

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022– 7:00pm

In person and Zoom

1. Welcome/Call to Order – Esther F. 7:00 pm
2. Approval of Agenda – Jessica C and Jackie H
3. Attendance:

In person: Esther F, Nicole W, Jamie K, Vanessa M, Shantini K, Sherisee E, Jessica C, Leanne L, Shair- Anne V, Jackie H, and April H.

Zoom: Leann W, Sarah B, Stevie H, Catrina J, Chris Lui, Dana S, and Desiree K

4. Introductions

- Welcome
- PAC will be focusing on Community this year which also aligns with the school's goals.
- The focus will be less on fundraising and more about bringing people together.

5. Urgent Items:

- DPAC representative - It was explained that the representative would be required to attend monthly meetings in person or via zoom and report back to the PAC. It was asked that if anyone is interested to contact the Yarrow PAC. The importance of having a vote and representative at these meetings was stressed.

6. Principal's Report

- It was noted that this was the best turn out for a PAC Meeting.
- Great start to the school year, classes were established quickly, Emma Johnson is now in the office, and feeling like the community is getting back to normal after COVID.
- The school districts strategic plan was discussed and how this is the second year of implementation. The Yarrow Community School's goals are around growing and learning. Teachers are working to make the strategic goals less wordy and are open to input from parents. The plan is to start working on this in October. These goals will be sent out in the Thursday reminder email from Emma.
- Terry Fox run will take place on October 20th and Mrs. Gillingham will be organizing the event. T-shirts will be for sale, face painting, and a toonie/loonie drive will take place. Mr. T who is the new Learning Assistance Teacher has pledged to shave his head if school earns \$500.
- The school continues to focus on PBS – positive behaviour support. This year Yarrow staff have drawn names and now have 10 students to connect with over the next 90 days.
- Starting in October every student will receive a buddy and will have time to introduce and connect in the gym. The plan is to have regular Monday assemblies, include buddies and help kids celebrate and become involved.
- Parents are reminded that when dropping off please park on the right-hand side of the bus loop and if leaving your car to park in the parking lot.

- The new school mascot is a bulldog stuffy. A contest will be held for students to name it.

7. Treasurer's Report

- The committee reviewed the proposed budget that was approved last year. It was noted that numbers are from July as the treasurer is still waiting for access to bank accounts.
- The PAC made \$1,144 at the meet the teacher BBQ.
- It was noted that the sales from the coupon book are not good. Currently only 60 books have been sold
- Fundraising was discussed and the possibility of running a nothing fundraiser where parents would not have to purchase items from fundraisers but send money directly to the PAC.
- The Committee agreed that student/community events should be organized through the PAC as well as the traditional fundraising campaigns.

8. Chair Report

- The Chair discussed the need for more help with the coordination and planning of various events. It was recommended that committees be set up and parents are to contact the PAC if interested. It was noted that the expectation is remain in the committee for the school year and meet once a month. An executive from the PAC will help to oversee the committee.
 - Food Committee (April H) – It was noted that Smoothies have been well received by the kids in the past and that this could take place in house or through booster juice.
 - Fundraising Committee (Shantini K)- It was discussed that the big fridge in the parent room was no longer working, and the Committee agreed to replace it with a free used fridge from the community.
 - Events Committee (Esther F) – This Committee will focus on events not only for the school but for the Community. One idea that was discussed was a trunk or treat event at Halloween. It was noted that the school is looking for Christmas trees to decorate in the lobby (lights don't need to work)
 - Spirit Wear Committee(Jackie H) - It was mentioned that this committee should have a variety of items and be sold through the PAC's square account. The importance of ethically made clothing was stressed.

9. Custodian request

- The custodian has asked that tape not be put on the gym floor as it does not easily come off.

10. Hot lunch this year

- Menus have been set and the program will resume in October.

11. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- Students are encouraged to wear orange shirts on Thursday and staff will provide stickers to those children who do not have one.
- Upgrading the school cross walk was discussed. Examples to be posted on the PAC Facebook page.

12. Pay it forward program expansion

- This program will continue via munch a lunch and parents who would like to donate can now choose between a \$6.00 or \$12.00 donation.

13. Other business

- Deanna P. from United Way spoke about a community love grant available for school and community activities.
- The PAC was reminded about the upcoming municipal election and that The Yarrow Community School is a voting hub. Everyone was encouraged to get out and vote on October 15th.

14. Adjournment at 8:20pm – Shantini K. and Jackie H.

Next Meeting October 25, 2021, at 7:00pm.