

# BASTION PAC BULLETIN

## A CALL FOR PAC EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

### JOIN US IN SHAPING THE FUTURE: VOLUNTEER FOR BASTION ELEMENTARY'S PAC!!!

#### Dear Parents,

Bastion Elementary **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**, extends an **invitation to all Parent Members of the Bastion Community** to take on vital roles within our Executive group. Your participation as Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator for the upcoming 2024/2025 academic year is crucial in our continual pursuit of educational excellence.

#### Why Volunteer?

Your involvement serves as a foundation in our efforts to create a supportive educational environment. Together, we promote academic achievement and overall growth for every student at Bastion Elementary. Your contributions play a significant role in shaping the direction of our school.

#### Positions Available:

Treasurer

Fundraising Coordinator

\*Any parent interested in the President, Vice President or Secretary roles are also welcome to submit nominations for those positions.

#### Position Summary:

The **Treasurer** is a PAC executive role. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the financial affairs of the PAC. This includes budgeting, applying for grants, and updating a treasury report (on an Excel spreadsheet).

The **Fundraising Coordinator** plays a vital role on our standing committee. The Coordinator leads the efforts to fundraise for various school initiatives. This includes organizing and planning fundraising campaigns, and planning a year end staff appreciation luncheon.

While both positions require some time commitment, PAC provides plenty of support for anyone interested in filling these roles. No experience is required, just a desire to contribute positively to Bastions' School Community.

Please be aware that if these positions remain unfilled, it may impact the continuity of PAC initiatives.

#### For Inquiries or to Express your Interest:

All are welcome to nominate themselves or recommend others for these important positions. Executive roles will be voted at our PAC AGM meeting on Monday May 27th at 6:30 pm in the music room. Please submit nominations by Monday, May 20, 2024, to Principal Gobbett at hgobbett@sd83.bc.ca.

If you wish to have a more extensive conversation about PAC Executive roles, please email bastionpacsd83@gmail.com. PAC is happy to answer any questions you may have; we'll email or call you and discuss all the details.

#### WHAT IS PAC?

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are of tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent diversity in their school communities and contribute to the benefit of students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

# Your Support Matters

If you don't feel like you have time to be in an executive position on our PAC, there are still easy ways to support us. **The easiest way is to attend meetings.**

We generally hold our meetings in the school music room (or online via Microsoft Teams) the third Monday of the month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm and usually only last an hour or so. **We also almost always have a babysitter available so that you don't have to worry about child care.**

At these meetings, we hear from our Principal, Heather Gobbett, Vice Principal Megan Weir, and occasionally our School Board Trustee, Marianne VanBuskirk. They will give us updates on what is happening around our school and our district. After that, we discuss what monies we have spent, funds to distribute, what upcoming fundraisers we have, Fun Food day update etc.; there is an opportunity for anyone present to bring up anything they would like to discuss.

I cannot stress how informal these meetings are. Everyone has an opportunity to speak as much or as little as they like and have a say in what matters to them. Each parent and guardian at our school is automatically a PAC member, and your thoughts and opinions matter to your children and us.

If you can't attend a PAC meeting but have potential fundraising ideas, want to find out how to volunteer for PAC events, or want to share thoughts on supports and items we can fund, please email us at [bastionpacSD83@gmail.com](mailto:bastionpacSD83@gmail.com).

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bastionschoolPAC/>

## Did you know?

**Bastion PAC helped fund the following purchases this school year that benefited the students and staff:**

- Climbing traverse wall
- Supplies for school community events: Winter movie night, Unplug & Play, Carnival etc.
- Additional funding for the Choir Program
- Front Row classroom sound systems
- Classroom equipment
- Outdoor equipment
- Field trip support
- Literacy enrichment: 200 nights of reading prize books & Red Cedar Program
- Upcoming staff appreciation luncheon for our extremely hard working teaching and support staff