



Alexander Robinson Elementary
Parent Advisory Council
September 2024/2025

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 ARE this year!! We are excited for the year ahead filled with fun activities for students and parents alike. We are looking forward to the Welcome Back 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](#).

There are many opportunities for parents to be involved with the school and improving engagement with your children! These include volunteering at various school events, helping with Breakfast Club in the mornings and Hot Lunch days. Volunteers are always welcome!

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 2024/2025 will be on:

Tuesday, Sept 17 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 arepacsd42@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 - administrated by the PAC Exec

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

Alexander Robinson Elementary Parent Chat - administrated 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!

2024/2025 ARE PAC Executive

Chair – Chris Schultz-Lorentzen

Vice Chair – Graham Jones

Treasurer – Michelle Schultz-Lorentzen

Secretary – Shannon Lowry

[DPAC](#) Representative – VACANT

Please feel free to email us with any questions or reach out directly to any of your PAC Executives – arepacsd42@gmail.com

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.