

# Meadowbrook Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Constitution

(Last amended May 2018)

## Article 1 – Name, Objectives and Affiliation

### Section 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Meadowbrook Elementary School Parent Advisory Council, hereafter referred to as the “PAC”.

The PAC will operate as a non-profit organization with no personal financial benefit.

The business of the Council will be unbiased in respect of race, religion, gender, politics, sexual orientation, and physical or mental disability.

The PAC has been established with the authority granted in Bill 67 – 1989 School Act, Part 2, Section 7 and 8, and Bill 34, the School Amendment Act - 2002

### Section 2 –Objectives

- a) To support, encourage, and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students in Meadowbrook Elementary School.
- b) To provide a forum and the opportunity for the membership to openly review and discuss any matter related to the school.
- c) To promote effective communication and cooperation between the home and school in providing for the education of children.
- d) To provide parents with information on how to effectively communicate within the education system and to advocate on behalf of their children at both the School and District levels.
- e) To promote a sense of community within the school’s catchment area.
- f) To coordinate and cooperate with other school groups and agencies.
- g) To advise the principal and staff on parents’ views on any matter relating to the school – programs, policies, plans and activities.
- h) To organize PAC activities and events.
- i) To initiate fundraising activities only when there is a clearly identified need to provide funds for children to receive an enhanced quality of education in a safe, healthy environment and to generate funds to cover all PAC expenses.
- j)

## Article II – PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

The purpose of the Council will be:

- a) To promote the education and welfare of students in the school
- b) To encourage parent involvement in the school.
- c) To advise the school board, principal, and staff on any matter relating to the school.

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- d) To promote the interests of public education and, in particular, the Reggio Emilia interests of Meadowbrook Elementary School.
- e) To provide leadership in the school community
- f) To contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood.
- g) To provide a forum for parents for discussion of educational issues.
- h) To organize and support activities for students and parents.
- i) To provide financial support for the goals of the school.
- j) To advise and participate in the activities of District 43 PAC.

### Article III – Affiliation

This PAC affiliates with the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the Provincial Parent Association on an annual basis

### Article IV – Interpretation of Terms

- a) “Community Organizations” means groups that demonstrate an interest in education and are not already included in the scope of the Council’s constitution and bylaws.
- b) “District” means School District No 43.
- c) “DPAC” or “District parent advisory council” means the parent advisory councils organized according to the School Act and operating as a district parent advisory council in School District No. 43
- d) “PAC” or “Parent advisory council” means the parents organized according to the School Act and operating as a parent advisory council in Meadowbrook Elementary.
- e) “Parent” is as defined in the School Act and means
  1. The guardian of the person of the student or child
  2. The person legally entitled to custody of the student or child, or
  3. The person who usually has the care and control of the student or child and, for the purposes of these bylaws, means the parent or guardian of a child or children enrolled in School District No. 43
- f) “School” means any public elementary or secondary educational institution as defined in the School Act operating within School District No. 43

### Article II – Dissolution

#### Section 1 – General Funds

In the event of dissolution and following payment of all outstanding debts disbursement of the remaining funds will be decided upon by the membership at the final General Meeting.

#### Section 2 – Gaming Funds

Should the Meadowbrook Elementary PAC, which received charitable gaming funds from licensed charitable gaming and/or direct charitable access, at any time dissolve or cease to exist, have

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any and all gaming moneys or assets purchased with gaming funds held at the date of dissolution or cessation of existence these/they shall be distributed by the Meadowbrook Elementary PAC to :

-A registered charity or registered charities in British Columbia, as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada), as may be determined by the members of the Council at the time of winding up or dissolution

OR

-Such charitable organization or organization in British Columbia having similar charitable purpose.

The foregoing resolution shall not be altered or amended and shall continue to be binding on the Meadowbrook Elementary School PAC.

The Meadowbrook Elementary School PAC will provide its undertaking, by delivery of a copy of this resolution to the BC Gaming Commission that it will abide by the limits on the application of its assets on dissolution as provided herein