



Alexander Robinson Elementary
Parent Advisory Council
September 2021/2022

On behalf of the ARE PAC Executive, welcome back to another year and welcome to all our new students and families!! While things all around are looking very different, so it is for us. Fun things we normally undertake like hot lunches, barbeques, Fun Fairs, School Dances - all these things and more are on hold for the foreseeable future.

EVERY parent at ARE is a PAC Parent; we exist and function according to the BC School Act.

We have been putting out information to parents, connecting parents with resources and will continue to do so. Our main role is to engage with the School to identify and improve opportunities and learning outcomes for students. We can assist parents in navigating various school or district processes, policies and advocating with and/or on their behalf. The Executive is elected annually by our members which consist of every parent/guardian at our school. Our members are encouraged to participate as much or as little as they are able. Our success throughout the year is dependent on parent involvement. We have approximately 1000 PAC members at ARE. The Executive is NOT "the PAC". Every Parent/guardian is 'the PAC'.

Decisions are made at our general meetings by majority votes of the membership. It is the Executive's role to manage and carry out the will of the membership. We are a democracy under the commonly held fundamental principles of Robert's Rules of Order which includes all our members having equal membership rights according to our Constitution & Bylaws.

PAC Executives are all volunteers, doing the best we can with what we have. Please be patient with us as we move forward and we welcome any questions or suggestions and try to address those as quickly and as accurately as possible. Any discussions with individual parents are considered privileged and held in confidence by the Executive.

Our first PAC meeting of 2021/2022 will be on Tuesday, Sept 14 at 7pm on Zoom - Meet and Greet at 6:45. ***ALL parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.*** We will be discussing many things including options for what this year may look like and the Principal will be on hand to provide a report and answer questions.

Link for Zoom meetings are sent out by via Parent Portal.

Munchalunch

We use a program called MunchaLunch, which allows online ordering (which in the case of this year), may include things such as spirit wear or other items that do not require in-school access, but also provides the Executive with your contact info, should you choose so. Munchalunch requires registration but is free to parents.

For parents new to the school:

<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/AlexanderRobinson>

For returning parents:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

If you would like to be added to our mailing list which includes access to the PAC School Google Calendar and other info as we get to them! - please email us at arepacs42@gmail.com.

The ARE PAC Calendar (resource for all parents including important dates for the School & the District) can be obtained by clicking on this link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YXJlcGFjc2Q0MkBnbWFpbC5jb20>

Our most current and up to date information/discussion is in our two private facebook groups:

Alexander Robinson Elementary PAC

-- Primarily for providing information/resources etc as relates directly to the school and the District

Alexander Robinson Elementary Parent Chat

-- Primarily for general discussion/information/connecting within the school community

For new members joining or being invited to the facebook groups, the membership questions must be answered before approval.

The School website and tab for parents:

<https://elementary.sd42.ca/alexanderrobinson/pac-info/>

Also a reminder! IF you are going to the Kanaka Creek Liquor Store or to the Maple Ridge Liquor Store .. simply mention to add your purchase to Alexander Robinson Elementary PAC. There is no additional cost, and 5% of all sales go to the PAC!

2021/2022 ARE PAC Executive

Chair – Thea Skorbinski

Vice Chair – Sandra Acutt

Treasurer – Jamie Raso

Secretary – Christine Whitelaw

DPAC Representative – Chris Schultz-Lorentzen

Please feel free to email us with any questions or reach out directly to any of your PAC Executives.

We respectfully acknowledge that the work of ARE PAC takes place on the traditional and unceded shared territory of the hə́nqəmínəm speaking people of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation