



**PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE
DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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December 13, 2017 Meeting minutes,

Attendance: , Kristy, Ms. Linfitt, Christine, Kelley, Shauna, Barb, Jocelyn, Valerie, Leni and Katrina.

6:01 meeting got underway, was a mentioned that Craft fair went well, was well attended and a good idea to have at the same time as other local craft fairs. Valeria, Amanda and Jen were mentioned in appreciation of their efforts to help make the day a success.

Approval of September meeting minutes:

Christine motioned

Kristy seconded

Minutes approved.

Addition to Agenda:

None.

Principals report: Attached.

After Principal's report a brief discussion ensued regarding the parking lot issues. A parent asked about possibility of stairs being built from the top of the Kindergarten playground for easier accessibility during winter months to enable some parents to drop off at that access. Idling vehicles was mentioned. A brief discussion on educating kids about the drop off zone.

Also at this point it was mentioned that the parking lot volunteer, Val had sent PAC a letter regarding an incident that happened on November 29th. The result of this incident was Val now has a fractured hand and she wants to make sure that the incident is being addressed and all appropriate authorities have been informed. A discussion ensued about how this incident happened and how unacceptable this kind of behavior is. Val was acting as a volunteer to ensure the safety of the DT children and the aggression displayed in the parking lot is unsafe behavior.

The school has sent Val flowers and **Christine motioned** that the PAC send Val spend up to \$100 as a gesture for Val on behalf of PAC.

Leni second - all in Favour, motion carried.

Teacher Liaison:

Request for funds: Ms. Kipp requested funds for technology robotic equipment - more primary based. She has requested to purchase Spheros to teach kids how to code. Amount requested \$1,689.

Question was asked if Ms. Kipp decided to leave would the robots be used by other teachers? Answer by Ms. Linfitt was yes.



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Also Ms. Webster and Ms. Nobel request funds for additional materials for STEM activities. The STEM bins are rotated through primary classes, the material is to fulfill requirements of the new curriculum. The question was put forward about if a new curriculum is placed upon the school, are there no funds to pay for the materials required for this new curriculum? The answer received that no there is no funding available for new materials for new curriculum.

Leni mentioned that she wanted PAC to make note of the fact that we have already spent \$5,000 out of miscellaneous and the requests are quite large, how many more could we receive going forward. We do have the money from the year before, but just to be mindful and hope that the trend for large amounts requested does not continue.

Christine motioned \$735 for STEM bins and \$1,000 for robots.

Leni seconded motion for STEM bins

Christine amended motion 50% of the cost for robots.

Leni seconded.

All in favour - motion carried.

All in favour for paying for STEM bins - motion carried.

DPAC Report

Valerie brought forward some topics being discussed at the DPAC level. The last DPAC meeting discussed the Student Learning Grant and it was questioned whether there are any cross overs as to what PAC may pay for and the school has funds to purchase. It was put forward that in regards to DT that there are no likely doubling in purchases being made by the school and PAC.

A question was asked about what had been paid for by the school with the Student Learning Grant. The amount received by the school was \$16,320. The school purchases included chrome books, Turtle Island Literacy packages and home reading books. There was athletic equipment purchased but some of it needs to be returned because some of it has broken.

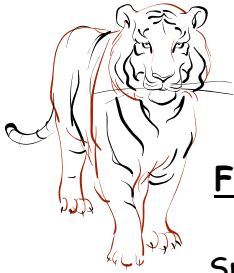
The request was made to attach document detailing expenditures being made from monies made with this grant in full disclosure.

The BC CPAC conference in November topic was SOGI

Treasurer

Current balance in Gaming account \$17, 197.

Current balance in General account \$41, 974.



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Fundraisers:

Spring: Hanging baskets.

A brief discussion regarding the up and coming raffle to be held possibly close to Mother's Day. What does PAC want to spend the money on? New playground equipment was mentioned. The piece of equipment put forward is in the range of \$35,000. Does PAC want to put forward that it is the goal of this raffle, or should it be in general stating that the money raised is to go towards playground equipment and outdoor recreation.

It was mentioned that the cost of outdoor equipment is quite high and PAC recognizes the need for more playground equipment, but was determined that PAC should be more general and not specific in it's fundraising goal for the raffle.

Kelly mentioned that she has now completed her Food Safe and the Fruit and Veggie program will start in January.

Next meeting January 18th at 6pm

Meeting closed.