



Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent (PACS)
Key Communications

Lauren Bunke & Jon Junell (co-chairs)
Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023
District Office, 1306 Dupont St.

Each school has two representatives on this committee.

Welcome and Introductions

Co-chairs Lauren Bunke & Jon Junell

Superintendent's Update - Dr. Baker

Dr. Baker wanted to acknowledge that three assistant principals who had faced citations related to mandatory reporting have [reached a resolution and charges will be dropped](#). He wanted to share this update as some have read about this situation in the news.

Budget update: December kicks off the state budget cycle. The governor has shared his budget priorities, which he presents to the state legislature. Lawmakers expect this to be a hold-steady year as we plan for 2024-25. Our district will have [two levies on the ballot for the special election Feb. 13, 2024](#) budget. These are replacement levies. ([Here is the PPT](#) that Dr. Baker shared that our principals will be sharing in January and February with PTAs and parent groups.)

Dr. Baker shared photos and updates, including recent events and concerts as well as future events/calendar notes:

We do not have school on Treaty Day, January 22. Our schools are [sharing lessons about Treaty Day and its history](#).

Save the date for Winter Blast: Our first winter event for all students and families from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2024 at SportsPlex. Please contact Isabel.Meaker@bellingshamschools.org if you would like to volunteer for the event.

Safety and Emergency Response – Dr. Jay Jordan and Russ Robinson

Assistant Superintendent Jay Jordan and Safety and Security Supervisor Russ Robinson shared information and training about safety plans and emergency response. You can see the [presentation here](#).

Future meetings: Jan. 18, Feb. 22, March 14, April 18, May 16