



Who and What is the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)?

The PAC is governed by the societies act of the Government of British Columbia.

Each Parent / Guardian of a child attending Cedar Grove Elementary School automatically becomes a PAC Member.

So what's the difference between PAC Member and PAC Executive?

- PAC Executives are those parents who have been elected by the PAC to hold an official position within the PAC. These executive positions are volunteer positions with no compensation provided by the school. Please see below detailing each position.
- PAC Members can help the PAC throughout the year in fundraising or other initiatives as requested by the PAC Executives, or simply just to attend the PAC meetings to find out what's happening.

We encourage all of the Parents / Guardians who are PAC members to attend the PAC Meetings. You will not be assigned to any tasks without you willing to do so. It's a great hour and half meeting once a month where the atmosphere is very light, we have some good laughs and you get to know the Principal and to top it off there's free goodies. The key to attending is that you as a parent/guardian will be kept informed of what's happening in the school and gives the children a sense that their parents care about their education. In the PAC meeting we also take votes on decisions PAC members' votes are critical especially when it comes to allocating the funds provided by the government and our fundraising monies.

The PAC Executive positions are as follows:

PAC Chair or Co-Chairs-Are the people who are like the leader of the group ensures that each PAC Executive performs their role. Questions or concerns from the Parents will come to the Chairs to finding solutions.

Secretary - This person records all the minutes from each PAC meeting so that any time if a Parent/Guardian (PAC Member) wishes to see what was discussed or decisions made in a specific meeting they can request this information from the secretary.

Treasurer - The government gives each school PAC monies to spend on the needs of the students in ways such as improving equipment in the classrooms, adding smart boards, more books for the library, more gym equipment. The PAC also does fundraising to add to the monies that the government provides, as the monies given are merely not enough to ensure that our children benefit from the best that we can offer. The Treasurer role is to ensure that all the monies are accounted for, so that any time any parent or school administration can see where we have been spending the money. Transparency is essential.

Members At Large:

Event Coordinators – These people coordinate social events throughout the year. Each of the fundraising activities are agreed upon by the PAC within the PAC meetings.

School Planning Committee – These are 3 parents one of which has to be PAC Executive but the others can be PAC members. The School Planning Council is not part of the PAC Executive... it is a school based initiative that requires parent volunteers to be a part of the committee. Together with the principal & selected teacher, the school planning committee work to develop, monitor and review school plans for student achievement and submit the plan to the School Board. The PAC Executive within the team would report any information at the monthly PAC meetings.

Pac Meetings

Every month, typically the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 7pm in the library, the PAC Executives, PAC Members, the Principal Kerry Mahlman, School Board Members and at times a teacher may attend if they have a specific topic requiring the parents' opinions. The PAC meeting is a place to gather to bring up issues or concerns about all the students in the school.

We are currently without a DPAC Representative, Members at Large and Events Coordinators if you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions please don't hesitate to contact us at pac@cgepac.ca or please come to the next PAC meeting which will be held Wednesday October 8th in the Library at 7pm.

What the PAC does:

Without a PAC Executive/Committee no money will come from our Provincial Government!

Some examples of what the PAC has financially supported over the past few years are:

- Field Trips and extended education experiences.
- Emergency Preparedness Kit for the school.
- Adding tools to classrooms where there is no school budget for these items such as a Stereo System for the Gym as well as Yoga Mats, Outdoor Stools, Tether Balls, and other sports equipment.
- Enrich student experiences by bringing extracurricular opportunities such as DancePlay, Yoga & Gynsense to our school.
- Subsidize the Breakfast Program making sure healthy foods are available for all children in the school.
- Organize and operate the Hot Lunch Program.
- Provide School Community Events within our school to bring families together to build relationships providing the parents and the children an opportunity to have fun and connect with each other.
- Build play structures on the school grounds.

You can keep up to date with the school PAC at www.cgepac.ca or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Cedargrovecpac. You can email PAC Executive at pac@cgepac.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!