



[Alexander Robinson Elementary](#)  
Parent Advisory Council  
September 2023/2024

On behalf of the ARE PAC Executive, a big welcome back to all our returning families and a warm welcome to all our new families joining AR this year!! We are excited for the year ahead filled with fun activities for students and parents alike. Welcome BBQ, Hot Lunches, School Dances, and Fun Fair just to name a few!

EVERY parent/guardian at ARE is a PAC Parent; we exist and function according to the legislation in the [BC School Act](#) as part of the [Manual of School Law K-12](#).

We will be putting out information to parents; connecting parents with resources. Our main role is to engage with the School to identify and improve opportunities and learning outcomes for students. We 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 2023/2024 will be on:

**Tuesday, Sept 19 at 7pm in the School Library - Meet and Greet at 6:45pm.**

***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.

### **Munchalunch**

We use a program called MunchaLunch, which allows online ordering for things such as Hot Lunches, School Events and other community and/or fundraising initiatives. 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>

The ARE PAC [Digital Calendar](#) (resource for all members of the school community 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>

If the link does not directly connect you to the ARE PAC Calendar, please email [arepacs42@gmail.com](mailto:arepacs42@gmail.com) with the email account that we can manually add in.

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

**Alexander Robinson Elementary PAC - admin'd by the PAC Exec**

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

**Alexander Robinson Elementary Parent Chat - admin'd by a group of community members**

-- 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. Membership is open to all active members of our school community.

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 account. There is no additional cost, and 5% of all sales go to the PAC!

### **2023/2024 ARE PAC Executive**

Chair – Jessica Thompson

Vice Chair – Cherie Martens

Treasurer – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen

Secretary – Shannon Lowry

DPAC Representative – Caitlin Lum (alt Dianna Johannson)

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 in and around the traditional and unceded shared territory of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation. We also acknowledge our Métis friends and partners living in our communities.*