



Annual General Meeting (by ZOOM)- May 25, 2021 6:30pm  
Period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

**P.A.C.E CANADA**  
**Project for the Advancement of Childhood Education**  
***HELPING YOUNG CHILDREN SUCCEED***

# AGENDA

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Approval of last AGM Minutes 21 July 2020
- ▶ President's report
- ▶ Financials
- ▶ Adopt-A-School
- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Children's Education & Wellness
- ▶ Special Awards
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Election - Slate of Officers
- ▶ Q & A
- ▶ Thank You.

MODERATOR: Gail Hunter, PACE Director

By: Acting Secretary, Mardi South

# Adoption of Minutes AGM 21 July 2020

- ▶ A Motion to adopt the minutes

By: Acting Secretary, Mardi South



# President's Report

- ▶ COVID19 Impact
- ▶ Member virtual events
- ▶ Partnerships
- ▶ Tablets for kids Program launch



ZOOM Board meeting

By: President, Diana Burke



# President's Report

## ► COVID19 Impact

With the first phase of the COVID19 virus underway PACE had to revisit all plans and activities for the fiscal year starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. This included:

- ❖ Holding virtual Board meetings
- ❖ Cancelling the annual Strawberry Social
- ❖ Developing virtual fundraising events
- ❖ Sending the Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 sponsor donations to schools as wire transfers to the Early Childhood Commission for credit to each school's bank accounts (issue of getting the PACE Receipt Forms from schools)
- ❖ Reducing the office time of our Administrator to one day per week
- ❖ Special fundraising held for school's covid19 impact

# President's Report

## ► **Member events**

- ❖ Held a Spring virtual Scavenger Hunt fundraiser
- ❖ Held a Winter virtual Scavenger Hunt fundraiser
- ❖ Newsletters sent online and by mail to update members and advise about fundraisers
- ❖ Ongoing response to members phone calls and emails
- ❖ Condolences sent for members who passed and some families donated in their memory

# President's Report

## ► Partnerships

- Sent welcome messages to the new Jamaica HC Sharon J Miller and CG Lincoln G Downer who also agreed to be Honorary Members of PACE
- JN Bank –PACE Bank account in Jamaica now opened
- Attended the new ECC Quarterly Partnership 3 virtual events
- Helping Hands again provided funding support for 25 schools
- Again donated \$500 in books from A Different Book List to the Nelson Mandela JK School
- Sangster's Book Store again supported Gift Boxes and delivery to our sponsored schools



# President's Report

## ► Tablet for Kids Program launch

- New initiative to fund a tablet device for kids now at home as schools are closed
  - Identified the OneTab device developed by onebillion.org in UK
    - Cost est. C\$100 each
    - Manufactured in China
    - Implementation in Manitoba – spoke to the coordinator who was very positive
  - Leveraging support from local community incl. JCA and organizations
  - Applications to funding orgs incl. CIDA, Kisko
- Plans to leverage the Jamaica National Education Trust importation and distribution process

# Financials (2020-2021)

## ➤ General Fund

- **Excess of Revenue over Expenditure** increased by \$31,112 (84.8%) over the previous year mostly due to an increase in Total Revenue by \$34,239 (42.2%) offset by a small increase in Total Expenses of \$3,127 (7%)
- **Total Revenue** increase mostly attributable to Special Donations collected for COVID-19 relief (\$24,933) and ongoing One Tablet per child (\$19,294).
- **Donations General** increased by \$10,350 (50%) due to stable monthly contributors to the fund offset by a significant decrease in Fundraising income of \$19,574 (200%)
- **Total Operating Expenditure** decreased by \$18,073 mostly due to a decline in Fundraising expenses and curtailing of operating costs to adjust to COVID-19 lockdowns. Non-operating expenses relate to payments to the Basic School Improvement Fund for COVID-19 relief funds received. In April 2020, we disbursed \$20,000 from the Operating Fund and disbursed approximately \$5,000 in May 2021.

## ➤ Restricted Fund

Total Revenue includes AAS (\$64,420); and Gift Box (\$3,935).

	General Fund		Restricted Fund	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$81,195	\$46,956	\$68,555	\$57,442
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$44,507	\$41,381	\$39,993	\$28,644
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</b>	\$36,688	\$5,575	\$28,562	\$28,798
<b>Net Assets</b>	\$40,206	\$6,021	\$31,064	\$29,893

By: Treasurer, Michelle Gregory-Thomas

# Adoption of Treasurer's Report

- ▶ A Motion to accept the Treasurer's report

By: Treasurer, Michelle Gregory-Thomas



# Adopt-A-School

- ▶ AAS Disbursements
  - ▶ Spring Distribution delayed due to Covid19
  - ▶ Funds again sent by Wire Transfer to Early Childhood Education in Jamaica- the ECE will distribute the funds to the schools account online
- ▶ **Total Disbursements sent to 190 schools for Fall 2020 = \$62,963**
  - ▶ *Included COVID19 funds \$24,942 for 131 schools*
- ▶ **Total Disbursements sent to 107 schools : Spring 2021 - \$36,575** (Distribution sent in May as delayed due to Covid19)
- ▶ 44 Gift Boxes sent: Total of \$4,800.00
- ▶ **20 New Schools adopted this year**

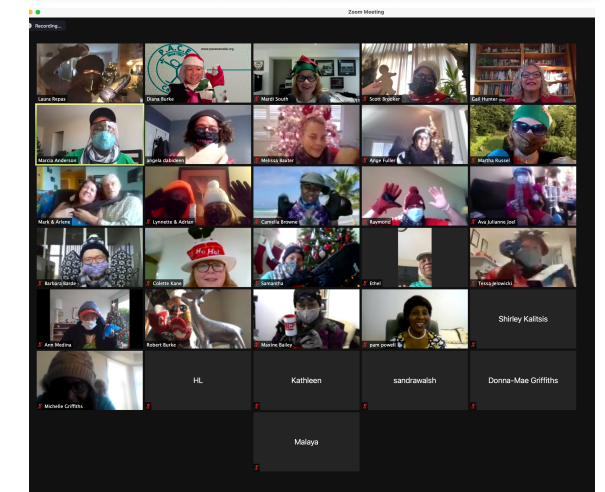
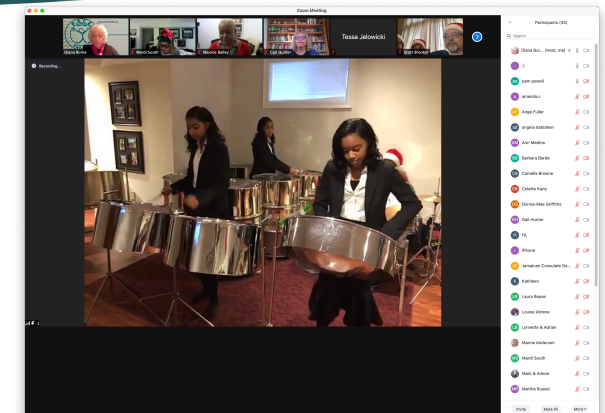


By: Chair, Mardi South

# Fundraising

- ▶ Over \$9.5M raised from:
  - Spring Scavenger Hunt
  - Online Auction
  - PACE masks
  - Winter Scavenger Hunt
- ▶ Despite the challenges faced due to the pandemic, the members of PACE Canada had to get creative with online means of acquiring funds. We decided on an online auction which started in November and has been ongoing. We then had an At Home Scavenger Hunt, held in December; and face masks with PACE logo came out in February. Our fundraising efforts were successful and yielded a total of \$9,544
- ▶ *PACE thanks all the donors, performers, family and members who contributed to the success of these events*

By: Directors: Angella Fuller, Angela Dabideen



# Children's Education & Wellness

- ▶ Two PACE bursaries provided to George Brown ECE students Nene Ogbonnaya and Linh Nhan who successfully completed their 2 Year Diploma course
- ▶ PACE Board members from George Brown continuing to provide training to Jamaica Practitioners, Principals and Development Offices.

By: Co-Chairs: Colette Kane , Marcia Anderson & Director: Gail Hunter



# Special PACE Awards

## ► PACESETTER Award – Mary Bishop Long

P.A.C.E. has had the benefit of contributions in cash and in kind from many individuals and companies. The Pacesetter Awards is a way of acknowledging these special contributions by members, sponsors and friends. This year one special supporter stands out for her in kind auction donations and fundraising support by her contacts for the TABLETS program.

## ► FOUNDER'S Award – Gail Hunter and Colette Kane

This award, named in honor of our Founder Dr. Mavis Burke, O.Ont, is in recognition of years of support and significant contributions to the objectives of PACE through personal efforts in the early childhood education community in Jamaica and Canada. Our Board members from George Brown College and PACE partners for over 20 years have certainly demonstrated their commitment to early childhood education in Canada and Jamaica.



# Communications

- ▶ Included Ad and article on the Tablets for Kids in the Gleaner March 24<sup>th</sup> Women's Month feature
- ▶ Article in SHARE March 11-24 issue for launch of the Tablets for Kids
- ▶ Did a Podcast in March on PACE for a new Gleaner global diaspora feature initiative

*Our special thanks to Sophia Findlay, Lincoln Depradine and Neil Armstrong for their support of PACE*

By Chair: Mark Fullerton

# Communications

- ▶ Join our PACE social media and get ongoing updates
- ▶ Spread the word – widen our circle of PACE supporters
- ▶ Donate to the Tablets for Kids program [www.pacecanada.org/one-tablet/](http://www.pacecanada.org/one-tablet/)
- ▶ Attend our events

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# Election of Slate of Officers

## ➤ Incumbents

- President – Diana Burke
- Treasurer – Michelle Gregory-Thomas
- Secretary – Maxine Bailey
- Chair AAS - Mardi South
- Co-Chairs – Education & Wellness – Colette Kane & Marcia Anderson
- Chair – Communications – Mark Fullerton
- Director – Gail Hunter
- Director Angela Dabideen
- Director Dr. Edith Lorimer
- Director Angella Fuller

## ➤ Nominees

- Chair Fundraising – Andria Barrett
- Chair Membership - Vacant

# Fundraising Chair Nominee – Andria Barrett

## ► Brief Bio

Andria Barrett is the Founder of the Diversity Agency a Speaker's Bureau and works with a team that specializes in facilitating workshops in Unconscious Bias & Anti-Black racism. She also assists companies interested in marketing to Black Consumers, Entrepreneurs and Black Communities.

As CEO of The Diversity Agency, Andria is an accomplished Speaker & Trainer. With a background in Technology as a Business Analyst & Software Trainer for various clients, around the world, Andria has conducted numerous training and consulting assignments for corporations, municipal and provincial governments and agencies and has completed the Black Governance & Leadership Training in Toronto.

Andria has contributed and participated on economic recovery roundtables in Toronto, Mississauga & Brampton and has previously organized a roundtable with previous Minister of Finance, Hon. Rod Phillips.

Andria has participated in consultation with various levels of government and was part of the team that provided input on the \$221 million-dollar Black Entrepreneurship Fund announced by the Federal Government of Canada.

Andria has recently completed the Essentials of Modern Board training with Capacity Canada and the Manulife Board Governance Bootcamp.



# Approval of Slate of Officers

- ▶ Any Nominees for the Membership Chair position?
- ▶ *A Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Slate of Officers*



# Thank you

- **Patrons, Life members, members and our Board**
- **Volunteers**
- **Supporters**
- **In memorium** – Diana Masny, Albert Williams



# Q & A



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**THANK YOU**

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# Motion to Adjourn

- ▶ A Motion to adjourn the AGM