

# PAC General Meeting minutes

Herbert Spencer Parent Advisory Council

January 10, 2024 6:30PM | *Meeting called to order by* Marti Longstaff

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## In Attendance

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Renee Nixdorf | Jen Rhyne | Christina Service | Patrick Service | Anna Carmichael | Karyn Audet | Rachel Abercrombie | Hayley Watkins | Anna Carmichael | Caroline Marklund | Amandeep Duhra | Shawna McCardell | Robyn Faustman | Tyler MacPherson | Courtney Daws | Marti Longstaff

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## Call to Order

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The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM.

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## Land Acknowledgment

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*The Herbert Spencer PAC recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.*

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## Approval of Minutes and Agenda

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Approval of Agenda: Renee Nixdorf moved, Robyn Faustman seconded, approved.

Approval of November 2023 Minutes: Christina Service moved, Karyn Audet seconded, approved.

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## Principal's Report | Karen Catherwood & Simran Hare

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- It has been a busy month with the Halloween assembly and lots of other fun activities.
- During the teacher's collaboration day they had a book tasting with the other teachers. This is a new way to implement literacy and they used "Cranky Book." They broke into grade groups and learned from each other.
- They had the Pumpkin Run on Friday.
- Upcoming: Festive windows to be painted tomorrow
- Working on the Grade 5 field trip
- Remembrance Day on November 10th. There will be a gallery walk and assembly. The Grade 5s have speaking roles and Ms. Ranford is doing music.
- Family Teams will meet again on November 15 where they will continue to work on their Ocean theme, Grade 5's taking on a leadership role
- November 13 no school
- November 14 Professional Development Day - NWSS Inclusion and Diversity
- No stone left alone with the Grade 5's on Friday November 4

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## Chair's Report | Marti Longstaff

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- Thank you to all who helped make the Halloween Howl such a success
- We raised over \$1400 for the Foodbank and the Skwo:wech PAC also thanks us for lending them our Halloween decorations.
- Upcoming initiatives:
  - Neufeld Farms fundraiser
  - Grade 5 hoodies
  - Created by Kids
  - First Light

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## Treasurer's Report | Christina & Patrick Service

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- See attached document

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## CPF Report | Allison Mounsey

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- No report

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## DPAC Report | Natalie Taha

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- Briefly discussed the Long Range Facilities Plan  
<https://newwestschools.ca/board-of-education-adopts-updated-long-range-facilities-plan/>

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## Committee Reports

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- Events Committee:
  - First Light coming later this month
- Fundraising Committee:
  - Christmas Craft Fair Update: November 25th is the date
  - 61 vendors and the event is sold out!
  - 53 students involved in Candy Cane Lane - all kids were accepted. Parents please volunteer during your child's shift
  - Bake sale coming out soon
  - Raffle looking for more donations, seeking donors.
  - Craft Fair setup with be Nov 24th from 3-7pm
- Members Communication/Yearbook
  - No report

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## New Business

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- No new business to report

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## Questions and Comments

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- No questions or comments to report

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## Next Meeting

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January 10, 2024, at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM, Renee moved, Amneet seconded, approved.