

Welcome to Springwood!



Let the PAC Fun Begin!

What is a PAC?

Officially... **Parent Advisory Council** is:

- ▶ PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school
 - Each school has their own PAC
- ▶ PACs are forums, within each school community, to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children
- ▶ PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:
 - Providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school
 - Involving parents in volunteer activities
 - Openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools

Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools.



...Unofficially...(but totally true!) **Our SES PAC is:**

▶ Volunteers:

- Moms, Dads, Guardians & Grandparents who want to be involved in their kids' educational journey

...“What’s that you say?...you want to volunteer?...you want to join PAC?... You are already a part of PAC by having a child at Springwood! Yeah!!!”

▶ Memory Creators:

- Through activities, hot lunches, carnivals, artwork...We want to be an active part of our kids' days at school.
- Ideas - We love ideas! What do you remember about your school days? What do you want to create for your family? Bring the ideas! Bring the possibilities

▶ Community:

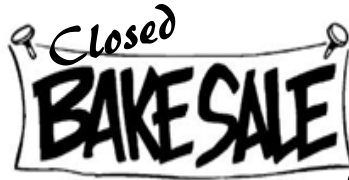
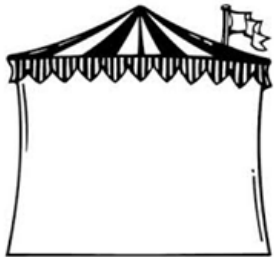
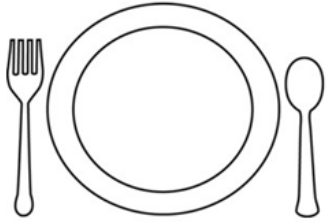
- Sometimes school happens *fast*...sometimes it's cOnFuSiNg...sometimes you just need someone who's been there to ask questions to



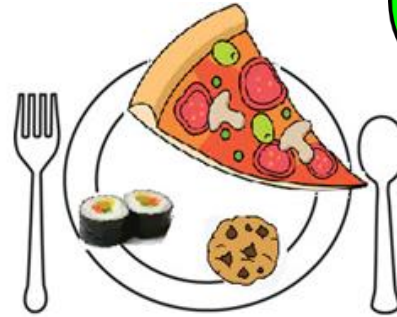
SES PAC prides themselves on being inclusive, transparent & mostly super FUN! ...sometimes silly...maybe mostly silly..

A fun look at PAC with PICTURES!

Without PAC



With PAC!



CARNIVAL



SD69 Schools

Each of these schools could have their own *PAC*



Springwood Elementary School



Bowser Elementary



École Oceanside Elementary School



Ecole Ballenas Secondary



Errington Elementary



Qualicum Beach Elementary School



PASS-Woodwinds Alternate School



Kwalikum Secondary School



Arrowview Elementary



Collaborative Education Alternative Program



False Bay School



Nanoose Bay Elementary

- ▶ Each PAC varies from school to school depending on:
 - Volunteers & Availability
 - PAC Constitution

- ▶ Most PACs have:
 - Executive Members (Chair/President, Vice Chair/President, Treasurer, Secretary, Members at Large)
 - PAC Constitution
 - Monthly Meetings
 - Meetings with School Administrators
 - Fundraisers & School PAC Activities

Each school PAC is then part of SD69 DPAC – *School District 69 Parent Advisory Council*

What is DPAC?

District Parent Advisory Council:

- ▶ Provides support for PACs in their role as advisors to their school
 - Helps PACs network: Typically if one school has a question/concern/need, others schools will have the same
 - DPAC is the umbrella voice for all the individual PACs in our district
 - DPAC adheres to guidelines set out by BCCPAC – BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
- ▶ Provides & Organizes:
 - PAC Constitution and PAC Role workshops
 - Parent training opportunities (For example: Food Safe, Internet Safety, Anxiety, Vaping, First Aid)
- ▶ SD69 DPAC has monthly meetings attended by or a combination of:
 - DPAC Reps & Chairs from individual SD69 School PACs
 - SD69 Trustees / Board Members / Senior Staff
 - MATA – Mount Arrowsmith Teacher Association Rep



SD69 DPAC Executives are all VOLUNTEERS!

Cool SES PAC Achievements

PAC receives funds each year through:

- Fundraisers
- BC Gaming Grants
- Donations



Through fundraisers such as:

Hot Lunches	Christmas Tree Sale	Dances	Carnival
Purdys Chocolate	Bake Sales	Movie Nights	BC Fresh To You Fundraiser
Colibri Bags	Poinsettias	Vessey Bulbs	Coupon Books

PAC has allocated funding to :

Field Trips	Indoor/Outdoor Equipment	Fun Day Treats	Running Club
Class room resources	Winter Wonderland Skating	Bus Transportation	Buddy Bench
Tennis Club	Earthquake Preparedness	Music / Band Camp	Leadership Conference

With your help, SES PAC supports our community & families by donating over \$20,000 each year to the school !

SES PAC Legacy

- ▶ Each year SES PAC works hard at creating a legacy for Springwood families
 - Sometimes they are events, sometimes it's a small purchase that can stay at the school for years bringing memories
- ▶ Over the past 5 years, through our volunteering and advocating, we have been lucky to be a part of creating some of these Springwood legacies:
 - ✓ Buddy Bench
 - ✓ Paved parking lot & sidewalk from the dog park
 - ✓ Disco light for the gym
 - ✓ Awesome mural!
 - ✓ Munchalunch! – Online ordering and Hot Lunch a couple times a month
 - ✓ Button Maker (Springwood kids can now make buttons forever...and ever!)
 - ✓ Comfy couch & sitting area
 - ✓ ColorCycle – felt pen recycling
 - ✓ Pom Pom Makers
 - ✓ Christmas PAC Elves organized with the School



SES PAC Executives

As per our SES PAC Constitution:

- ▶ SES PAC typically has 9 voted in Executive positions
 - Fulfilled by volunteer parents/guardians
 - Can be revised depending on Constitution
- ▶ An Executive can only hold a position for 2 consecutive years
 - It's best when multiple people try different positions and everyone helps build and share knowledge!
- ▶ Elections are held near the end of the school year, but some positions are not filled, or left open, until the beginning of the next school year

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Director
Director
Director
Director
DPAC Rep



There is one more position mentioned in our Constitution...

It is YOU!! Congratulations!!!



- ▶ All parents/guardians with students registered in SES are automatically a PAC Voting Member ("Member at Large")
- ▶ You are a valued member of our SES PAC!

To stay connected & receive emails directly from SES PAC, send us an email saying "*please sign me up*" and we will add you to our mail list.

Note: These emails are separate from what the school sends out.

- PAC maintains their own mail list where they send hotlunch reminders, volunteer shout outs, fundraisers, opportunities from the District PAC and more casual "connecting" type emails for families
- PAC respects your time and inbox...and typically send only one email a week
- You can asked to be removed from these emails at anytime



Contact us:

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- ✓ Check out PAC Newsletters and PAC Meeting Notes here:
<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/SES/parents/Pages/Parent-Advisory-Council.aspx#/=>
- ✓ Find out more about BCCPAC here: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php>

Why do we do it?

We do it for:



The KIDS!!!

“See you at a PAC Meeting
or around the playground!”