

Dear Parents;

Many parents are interested in being involved with their children's education as well as helping their school with different events. Being active in the PAC is a great way to start.

What is a PAC?

PAC stands for ***Parent Advisory Council***. As an organization, we:

- provide ways for parents to get involved,
- promote understanding and communication between the parent community and the school with respect to education,
- provide a way to identify community values and to use those values to develop policies and plan activities, and
- support the school community through social events and fundraising for supplies and equipment.

Who can become a member of the PAC?

All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate as a member of the PAC. The PAC Executive are parents who have volunteered to hold an official position in the PAC.

Why is it important to have a PAC?

Along with the aforementioned reasons, without a PAC, the school and students do not benefit from a Community Gaming Grant available from the BC Government (currently \$20 per student).

This money is intended to benefit students by enhancing their extra-curricular opportunities such as and not limited to: team uniforms, educational field trips, sports, and playground equipment.

When does the PAC meet?

The PAC Executive meets monthly. Every parent or guardian is welcome to attend – you can come once or all year!

Attending a PAC meeting is a great way to stay informed, provide input into fundraising initiatives and allocation, get to know the Principal and Head Teacher, raise issues or concerns, and meet other parents.

How can I get involved?

You can participate in many ways, by:

- attending any of the monthly PAC meetings,
- joining the PAC Executive,
- volunteering at PAC events throughout the year, or
- attending Parent Information Sessions.

We value all parents' contributions, and we understand your time is precious!

Why do we fundraise?

The Community Gaming Grant money provided to the PAC can only be used to benefit students by enhancing their extra-curricular opportunities. So without fundraising, the PAC wouldn't be able to provide the school with extra items currently used within the curriculum, such as extra technology, extra in-class supplies, certain sports equipment, some field trips, extra music equipment, cultural events, and emergency preparedness equipment.

Some recent PAC purchases:

- Risers for School productions such as *The Lion King* and school assemblies
- Adaptable Swing for the playground
- Keyboard for the Music Room/Productions

What else does the PAC do?

The South Slope/BCSD PAC is involved in many initiatives that help make the school a positive, enjoyable, and safe place for the students. These include paying for guest speakers, paying for special projects and organizing Parent Information Sessions.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to be involved in the school community. The South Slope/BCSD PAC is ***always*** looking for volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, let us know. There are many different opportunities, including one-time and ongoing tasks, during school hours, on evenings or on weekends. We can't provide the events, supplies, or equipment that benefit all of our kids without volunteer help.

If you have a specific interest or skill and would like to volunteer your time, please let us know – we will try to find a good fit!

Contact

With the 2016/2017 school year coming to an end, the best way to reach us would be through our email address **SouthSlope.PAC@sd41.bc.ca**, or through our Facebook Page **<https://www.facebook.com/southslopeBCSD/>**