

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2022– 7:00pm

In person and Zoom

1. Welcome/Call to Order – Esther F. 7:02 pm

Attendance:

In person: Esther F, Jamie K, Vanessa M, Shantini K, Sherisee E, Jessica C, Leanne L, Jackie H, April H, Desiree K, Catzina J, Nadia L, Jessica M, Kevi Z, and Katie M

Zoom: Stevie H, Dana S, Danae H, Marie V and Darlene G

2. Approval of Agenda – Shantini K, and Jackie H

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Shantini K, and Vanessa M

4. Principal's Report

- Cross Walk
 - As discussed at the last meeting the school would like to have an orange feather crosswalk. The cost would be \$400 and would be located at the side of the school across from the enclosed play area.
 - It was noted that the district has a stencil that can be used and that it would need to be repainted every couple of years.
- Christmas Concert
 - The plan is to have the entire school in the gym and students will stand to perform.
 - The date is TBD
 - Gingerbread house contest will take place this year and will be a family project.
 - The dress rehearsal will be open to families who cannot attend the concert.
 - This year the school will be accepting monetary donations for the Chilliwack Community Society and more information will be sent out in November.
- Terry Fox Run
 - The event will take place Thursday October 27th and parent volunteers are asked to arrive at 12:30pm.
 - 4 different routes will be available to students and freezes will be handed out at the end of the run.
 - The school raised over \$1400, and staff volunteers will be shaving their heads at the Friday assembly.
- Halloween Costume Parade
 - The event will take place on Monday, October 31st at 12:45 pm and please no masks or scary costumes
- Early dismissal
 - Friday, November 4th at 10:55am
- Weather
 - Parents were asked to please ensure children are dressed for the season.
 - It was noted that hats work well in the rain as umbrellas can be used as weapons

- Health Checks
 - It was mentioned that a lot of kids have been away due to sickness and parents are reminded to continue to keep kids at home if they are not feeling well.
 - Hand washing was also encouraged.
- Affordability Fund
 - It was explained that the school district received 60 million dollars from the ministry and the school has received 15,000 from the school district.
 - It was noted that principals have been discussing the best way to use this money based on the needs of the school.
 - It was explained to the PAC that the kindergarten students at the school (39 families) received a survey regarding food availability and some examples of questions included.
 - How often do you eat breakfast?
 - What foods are being consumed?
 - Do you have access to healthy food?
 - Do you eat together as a family?
 - The results of the survey concluded that kids are consuming regular meals that include fruits and vegetables.
 - It was explained that school staff work to support families in need and help with activities, clothing, and groceries when required. It was noted that they do receive support from various groups and programs within the community.
 - Staff are looking for suggestions from the community on how to best use this fund.
 - It was suggested by the PAC for school staff to include an option on school notices for families to indicate if they require additional support.

5. Treasurer's Report

- The committee reviewed the proposed budget
- It was noted that the PAC has not yet received their September statement
- It was added that the Coupon Book fundraiser was not as successful as previous years and that the Neufeld orders are low. The PAC are hoping orders will pick up closer to the deadline.

6. Committee Updates

- Spirit Wear
 - Currently the committee is looking at 3-4 different vendors, the idea is to buy in bulk this year and sell at the Christmas concert.
 - It was asked if the vendors gave discounts to schools and the committee agreed to investigate this further.
 - Yarrow staff suggested Abel Cresting Ltd. and noted that it is a local family business and is affordable.
- Food Committee
 - Smoothie Plans
 - Danea H, and Jessica C will be working together for the next couple of months and then Jessica C will be stepping down.

- It was noted that the teacher signup sheet has been completed and filled up fast. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be updated with dates starting in November.
 - Events
 - Trunk or Treat
 - The committee confirmed that seven trunks have been registered and the PAC is hoping for more.
 - It was explained that the event will take place in the parking lot of the school as the field will be to wet.
 - It was noted help is needed to cook and hand out hot dogs at the event.
 - Movie Night
 - The PAC is currently updating licensing and noted that it is expensive so will need to continue these events throughout the year to make it worthwhile.
 - Christmas Lunch
 - The pizza lunch will take place Friday, December 16th.
 - Vanessa M is currently looking into restaurants.
 - Auction
 - The idea of having a silent auction at the Christmas open house was discussed.
 - Alternative ideas included concession, auctioning off VIP seating/parking at the event, Christmas basket auction, and selling 50/50 tickets.
 - It was noted that the fundraising committee will discuss this further.

7. DPAC Representative voted in – Nominations

- Jessica M as alternate and Shantini K to continue
 - It was explained that representatives are expected to attend DPAC meetings and report back to the PAC.

8. Chair Report

- Emergency Kits
 - It was confirmed that the emergency kits have expired and would cost \$3,500 to replace.
- Gaming Grant
 - It was noted that this grant is specific about what the funds can be used for.
 - This money was used for the school carnival last year and currently \$5,500 is available.

9. Other business

10. Adjournment at 8:25pm – Jackie H, and Vanessa M.

Next Meeting November 29, 2022, at 7:00pm.