

Upper Lynn PAC

2022/2023 Year in Review



After a summer of heat domes and forest fires the 2021/2022 school year began back in the classrooms again. We continued to navigate changes in covid restrictions, mask wearing, social distancing, and group activities until most restrictions were lifted in March 2022.

PAC activities have slowly come back to life. The Hot Lunch program was re-started and a number of fundraisers were able to continue. This money continues to fund field trips, teacher spending accounts, school wide events (such as fun day or Hip Hop with Nii), and as of the last PAC meeting, we have consensus to furnish sensory rooms at the school and purchase more computers for all students to access.

Highlights of this year included the return of the hot lunch program, track and field, the purchase of additional PE equipment, and the incredible carnival.

Your involvement enables us to run successful events, which benefit our children. We couldn't do it without you, and we truly appreciate your support.

General Activities

- General & Executive Meetings
- Cultural / Enhancement Programs
- Emergency Preparedness
- Budget Planning
- 2022/2023 Calendar

Fundraising Activities

- Online Silent Auction
- Carnival
- Samosa Fundraiser
- Poinsettia's
- Purdy's Chocolates
- Mabel's Labels
- Cobs Park & Tilford
- Well Fed
- School Supplies
- Family Photos
- Card Project

Social Activities

- Drive-in Movie Night
- Parent Social

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ULEPAC Fundraising

PAC activities and spending in this year were funded by a Gaming Grant from the BC Government (\$10,140) and PAC fundraising activities (\$47,156). In addition, the PAC social events (movie night and parent social) also generated income (\$4,046).

Hot Lunch (\$19,865), Silent Auction (\$15,002) and Carnival (\$7,225) were the biggest fundraisers.

Our fundraisers benefit our children in many ways. Thank you for your ongoing support!

PAC Budget

The PACs fundraising and spending is governed by the annual PAC budget. The PAC budget is drafted with input from PAC executive and volunteers, teachers, school administration and parents.

The 2022-2023 budget was presented at the June 2022 AGM and approved by majority vote.

Fundraising Spending

The following are some of the major items that PAC funds were spent on during the year:

\$9,627 for Divisional expenses: an amount of \$500 per division is made available to teachers to reimburse any expenses that they may have related to teaching in the classroom and that is not covered by the School or School District. Typical purchases include classroom supplies, arts and craft materials, books, class prizes, materials for science experiments and teaching aids.

\$7,000 for Tennis lessons: each division received 5 lessons.

Skills taught for primary students include hand-eye coordination, reception and projection skills, catching/throwing/bounce/hit/balance and proper use of racquet and ball.

Skills taught for intermediate students include advancing above skills, more game experiences, backhand bumps, body positioning, rallying skills, foreheads, backhands, volleys and serves.

\$4,645 for Cultural Performances: The exposure to performing arts for children is well documented and the PAC funded several performances:

- The Abbey Road Rockers (Sept 27, 2022) introduced the music of the Beatles.
- The Black Dog String Quartet (January 9, 2023) exposed students to the music of Mozart, Pachelbel, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Bach, and Mozart.
- Rain City Improv (May 1, 2023) offered an interactive, student-centered improv experience.
- Axe Capoeira on May 30, 2023 (two performances on Fun Day) exposed students to a combination of dance, acrobatics, music, and theatrics.

\$2,760 for First Aid Training: First Aid is a vital life skill and each year the PAC funds first aid training for all Grade 6 students. This year, training was also funded for Grade 7 students that missed out last year when training could not take place due to COVID restrictions.

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\$1,575 for Sexual Health Education: the PAC funded Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators' Body Science program at Upper Lynn. The program included a parent workshop and age-appropriate workshops for students from Kindergarten to Grade 7.

\$5,948 for Field Trip transportation: the PAC makes \$400 per division available to help cover the cost of field trip transportation. It is up to each teacher to decide which field trips they want to undertake with their students. This year the PAC helped to fund field trips to the following destinations:

- Cypress Tube Park
- Playland
- Britannia Mine Museum
- Science World
- Mount Seymour
- Laity Pumpkin Patch in Maple Ridge
- Presentation House
- Intermediate Music Festival

\$1,376 for Online Education: the PAC covered the cost of classroom subscriptions to IXL Math for those teachers that requested it. Teachers found it greatly useful to reinforce and extend their teaching.

\$2,470 for Library books: the PAC funds the purchases of library books in addition to the funding that the library receives from School District funds.

\$1,800 for Hip-Hop Lessons: Each class received 2 sessions. Lessons included the fundamentals of hip hop and incorporating that into a group routine. This was a very popular program and the PAC received requests to increase the number of lessons in future.

\$1,999 for PE Equipment: The PAC funded 50% of the cost of a new high jump mat, as well as the cost of rugby balls and cones.

\$3,269 for Primary Requests: This included Natura Pod Play arch for creative open-ended play, classroom carpets, focus screens and magnetiles. Also included were the Duckling Educational Hatching program: students have the opportunity to learn about the life cycle – watch a fertile egg develop, hatch, grow and change, right through the first few weeks.

\$866 for Technology: including speakers, school entrance display monitor and computer.

\$444 for Earthquake Supplies: gradually replacing current water in our emergency supplies with 50-year shelf-life blue can water. This is a multi-year process.

\$269 for Music expenses: the PAC funded the purchase of Xylophone mallets.

The PAC also spend on the following special projects:

\$9,645 for Accessible Playground project: The equipment was installed in September 2022.

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\$8,381 for Sensory Room/Self-Regulation project: Equipment was procured in line with the proposal approved by members at the June 2022 AGM. The project was not yet completed and at the June 2023 AGM members approved that remaining \$6,000 not spent in the 2022-2023 year, can be made available in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

\$250 for Mural of School Logo in the Gym: The project could not be completed and the \$250 deposit paid to the artist has been forfeited.

Recognition

We would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive of PAC activities throughout the school year. Whether you volunteered for something, attended one of our events, supported a fundraiser, came to a meeting or even just stopped us in the playground to provide feedback – ***we truly appreciate it!*** Although there are far too many people to personally thank, there are some who have made significant contributions this year that we would like to recognize:

- **Executive Committee:**
 - o Chair - Sandee Sangha
 - o Vice-Chair – Emma Milley
 - o Secretary -Carmen Zimmer
 - o Secretary – Warren Beil
 - o Treasurer - Jaco Wessels
 - o Co-Treasurer - Natallia Dzmityieva
 - o DPAC Rep -Allison Rzen
- **Fundraising Committee**– Erin Johnston, Christie Owen, Geraldine Chen, Gretchen McLellan, Holly Isley, Katie Prout, Lucy Wells, Madi Bell, Melissa Jane, Nicole Nami, Alex Bowden, Carolyn Cox, Linnea Harris, Lindsay Morris
- **Communications** – Taj Singh, Ludmila Cliett
- **Carnival:** Madi Bell
- **Online Silent Auction:** Jaco Wessels, Yasi Manki, Christie Owen, Sandee Sangha
- **Speaker Program:** Christine McLaren
- **After School Programs** : No Afterschool Programs were able to be run this year
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Veronica Bartlett
- **ULEPAC Website/Facebook:** Taj Singh, Ludmila Cliett
- **Lunch Program:** Heather Beil
- **Munch Program Coordinator:** Heather Beil
- **Hot Lunch Leaders:** Helia Taghdiri, Christie Owen, Laura Taylor-Hansen, Candace Dalton, Christina Ferino, Yasi Manki, Neeta MacKay, Michelle Owen, Jen James, Amanda Procter
- **Class Reps:** Maria Chaves, Nidhi Chaturvedi, LucyAna Van Edmond, Lianne Jensen, Michelle Valdecantos, Susanna Wilson Smith, Mary Z, Yasi Manki, Caroline Reilly, Marion Guenther, Dana Ruilova, Christie Owen, Joanne Forrester-Bernardi, Michel Watson, Christie Stanford, Elaine Sun, Neeta McKay, Maureen Leboe, Julie Kawa, Jessie Cameron, Keri Knecht, Lizelle Van Heerden, Carmen Zimmer, Ratinder Rai, Nicole Nairanian, Bri Mathieson, Natalia D, Marie NG, Taj Singh, Cyrus I, Yung Coffee, Christina Heck, Brittany Ogden, Nafeesa, Heather Beil, Taryn Richardson
- **Staff Appreciation:** LucyAna Van Egmond & Sandee Sangha

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- **Fruit & Veggie Program:** Neeta MacKay & Yasi Ziatabari
- **Halloween Party:** No Halloween Party this year
- **Movie Night:** LucyAna Van Egmond
- **Entrepreneur Fair:** Done by the teachers
- **PAC Board:** Teacher run
- **Family Photos Fundraiser:** Sandee Sangha, Jaco Wessels
- **School Supplies:** Sandee Sangha
- **Spirit Wear Coordinator (Pink & Orange shirts)** - Tammy Bookbinder
- **Bike Drive** – No Bike Drive this year
- **Traffic Team** --Rita Vilensky, Victoria Kelly

To all our volunteers, past and current, THANK YOU!!! (Apologies if we have missed anyone!)

We would also like to acknowledge the teachers, support staff and administration at Upper Lynn for all of their ongoing support. A special thank you to Principal, Randy Holman and Vice-Principal, Lise Grendel for their commitment to working collaboratively with the PAC. Huge thanks to Ronnie & Kelly, our amazing front office staff and thank you to Brenda and our awesome custodial staff who have been working diligently to ensure that the school is clean and safe for our staff and students.

Get Involved

A feeling of connection is essential to building a sense of community. Many of the programs at Upper Lynn wouldn't exist without our amazing volunteers, and our children benefit when we become better connected to each other. There are many volunteer opportunities ranging from joining a committee to volunteering for a specific position. Volunteering is rewarding and fun, and no experience is necessary. Please visit the PAC website where you will find details of all available volunteer opportunities - <http://upperlynnpac.weebly.com/volunteering.html>

Provide Input

We always welcome and appreciate feedback. Talk to us in the hallway, send us an email, come to a meeting, use the anonymous contact form on the website, or volunteer for a position or committee. Your opinion matters! It is with input from parents that we are able to put together programs that are truly reflective of the school community's wishes.

Wishing all our Upper Lynn families an amazing summer!

Sincerely,
Sandee Sangha
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2022/2023 Preliminary Financial Report

*Full year financial reporting will be presented after fiscal year end 31 August

Revenue: \$61,219

Highlights:

Hot Lunch Program	\$19,865
Online Silent Auction	\$15,002
BC Gaming Grant	\$10,140
Carnival	\$7,225
Other Fundraisers	\$2,550
Parent Social	\$2,409
Movie Night	\$1,637

Expenses: \$48,688 (before Special Projects)

Highlights:

Classroom Supplies	\$9,627
Library expenses	\$2,470
Cultural Groups & Programs	\$9,235
Field Trip Transportation	\$5,948
Primary / Intermediate	\$3,269
PE Enrichment (Tennis)	\$7,000
Speakers Program	\$1,575

Assets:

Chequing Account	\$47,461
Gaming Account	\$1,431
NVSD Trust Account	\$2,194

Liabilities:

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Hot Lunch Payable

\$670.35 Munch credit balances to be carried to next year.