

Virtual PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 28, 2021 @ 7:00pm

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Esther 7:08pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**- Sarah B, Leann W
3. **Attendance:** Esther F, Tawney D, Leann W, Deanne Z, Shantini K, Steven K, Danae H, Maria O, Jessica C, Charlotte D
4. **Urgent items:**
 - Executive Positions: Nomination put forward for Deanne Zacharias for Treasurer position. No other nominations put forward.
 - Vote for Deanne – everyone approved.
 - DPAC Representative: once a month meeting to represent our school and keep us updated.
 - Executives will prepare a sign-up sheet with dates for the DPAC meetings. Please feel free to put your name down!
5. **Principle's Report:**
 - First off thanks for joining and taking the time to be here.
 - Thanks everyone for a wonderful start up so far!
 - YCS has 297 students this year.
 - YCS has 14 divisions this year and 20 new students.
 - YCS has 56 kindergarten students, a big Welcome to all of them!

Topic of Splits

- They let us have combined social groups.
- Promotes leaders and leadership and motivators for some of the younger kids.
- Teachers pay close attention to class dynamics.
- Grade 4 will start district assessments.

Covid

- YCS received their first letter from Fraser Health since the pandemic started.
- YCS had 75 kids missing on Friday and Monday. Biggest yet
- 45 away today (September 28, 2021).
- We must remember it is cold/flu season and we (administration) appreciate keeping your kids home when they have the sniffles.
- Teachers are encouraging grade 4/5 to wear masks. Teachers are not asking kids to put masks on in younger grades or during gym class when they're running.
- Gym classes have been held outside whenever possible.

- Question from Shantini – is there a plan in place for school shut down? Online learning?
- Charlotte – in the case of a shut down (too many cases) they will ask us to go online.
- Teachers are set up to have online learning. They use MS Teams. Teachers check in and run a weekly plan. Things do look a little different for the younger ages but we make it work.
- Learn at Home option – not being offered at this time. Which is unfortunate and a little tough for some parents.
- Was Fraser health quick? (shanti)
- Charlotte – there is some lag time from FH within receiving the letter. They asked some interesting questions like where was child sitting? How many groups were they in? We must just trust the process. I (Charlotte) can not act on anything until Fraser health has contacted her – she must take direction from FH.

Cohorts

- They aren't proven to be anti transmission
- No cohorts has made everyone very happy including teachers.
- So nice to see everyone playing together
- Nice to see siblings being able to play and visit together

Orange Shirt day - September 29, 2021

- Everyone will meet out in the field at 1:15. Mrs. Gillingham's class will be drumming. Mrs. Motz's class wrote a poem to share.
- There will be a moment of silence then a walk along the Dyck.

Terry Fox

- Monday October 4 there will be an assembly to kick off the TF Run.
- YCS will be doing the **Terry Fox run on Oct 15.**

Other

- Everyone should have got Yarrow Calendar with all pro days and lots of other info in it.
- Kimberly will send weekly emails to keep everyone updated. Always feel free to email the office for any info.
- Field trips – are a go! Covid protocol. Parents can NOT ride the bus.
- Please get your Criminal record check done. They are only good for 4 years.
- **Help keep the "Mud Kitchen" a float....donate your old kitchen utensils! Pots etc**

6. Fundraising Details:

We are always looking for new, fun ideas. Please, please let us know if you have any!! We are also always looking for parent volunteers. Let us know if there would be a role in fundraising the interests you.

- Question: is there a goal for fundraiser? Where does the money get distributed?
- Esther - this year we are hoping to have a goal for each fundraiser. It gives parents an idea of what they are currently supporting and where the funded money is going. Right now we are raising funds for teachers. Each year they are given \$500 at the beginning of the year for supplies, field trips etc. We would love if the teachers could drop us a quick note and let us know what they have planned for the money.
- Charlotte- money is usually used for consumables...stickers, prizes, field trips. Money should be used for those kids each year not held onto. Things I can't give them out of the budget. In regards to what we need as a school, this is year 8 all our projectors are going. We always need technology.

The plan (subject to change) for this year:

- September – Coupon Books
- October – Neufeld Farms – paperwork going home with kids
- November – Poinsettia/greenery; Purdy's (end of month)
- December – None
- January – Seed fundraiser
- February – Valentine auction – Whispering Horse, Bouquet Farm, Hazelnut springs (Raffle) 5 baskets, order tickets through Munch?? Charcuterie Farm Store, Farmhouse Brewery – Gift Certificates??
- March – Easter Purdy's
- April – Growing smiles – Easter Egg Hunt
- May – Spring Neufeld Farms
- Other ideas that have been talked about are:
 - *Drive in movie option
 - *Family photo day – check into LifeTouch for photos
 - *Family Bingo
 - *Gala – adult only

- 7. Hot Lunch-** Last Friday of the month Munch-a-lunch open next week for ordering we can't make the meals this year.
- FUEL Catering will be doing our hot lunch. They cook, package and label all meals. PAC/Parent Volunteers will distribute.
 - Meals around \$6 a meal depending. Donations can come to Charlotte. She has idea of who needs what.
 - Almost every menu has a GF option available
 - Question: Should the year be available to order all at once? Have both options available throughout the year. So you can order by the month or order your entire year – Esther will look into some options on how this could work.

What the year looks like as of now, again subject to change:

- October – Favorites Day
- November – Wrap Day
- December – Pizza
- January – Pasta Day
- February – Burger Day
- March – Sushi Day
- April – Hot dog day
- May – quesadillas

8. Treasurers Report/Budget – to be reviewed at October meeting

9. Other:

- Crossing guard situation. Maria reached out to RCMP. They did come out and ticket people.
- People speeding, running the crosswalk. Can we have a cross guard?
- Colleen – they have an EA at their school that comes in to be at the cross walk
- Charlotte- will bring it up with the district. Bus area gets congested too, they're watching that. Plan to bring some signs out and Sam into chat with us.
- Sarah- parents in the staff parking lot

10. Adjournment: motion to adjourn – Leann and Sarah – 8:13pm

Next meeting proposed for Tuesday October 26, 2021 @7:00PM