 'Team Up' calendar showing **events and fundraisers** planned as well as important school dates.

The **suggestions form** is also stored in the rack by the office.

<https://teamup.com/ks1ndri826iqd57th3>



Our next **PAC meeting** is on **Tuesday 8 May at 6:00 p.m.** in the library.

Babysitting is provided by our fabulous grade 7 students – thanks as always to them! I hope to see some of you there.

Have a great month everyone!

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