

Highlights from the September 26, 2018 Grand Avenue Parent Advisory Council Meeting

What is the Grand Avenue Parent Advisory Council?

The PAC's goal is to facilitate ongoing cooperation and communication between parents, students, teachers and staff to achieve a new standard of excellence at Grand Avenue School.

The PAC consists of executive & general voting members. Should you wish to join as a voting member, please contact the office to obtain a sign up form. A voting member is expected to attend the majority of meetings.

Non-voting members/parents are welcome to attend at any time.

2018/2019 Meeting Dates:

Tuesday September 25, 2018 6:30pm

Tuesday November 20, 2018 6:30pm

Tuesday January 22, 2018 6:30pm

Tuesday March 26, 2018 6:30pm

Tuesday May 28, 2018 6:30pm

The Fundraising & Events Subcommittees will meet as needed in between meetings.

Your 2018/2019 Executive Members:

Chair: Trish Cardwell

Secretary: Corri Desaulniers

Treasurer: Janine Burge

2018/2019 Subcommittees:

Event Committee Co-Chairs: Carolyn Gallo & Heather Forrest

Please email carolyngallo@hotmail.com or h_forrest@hotmail.ca if you wish to join the Events Committee

Fundraising Committee Chair: Heather Bennett-Chamberlain

Please email heathermbc@gmail.com if you wish to join the Fundraising Committee

What Does The Grand Avenue Parent Advisory Council Do?

2017/2018 Summary

During the 2017/2018 school year, the Parent Advisory Council met 5 times with Fundraising & Event sub committees holding additional planning meetings as needed.

We coordinated several fundraising activities throughout the year including Pizza lunches, Fresh from the Farm, Poinsettias & Chocolate Bars. This resulted in over \$12,000 in funds raised which has or will be used to invest in classroom allowances, playground maintenance and upgrades, school trip subsidies, Grade 8 Grad gifts and ongoing Learning Commons improvements.

In April 2018, the PAC hosted a successful Family Health & Wellness Event which included a complimentary Subway dinner, a Speaker on Raising Resilient Children and a 2 mini sessions on Fitness & You're the Chef.

In June 2018, PAC planned and hosted the 5th Annual Grand Avenue Family Picnic. We had a great turnout of Grand Families who enjoyed a free afternoon of fun, games & a BBQ lunch.

2018/2019 Proposed Fundraising Activities

We will continue with regular Pizza/Subway lunches. Updates will be sent out through School Cash Online (<https://www.dsbnschoolcash.org/>) and Remind. If you're not signed up for Remind, text @grandave1 to 289-277-0548 – it's the easiest way to stay connected to what's happening at Grand Avenue Public School.

Stay tuned for a new school lunch option from Box Lunch Brigade!

Fresh from the Farm order forms came home September 25th and are due back October 11th. Additionally, watch out for Big Box of Cards and Steeped Tea in November and Chocolate Bars in March/April.