



Cougar Canyon PAC

Welcome to Cougar Canyon Elementary!

As the parent or guardian of a child at Cougar Canyon you are now a member of our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)!

What is the role of the PAC?

Cougar Canyon Elementary has an active and enthusiastic parents' group that meets regularly throughout the school year to provide valued service to the school in areas such as school community events, fundraising, hot lunch days, staff appreciation events, and parent education sessions. Meetings are announced by email and on our PAC Facebook Group (search Cougar Canyon Elementary PAC to join) and are open to all parents of Cougar Canyon.

The PAC also works with the Principal on many school matters including those related to policy and programs, activities and school improvements. The PAC is a great opportunity to maintain regular communication with the Principal on issues and decisions that affect the school community. We work together to maintain a strong sense of pride and caring for all at Cougar Canyon through our activities and expenditures.

Some of the things we fundraise for include:

- Classroom Funds
- Computers & Technology
- Sports equipment
- Assemblies, Special Events and Cultural Presentations
- Major projects such as new playground equipment

What happens at a PAC meeting?

At each meeting the Principal gives a school report. This report usually includes a summary of past and upcoming events and activities at the school, may address any overall current concerns or issues at the school and updates on staff changes.

The PAC Co-Chairs report on new or ongoing initiatives being undertaken by the PAC. These may include fundraising activities to support school events and/or needs (technology needs,

support for cultural activities, development of playground etc); planning for annual events such as Marketplace, Carnival and Staff Appreciation Lunch.

Reports are also given by the Treasurer, DPAC (District PAC representative) and other committees.

Open discussion is always encouraged to allow anyone the opportunity to share any general comments, concerns or ask questions.

How can I be on the PAC?

As mentioned, all Cougar Canyon parents are members of the PAC and are encouraged to attend the regular meetings. The PAC Executive team is nominated and voted on in the spring for the upcoming school year. These positions include Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary and DPAC representative. In addition to the executive positions, there are also many other committees that you can lead or be a part of such as events planning, fundraising and hot lunch.

Why should I join the PAC or come to a meeting?

- find out more about what is happening in your child's school
- express any concerns or suggestions you have
- meet and get to know other parents and staff
- feel better connected to your child's school as a whole
- help enhance your child's educational experience

When does the PAC meet?

The PAC typically meets once per month in the evenings in the school library or virtually. When we have in person meetings, we provide childminding for parents. As a soon to be parent at Cougar Canyon, you are welcome to attend meetings this year!

If you have any questions about the PAC or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact us.

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