



BISON RUN PAC NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Bison Run Parent Advisory Council

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What is the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

The Bison Run Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a non-profit, volunteer organization run by parents of students at Bison Run School.

The role of the Bison Run Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to:

- Act as an advisory structure to principal and staff, presenting parental and community perspectives.
- Promote community understanding, interest and involvement in the school.
- Act as a liaison among the school, parents, community and support organizations and promote communication.
- Be accountable to the school and membership for its activities and expenditures.

When Does the Parent Advisory Council Meet:

Our meetings are informal and held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the school library. The meetings serve as a great opportunity to connect with other parents, hear from the administration about what's happening in the school, ask questions, present ideas, and provide feedback. We would love to see more parents come out to meetings. All parents and guardians of students registered at Bison Run are encouraged to attend the monthly PAC meetings along with the school administration and members of the Executive.

Goals of the Bison Run Parent Advisory Council:

As our PAC is newly formed as of Fall 2023, we have many goals for the coming year. One of our first big fundraising goals will be a little kids and big kids accessible playground. Our first fundraising initiative will be Fun Lunches, where students and staff can place fun lunch orders from various restaurants within our community through an online ordering platform to be delivered directly to the school. Our first Fun Lunch is planned for January 31st. We are looking for parents/guardians available to volunteer during the fun lunch on January 31st, between 10:45am to 12:30pm. If you are available, please contact the Bison Run PAC at:

bisonrunpac@outlook.com

Playground Initiative:

As mentioned above, our first big fundraising goal is for playground equipment for Bison Run school grounds. This is a large initiative, and so we are in the process of setting up a Capital Planning sub-committee, who will focus on working with the school division and school administration towards getting quotes from playground companies, and apply for grant funding. If you are interested in joining our Capital Planning sub-committee, please contact the Bison Run PAC at: bisonrunpac@outlook.com.

We look forward to meeting all parents new to our school and hope to see both new and familiar faces at one of our upcoming meetings. If you have questions, concerns or comments please contact us at bisonrunpac@outlook.com.

Please check out the school website (under the Community tab) for meeting minutes and follow our social media profiles at BisonRunPAC (Instagram) and Bison Run Parent Advisory Council (Facebook) for updates.

Upcoming Events:

Fun Lunch: Wednesday, January 31st

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12th 7:00-8:00pm in Bison Run School Library (special guest Terry Duguid)