



# Bayside Middle School Parent Advisory Council

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

We are a group of committed parents working together to make our kids' years at Bayside as great as they can be. All parents are members. Come join us!

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# PAC Newsletter

## June 2016

PAC Executive members

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- Sandra Arthur

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- Sharon Schwartz

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- Darcy Winkle

Communications

- Marti Redman

Treasurer

- Lori Smith

Fundraising coordinator

- Liza Glynn

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- Andrea Nugent

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**Keep your cards and help us earn easy money!**

Use our Co-op Membership #74721 or just let the staff know you are supporting Bayside Middle School.

Get your Thrifty's OR **Fairway Market** reloadable shopping card. No expense to you but 5% of all your purchase goes to PAC.

Buy your coffee beans at Fresh Cup and \$4 per bag is given to PAC.

Purchase Red Barn gift vouchers - email PAC for details.

## Celebrate good times

This is our last newsletter for this school year and boy, what a busy, amazing and successful year it has been.

Huge kudos and thanks are sent out to our wonderful PAC executive members and volunteers. This band of highly motivated parents have worked their socks off to deliver some pretty amazing activities at Bayside Middle School. Behind the scenes, thousands of volunteer hours have been graciously given by this wonderful group, so take a bow PAC team, so very well deserved! If you missed some of the key projects, programs and events here's a quick reminder:

September 2015: First day of school: **Welcome Back Coffee** morning greeted new Grade 6 families and other school parents wanting to meet PAC members. PAC will be repeating this in September 2016, so don't forget to come into the school, say hi and share your summertime gossip. Better still, we'd love to meet you and encourage you to sign up to help out at future PAC supported events.

**Welcome Back BBQ.** A jointly funded and supported event by PAC with the school. Over 400 people attended and all appreciated the chance to meet teachers and old friends as well as enjoy the delicious burgers, sausages and corn. This popular event will be repeated. Make plans to join us in September 2016 - check our Facebook Page or opt in to receive PAC emails to be up to date on news, key dates and more.



**Fundraising:** Bayside PAC relaunched a wide variety of fund raising efforts this year, including our "Show your Bayside Pride" clothing range. It is so great to see so many students wearing their sporty Bayside clothing and using their eco-friendly water bottles. To those that supported and purchased these items, we send out a big "thank you". If you missed out to order a garment, please plan to

visit the PAC Information Table at Welcome Back BBQ in September 2016.

We've also continued to gather funds from Thrifty, Co-op, Fresh Cup, Fairway Foods and Red Barn. Please keep your cards and continue to use them. It's never too late to sign up to use these shopping cards, please email PAC to request your reloadable cards. You should have received details on the Monks Stationery order for school supplies - another wonderful way to raise funds for PAC.

PAC also receives 10% of profits from the popular pizza day lunches, supported by many parents. With the canteen closing, PAC will no longer be assisting at these popular canteen fund raisers. However, stay tuned for news about four special hot meals that PAC will host during the new school year.

Last but not least, we have received some wonderful donations via local fund raising efforts such as the *Sip and Shop* event hosted by Brentwood Bay Village Emporium. Thank you for your awesome support!



*Sending thanks to the staff at Bayside, all of the fabulous volunteers who put this event together, our honoured guests from the local community and some corporate donors including Thrifty Foods, Fresh Cup, Fairway Market and Butchart Gardens who all donated to the event or the totem in some special way!*

## PAC's Legacy Gift to Bayside Middle School

As reported in our April newsletter, PAC was proud to work with the talented, First Nation (*Pauquachin*) Carver, Mark Henry to create a unique Totem Pole for Bayside as well as a fabulous new School Sign.

This magnificent legacy gift was funded by the culmination of PAC's savings raised over the past three years. Via this unique project, we were delighted to forge a closer connection and build a stronger community for all.

Under Mark's guidance, students came up with final "animals" featured on the totem: the Bear for Strength, Orcas for team work and Otter for playfulness!

And what an incredible night did 300 + enjoy on May 26th at Bayside Middle School. Titled: Celebrating our Cultural Diversity, the evening was jammed packed with activities. Students created their own art to highlight their own identify, French cultural dance was led by Grade 6 students, Professional latino dancers entertained and all enjoyed the Zumba dance that followed. A delicious buffet of food was provided and three different desserts were offered to honour Canadian, French and First Nation cuisines.

Special thanks to the First Nations teachers who worked with some very passionate students at Bayside who came up with their own song to share. We also acknowledge students from our English and French immersion sections who came up with some powerful reasons for why this totem is so special for Bayside! We are all so very proud to be part of such an amazing community!

We hope you enjoyed the night. If you missed it, we are happy to feature some of the photographs that celebrate that happy evening as a souvenir for all.





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Upcoming  
P A C  
Supported  
Events -

Mark your  
calendars!

June 21 - 7.00  
pm - 8.30 pm

PAC meeting -

last of the school year,  
come and contribute to  
next years' plans! We're  
meeting off-site - email  
PAC for details  
BaysidePAC@gmail.com

June 24 - 4.30 pm- 6.30 pm  
Canadian Parents For  
French - awareness and  
membership drive: St  
Jean Baptiste Day , at  
Brentwood Bay Pub.

September 6 - 8.35-9.30 am  
Welcome Back Coffee/  
Tea

September 20-6.30 pm -  
7.30 pm - PAC meeting.

October 18 - 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm  
PAC meeting.

All will be welcome!



## Bayside's Leaky Roof

For 20 years Bayside has been contending with a leaky roof. PAC got behind the campaign (with additional support from our local MLA) to nudge our plight to being top priority for the Minister of Education. After a short campaign we received amazing news. If you have not heard, YES - "We've got a new roof!" Hon. Minister Mike Bernier was at Bayside to make a spectacular announcement that the Province of BC has approved \$6.1 Million to partner with the School District's \$1 Million to get Bayside's roof COMPLETELY fixed by 2017! So this is very exciting for everyone who studies at, teaches at, works at and visits Bayside to have the promise of a completely refurbished facility by fall of 2017! Roof, ceilings, walls, sky lights!

We understand that work will commence this summer 2016 with a priority to fix the gym and North Pod. The other pod roofs will be replaced during the Spring and Summer of 2017.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this incredible announcement possible! Your hard work and dedication made this happen! So very proud of and happy for Bayside! Woo, Hoo!

### Staff Appreciation Luncheon

We trust our children to the teachers and staff of the school every day. Each day they teach our children new things and keep them safe. As with PAC tradition, the parents at our school recognize the efforts of our teachers and staff by showing our appreciation and offering them a yummy lunch. This took place on 31 May 2016. The lunch was well received and teachers pass on their gratitude to all.

Goodbye Grade 8 students - your next adventure is just around the corner - good luck!

**Communications** - Did you know that PAC has its' own Facebook page?



Please visit and like our page @<https://www.facebook.com/BaysideMiddleSchoolPAC>  
Join the conversations and contribute useful links and ideas. We will continue to share information on the school website PAC page together with our emails. Remember to receive PAC emails you must "Opt in" to receive!

### **New PAC supported event: Hot Dog lunch**

An extended lunch provided great fun at the school where an amazing group of parents helped the PAC feed the WHOLE school! Music, sport and great weather was enjoyed by all students and staff.

Thank you so much to Portofino European Wholesale Bakery for their VERY generous support of this event with the donation of ALL of the hot dog buns!

As well, thank you to Thrifty Foods who's support of our Open House spilled over to this event too allowing us to purchase all the missing pieces the event! So very much appreciated!

It was so well received we plan to repeat! Stay tuned.

### **We All Pull Together!**

A wonderful celebratory book launch took place at Bayside - a first! Based on the



creation of a canoe (April 2014-June 2015) led by Curtis Henry (WENAM) and a student writing project this year, led by Shauna White with contributions by many others. PAC is proud to have been one of the financial contributors to this unique project.

Congratulations to all those students and staff that participated. Students can see the canoe and book in the Bayside Learning Commons.

### **PAC 2016-2017**

As reported, the current PAC team have had a very intense, productive and busy year! The following are stepping down from their role on PAC and we send our heartfelt thanks to them all for a good job done! Fantastic achievement, Bravo PAC 2015-16!

**Sandra Arthur, President, Sharon Swartz, Vice-President, Amy Greenfield, COPACS, Liza Glynn Fundraising, Lori Smith, Treasurer, Marti Redman, Communications, Heather Fyfe, Thrifty co-ordinator.**

Bags of gratitude are sent to Darcy Winkle, Kelly Hoffman, Alice Bacon, Lily Yee, Andrea Nugent who are remaining in the same roles as this year.



However, don't be sad. Most of this fabulous team are shuffling roles and responsibilities, and thus remaining on PAC. We can therefore look forward to building on the great foundation and success of this year, and welcome the new PAC President, Martina Redman from September 2016.

We will also be welcoming some new faces to PAC. We still have a few roles remaining, so plan to attend our final PAC meeting on 21 June to learn more! Check back on our PAC website in late June for confirmation of the new lineup! *Enjoy a great summer - you deserve it!*

**Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened!**

Dr Seuss.



## Useful links:

### BCCPAC

#### BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Council

They represent a membership of the Parent Advisory Councils(PAC), and District Parent Advisory Councils(DPAC) of the BC school districts. Visit their site for lots of helpful documents including:

**A step-by-step guide to resolution advocacy for parents who want to become better advocates for their children. A downloadable guide is available on the link below.**

<http://bccpac.bc.ca/resources/speaking>

**Bullying stops here. Download guide link:**

<http://bccpac.bc.ca/resources/bullying-stops-here>

### Internet Safety/Social Media Safety

Q & A resource: <http://thedigitalsheepdog.ca/parents/>

Informative video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoPe-skp4Nc>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/The-White-Hatter-Darren-Laur>

Web Page: [www.personalprotectionsystems.ca](http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca)

### Saanich School District

Website: <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/>

**COPACS - Supporting SD63 Saanich Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and families in public education**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sd63copacs/>

**For more info on PAC news, events, forms, newsletters and more check out our website**

Main Ways to Stay Up ToDate with PAC News

1. Visit the parent tab (then PAC) on the school webpage.
2. Like us on Facebook: Bayside Middle School PAC.
3. Get on the email distribution list to receive emails from the PAC.