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**Dear Parents/Guardians of EFR students,**

We would like to take this opportunity to explain who the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** is at Ecole Frank Ross (EFR), what we do, and how you can join us to make a difference at our school!

**Who is PAC?**

All parents and guardians of a student registered in Ecole Frank Ross are voting members of the Council.

The executive positions that make up the PAC committee consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer; with additional roles being District PAC rep. and School Planning Council representatives.

**What does PAC do?**

PAC allows parents/guardians the unique opportunity to represent and support student's best interests to the EFR administrative staff. As well as, participate in, contribute to, and influence the quality of education that is available to all students at EFR.

Our goal is to meet briefly once a month to vote on various funding requests put forth, and discuss any fundraising initiatives and extra-curricular events sponsored by PAC. These monthly meeting generally run for an hour.

To date PAC has been able to beneficially contribute to the EFR learning environment through:

- ✓ Funding of extra-curricular activities for classes such as swimming, skiing, and various field trips throughout the year.
- ✓ Fun days ~ Such as school wide or class pizza parties! The purchase of a commercial popcorn machine that is available for class parties or fundraisers. Pre-covid, PAC put on an annual Spring Fling dance which was a lot of fun!
- ✓ Hot lunch program. Food boxes for classrooms.
- ✓ School wide ~ Support of ADST through the purchase of a garden tower, \$2000 contribution towards ADST supplies (spaghetti bridge building, home economics, supplies for 3D printing, rocket launches), \$2000 annual contribution to the library
- ✓ Individual Classroom ~ Covering the cost of subscriptions for learning app's (Sum Dog) or equipment to provide students greater access to technology and learning resources
- ✓ To date, PAC has been able to offer teacher's an annual \$200 teacher's allowance\* to assist in the cost of special events or additional supplies they would like to purchase for their class.

**How you can join us to make a difference!**

All parents/guardians of a student registered in Ecole Frank Ross are welcome to attend our monthly PAC meetings and serve on the Parent Advisory Council.

Each year our PAC is able to secure thousands of dollars in funding from grants that support the programs and activities listed above. These grants have enabled PAC to support the above activities with minimal fundraising, lessening the financial burden on parents/guardians.

According to Eligibility Criteria under the Community Gaming Grants 2020 PAC & DPAC Guidelines & Conditions:

*PACs and DPACs must also meet all of the following general Community Gaming Grand organization eligibility criteria. Such as, Has a minimum of 2/3 board members democratically elected by its voting membership.*

For the past couple years we have regrettably seen a decline in the participation of parents/guardians at a PAC level. As there is a minimum requirement to run a PAC, and we are struggling to meet this requirement, this puts our school at risk of losing out on some very valuable funding moving forward.

As an increase in active parental/guardian support is crucial to PAC successfully continuing on, we would like to encourage you to attend a PAC meeting to learn more and to see how you can get involved. **Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, located at the school.** Weather permitting we will meet outside, but location to be announced closer to the date.

Please feel free to contact myself at [ecolefrankrosspac@gmail.com](mailto:ecolefrankrosspac@gmail.com), or any current PAC members, as we welcome all questions and feedback. We thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

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PAC Chair