



Frank J Ney PAC – End of Year Newsletter 2017/2018

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.

PAC Meeting



At our latest PAC meeting in June we discussed updates on the Travel Planning Committee as well as the playground enhancements still being ongoing, upcoming events and other items of note.

Travel Planning Committee

I updated the meeting that this has been a very frustrating process so far. We still did not have final maps, or action plans. We, therefore, had met with the School District to provide them with feedback and let them know our frustrations. This had also been forced on us by finding out that activities for temporary infrastructure and events were being held at other schools and not ours.

Following this lack of progress, we are down 1 member of our committee.

Following our feedback we were confirmed that we would have a temporary flashing crosswalk on Hammond Bay Road. See the **Travel Planning** section later for updates!

DPAC Report

It had been reported at DPAC that the 'Power Up' workshops would no longer be offered within SD68. These were the sexual health workshops that we used prior to last year.

Principal's Report

This update is shared at the meeting and then sent out afterwards. However, a couple of items of note:

- There are various teacher and staff changes, these were listed on the update but more changes have/will still come
- Ms. Poulin wanted to say a huge 'Thank You' to the school community for her first year with us.

The PAC returned the thanks and recognised all the hard work that she puts into our school every day. Thank you!

Budget Update

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

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



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Committee Updates

Travel Planning Committee

So, it is now the end of the school year and we are still waiting for our action plan to be finalised

We have seen the draft safe travel maps, and provided feedback on these. These were also shared on Facebook and sent out by email.

During last week there were some events planned at different schools who have been working on Safe Walk maps. Our school had RCMP present on Hammond Bay Road, handing out cards with pictures drawn by our students. This was part of the ICBC 'Think of Me' campaign. We also had a 'temporary flashing crosswalk' for the day at the Hammond Bay crosswalk at the top of Williamson Road. This was not quite what we had all thought it would be – feedback has been provided on this!

We have had many frustrations with this process and have escalated some actions through to the school district directly. Myself and Nick Baldwin will be meeting the school district, HASTe and the City in the first week of the summer break. I will let you know if there are any major developments.

Otherwise, it looks like the work of the committee will definitely be ongoing into the next school year. We are spread very thinly trying to accomplish all our goals, so if anyone can step up to help us or work on certain projects – please let me know!

Playground Enhancements

As you know plans had been drawn up to show what the new equipment will look

like, and where it will be located, by the district. Charlene McKay had done great work getting the quotes for everything, and we were waiting for feedback on when this would be ordered.

We have now had confirmation that the costs for installation, but also site prep would need to be taken out of this budget. This meant that we were quite a long way short of being able to have all 3 areas we were hoping for.

However, in discussion with the district this week, we have agreed that they will hopefully (delivery dates pending) still be able to get the large piece of equipment installed in the front of the gym by the start of the new school year. To save costs we have asked for a further breakdown on site prep and gravel, and once we have this we will look at what we can get donated.

On top of getting this installed, we will be able to have the remaining funds from our original budget set aside. This, in addition to the \$5,000 that the PAC has already restricted, should get us a long way towards the total cost of the accessible equipment section. We will also be actively working on grant applications to get the rest. Our intent is to get this 'Phase B' accessible project done as soon as we can next school year.

It does unfortunately mean that we will not be able to get the new piece in the current intermediate playground, however the current round piece will remain to be used and enjoyed. As a PAC we can decide if this is something we wish to fundraise for in the coming years.

The district is enhancing some of the surfaces by the new addition and moving benches, and the kiosk as part of that so



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we are working together to get as much done as we can.

I will keep you updated and hopefully we will see a new piece of equipment in the new school year!

Budget Review

It has been a busy year – even though we were not able to do as much fundraising, we did **raise over \$13,000**. Thanks to through the efforts of all our fantastic volunteer parents, as well as through various grants, and donations.

Our budget to spend this year was \$14,000, but with extra expenses coming in during the year we have actually **spent \$12,000!** Some of our highlights include;

- Fine Arts Performances \$1000
- Student Supplies for Classrooms \$1400
- Field trips - \$2900
- Authors in the School - \$1100
- Scholarship Bursaries, Artists in the School, Health Education, and much more!

Thanks as ever to Charlene for our hard work keeping on top of the budget and guiding us through the process!

Events/Fundraisers



Staff Appreciation Lunch



A massive thank you to Celina and her team of volunteers, and to all the parents that donated food and drink, for the staff appreciation lunch. It looked fantastic and I know that the staff thought it was wonderful!!

While I am sure you are not thinking about the return to school yet ... when you do, remember that we can raise funds for our school through **Mabels Labels**.

When the time comes just go to www.mabelslabels.com, select support a fundraiser and choose our school.

Looking ahead



PAC Meetings

It has been agreed that we will move our meetings back to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Last year we changed them so we did not clash with Rutherford if anyone wanted to attend ours. This also means that Jacquie Poulin doesn't have to try to be in 2 places at once! A list of all the dates of the meetings follows this newsletter.



Fundraising

Next year will bring many challenges for our PAC funds. With more students at the school, we will see increased costs for most things, for instance field trips, classroom allowances etc. There are also many things to consider that we may want to help the school purchase.

To do this, we will need even more efforts on the fundraising front. It will be a BIG year!

We will need more volunteers at events, new and possibly different fundraising ideas, we may see the end of some of our current ones.



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This last year I have tried to do the **Director of Fundraising** role as well as be the Chair, in what was a super busy year. Next year, we must have someone do this role on it's own and up and running as soon as possible. It is a vital part of the PAC Executive team! The person doing it does not need to be out at each fundraising event, or have all the ideas but be the coordinator and planner. Interested?! Then let me know and I'll tell you more ...!

ELECTION



23 October, 2018

As I am sure you all know, we will be having our AGM in October and this also means our elections to the Executive team. All of the roles on our team are open to people being nominated for them.

Our current Treasurer, Charlene McKay, will be stepping down in October and our secretary Malena Acosta will also be moving on. As well as those 2 roles we have the PAC Chair, Vice Chair, Director of Fundraising, DPAC Rep, and Members at Large.

If you would like to find out more, I will be circulating a brief job description in September, or you can touch base with me or any of the Exec team now.

To be nominated and elected you have to attend the AGM. This will be on Tuesday 23rd October at 6 p.m. See you there!!

PAC Calendar



Once again, I will update the 'Team Up' calendar showing important school

dates for next year. I have already added the stat holidays and school dates!

https://teamup.com/ks1ndri826iqd57th3_

Thank you!

I would like to add a huge thank you to the parents that have spent many years helping the PAC and being actively involved, and who will now be moving on. Thank you – we appreciate it so much and all the very best for the next part of your 'school' journey!



Our next **PAC meeting** is on **Tuesday 18 September, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the school library. We also offer babysitting so do come along!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing those of you returning to Frank J Ney in September as well as meeting all of our new students and parents.

To those staff and parents moving on, we wish you the best of luck!

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Meeting dates for next year

Date	Location	Comments
18 September, 2018	Library, Frank J Ney	
23 October, 2018 - AGM	Library, Frank J Ney	Elections will be held
20 November, 2018	Library, Frank J Ney	
18 December, 2018	Social – location tbc	
15 January, 2019	Library, Frank J Ney	
19 February, 2019	Library, Frank J Ney	
12 March, 2019	Library, Frank J Ney	Moved forward a week due to Spring Break
16 April, 2019	Library, Frank J Ney	
21 May, 2019	Library, Frank J Ney	
18 June, 2019	Social – location tbc	