

PAC MEETING MINUTES

May 16th, 2018

Attendance: Jocelyn, Leni, Christine, Valerie N, Valeria H, Kristy, Kimberly, Shauna, Kelley, Barb and Berni

Meeting was called to order at ~6:10 pm.

MOTION by Christine that the minutes from the April PAC meeting be accepted as posted, 2nd Barb. CARRIED

Additions to Agenda:

Christine added Hot Lunch Coordinator and AGM rules to new business.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Berni provided an electronic copy of her report which follows. Any further discussion or comments regarding a topic has been added in **BOLD**.

Enrolment - 431

- 2019-20 enrolment projected to remain similar to this year. There will not be another portable.
- Sports - thank you to Stefan Reid for coaching the Flag Football team and to Mr Martin for teacher sponsor
- Please note that with all sport teams, playoffs, tournaments are optional - we are grateful to those who volunteer their personal time to add to the school experience.
- over 100 students went to Zones Track and Field; over 45 are going to Districts today/tomorrow

Berni also reported that there was more student participation in the full day track and field as opposed to pulling students out from classrooms to participate in events.

- Welcome to Kindergarten date changed from May 25th to June 1 due to conflict with Kindergarten teachers Pro D. Parents were notified.
- Ms Linfitt has been busy this month and out of the school several days. 2 for VTRA training; 3 for Interviewing TTOCs; 2 for Admin Meetings; 5 partial days for student meetings.
- New Playground Equipment!!! We had recent additions put in by the K-2 playground. Watch for us in the media soon regarding this - also the Go Fund Me for Kira.

Up Coming:

Thursday, May 17th - Districts at TCC

Friday, May 18th - Pro D Day

Monday May 21st - Victoria Day

Tuesday, May 22nd - Family of Schools presentation - focus will be on PBIS

-Trois Petits Cochons - Madame Helene and Mr Cinel's class

Friday, May 25th - Ms Morris and Ms Linfitt will be at training for our new attendance call out

Monday, May 28th - Eureka Science; Golf Lessons

Tuesday, May 29th - Eureka Science; Golf Lessons

Wednesday, May 30th - Golf Lessons

Thursday, May 31st - Mr Martin's Presentation of Learning 6pm

Friday, June 1st - Welcome To Kindergarten 9 am; Strings year end - 11:15 am

June 4th-7th - Book Fair

Thursday, June 14th - Parent Tea - 1:00-2:15

Monday, June 25th - Fun Day

END OF PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Discussion: A parent reported hearing rumours that Westsyde Elementary School may open again. Berni said no, that is not a real possibility. Another parent reported that there was another large housing development being planned out by the Dunes. Berni said she would pass that information on.

NEW BUSINESS:

May 25th Movie Night for Kira: Jocelyn was going to confirm with the licensing company that PAC could rent a movie anywhere and play it rather than having to order it through criterion. Eva M. and her mom are offering to run a bake sale at the movie night for Kira as well. Doors open at 5:30 with a 6pm start time.

Year End Family BBQ: Kelley read from an email she received from Corrinna regarding the proposed details for the family BBQ. The date options were June 8th or 15th, depending on caterer availability. Jocelyn asked whether people thought having the Welcome Back BBQ and a Year End BBQ were too much for people. She also reminded us that at a previous PAC meeting the PAC had discussed not having BBQs on a Friday as it was felt many families have weekend plans especially now that spring/summer weather is here. There was discussion around the dunk tank and there was an assumption that teachers would volunteer to be there for the dunk tank, but from past BBQs the teachers that sometimes came were mainly those teachers with children at the school. There was also discussion around supervision for the bouncy castles and dunk tank. Christine suggested that there needed to be 100% commitment from volunteer parents to supervise the bouncy castle and dunk tanks and that this was necessary for the safety and enjoyment of all kids. Jocelyn felt that a \$1000 budget may be a bit high for bouncy castles and suggested perhaps that costs be brought back in line with what we have done in the past, she suggested \$500. Christine agreed that \$1000 felt a bit high. Christine also mentioned that PAC would need to give the caterer at least one week's notice for how many servings would be necessary, and PAC would need to give parents at least a couple of weeks to order and get payments in. She also said that she was not able to put all the paper orders in to the system or organize food tickets at this time so that would have to be completed by someone else. **The discussion regarding the Family BBQ occurred throughout the meeting, and closer to the end of the meeting it was determined that the Family BBQ would be cancelled for Year End and PAC would plan for a Welcome Back BBQ like we did this year. The general consensus was there were no convenient dates available in June that would give PAC enough planning time to allow for a sufficient ordering period for parents and caterer lead time to prepare food. It was also discussed that perhaps PAC should plan a year ahead of time in September and set dates for things like Movie Nights and BBQs and Track and Field days, etc so that PAC has the maximum amount of planning time.**

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Fun Day Lunch / Ice Cream: Christine reported that she had asked Panago if they were available to do a hot lunch day for us on the 25th. They said they had a standing Monday order with a different elementary school but would confirm with them if there was an order that day and let Christine know if they could cater our Fun Day. Berni said that the teachers were wondering if PAC was going to do an ice cream station as they have in the past. Christine confirmed that yes PAC usually had a freezie station in which every student received a freezie courtesy of PAC. Kristy also mentioned that last year we put out some fresh fruit also free of charge to the students to add a healthy treat option. So depending on Panago's availability the plan for Fun Day is to have a pizza lunch day with PAC provided freezies and fresh fruit. Christine said she would give Kelley contact information for the Save-On manager and assistant manager to get the freezies ordered. Kelley felt that we should order the freezies earlier as at the Track and Field day, the freezies were a little soft and could have used a longer time in the freezer.

Val Lunch time: Val H. asked if the school had food for students who didn't have enough to eat. She also said she had heard from other parents that teachers were asking students to share their food with classmates if they had extra in their lunches. She felt that perhaps the school should have some extra snacks so kids who are hungry can get allergy safe snacks without taking food from other students. Christine mentioned that DT PAC had tried to provide snacks for kids a few years ago, however, the food program was misused by some students. Berni felt that staff would have a good handle on which students might legitimately need the extra snacks vs. those students who may have just eaten their entire lunch at snack, etc. The PAC Community Fund of \$500 was also mentioned to see if this money might be used to get food for students to assist with kids that may need just a little more food during the day. It was felt that this could be a good use for that fund.

Val also brought up that some students were mentioning to their parents that students from other classes were coming into their class at lunch time to visit. Berni said that this practice was a school decision not a parent decision.

Teacher Luncheon: Jocelyn asked if PAC felt we should have a teacher luncheon this year. Most parents felt that we should have a teacher luncheon to show our appreciation for their work throughout the year. Jocelyn said she would contact Leilani to see if she could organize something or she may take it on herself. Jocelyn suggested that perhaps she would get Sameena from Nourishing Gourment to cater as she has in the past. It was asked if we needed to make a motion for this, but we already approved the cost of a teacher luncheon in our October budget meeting so no motion was necessary.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Raffle: Kristy reported that 1000 tickets have been returned to the school. Some parents have reported losing their ticket books. Kristy has a record of which ticket books have gone to which student and will be sending reminders home to those families that have not yet returned books. Kristy requested that PAC keep reminding other parents to get their raffle tickets back to the school as soon as possible and to keep advertising the raffle by word of mouth and social media. Kristy also mentioned possibly setting up at Save-On foods to sell some raffle tickets to the community. There was discussion regarding the Raffle later in the meeting asking when tickets were due and when the draw was. Hoping to have tickets in by June 11th at the latest with the draw happening at 12:30pm on June 15th. A few parents were discussing that it would be nice to communicate how much the raffle and other fundraisers have made over the year. There was the suggestion that there be a PAC newsletter sent out to parents, maybe in September, to communicate how much our fundraisers have made and to thank parents for their support.

Hot Lunch Coordinator: There was discussion around having a new hot lunch coordinator for next year as Christine is working full time now and can't be at the school as often as necessary. Christine explained that the hot lunch coordinator is not just being at the school on the day of the hot lunch for 20 minutes. There is a lot of preparation and background work that needs to be done as well. Jocelyn requested that Christine write up a hot lunch coordinator description before the end of the year. Barb said that she may be available to be the coordinator for next year but needs to confirm work schedules before committing.

AGM Rules: Christine reported that she found out some information regarding the AGM and that it does not need to be in September, however, it does need to be held in the year 2018, so postponing the AGM to October is possible. The general consensus was that it would be a good idea to push the AGM to October and use the September meeting as an introductory meeting so new parents can get an idea of what PAC is about before positions are voted on.

Treasurer's Report: No report tonight as bank statements were not received in time to prep paperwork for tonight's meeting.

Teacher Liaison: There was a request for funds from Mr. Martin for \$150 for Bike To School Week prizes. It was noted that Mr. Martin is acting as a parent volunteer in this role and in order for students to participate in the bike trains they need to have parent supervision.

MOTION by Leni that the PAC spend up to \$150 for Bike to School Week prizes, 2nd by Kimberly. CARRIED

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There was another request for funds from Mr. Toews for \$675 for an intro to Golf for grades K through 7.

MOTION by Christine that the PAC spend up to \$675 from Gaming to provide an Intro to Golf for grades K to 7, 2nd by Leni. CARRIED

DPAC REPORT:

Valerie reported that Staples offered \$1600 to DPAC and that Staples is providing 10, \$20,000 grants to Canadian schools via the Superpower Your School Contest. They require an essay be sent in regarding environmental education, programs or responsibility at our school. More details at Staples.ca.

Valerie also respectfully asked for the DPAC report to be moved up closer to the beginning of the meeting after the principal's report as it has been in the past.

Valerie reported that she attended the DPAC AGM and was elected to the Vice Chair position. Congratulations to Valerie!

Valerie also stated that The Edge presentation was presented to the DPAC. There was a drug and alcohol counsellor in attendance as well as a doctor. The drug and alcohol counsellor responded that there was inappropriate language in the video and that there were ethical issues around the videotaping of people in the film. The doctor also responded that the video presented wrong information. As the Edge presentation was developed in 2006, it may be possible that it is outdated. The superintendent said that they would revisit the program.

Valerie also reported that she went to the BCCPAC meeting and that the Minister of Education spoke at the meeting. Valerie spoke of meeting the Minister and shaking his hand and thanking him for investing in aboriginal education. The Minister also stated that there would be an announcement for Kamloops coming up soon but there were no details provided at this time. He also spoke about capital projects in Kamloops and that the city may have to dip into their contingency fund to support some capital projects for the District.

Valerie respectfully asked not to be rushed in her DPAC presentation.

Valerie circulated the BCCPAC Aboriginal Parent Engagement Survey Results from 2018 (see attached). Parents discussed the report. Valerie stated that some ideas for aboriginal parent engagement were to possibly have PAC meetings at Whispering Pines, incorporate acknowledgement of territorial lands, etc.

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Discussion also circulated around Parent Engagement in general and discussed the possibility of having parent education nights next year. PAC could possibly blend learning sharing nights with PAC parent education presentations. It was noted that there is often low parent attendance for presentations. There was also discussion around having presentations on separate nights than PAC meetings, as the PAC meetings can be quite long. Alternatively, PAC could give parents some notice regarding presentation nights so they can expect a longer PAC meeting and to plan for child care, etc on those nights.

General Discussion: Jocelyn also brought up PAC monetary policies and that it is important that PAC members handle PAC money responsibly and that PAC money should not be kept at a personal residence. Whenever possible PAC money should remain at the school and should be counted and organized at the school.

Next meeting Thursday June 14th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

(Minutes recorded by: Christine Ony)