

PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2023

Time: 7PM

Location: School Library

In Attendance: Leanne, Marie, Sherisse, Charlotte, Amy B, Jaime K, Dana S, Emily M, Stacey D.

Online: None

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Welcome/Call to Order 7:03pm Leanne Letham

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: adopted by Dana

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Emilie, seconded by Jamie

Principals Report

- Reminder that the pumpkin carving and colouring contests are on Oct 31st.
- Costume day is on Oct 31st. No masks, no light sabers, no zip up skeleton hoodies please! Masks may only be worn for the parade if it is part of the costume.
- Trunk or treat is on again this year and sponsored by United Way in the front of the school on the 31st. 400 hot dogs were served in an hour and a half last year! Families can decorate their trunks and park in the parking lot for trick or treaters.
- We aren't taking food bank donations this time because there will be a coin drive with stockings together with the food bank donations closer to Christmas. Food bank needs are very specific so we will be focusing on the list they give us.
- FSA testing for Gr 4 has been going on. It is a ministry mandated test and helps us improve our teaching and learning. It shows us how we are doing as a school and what we need to focus on. Teachers use it as a tool to guide their teaching. They are not meant to be scary tests, kids are allowed to ask questions and the tests are taken on the computer. The FSA is taken again in Gr 9. FSA's take about 3 or 4 days to do over the course of a week. They are taken at the beginning of the year as opposed to the end of the year as in previous years. You will probably get the FSA book home with report cards if your child is in grade 4.
- Math Night will be Nov 23 with prizes and takeaway games for families. We have a goal this year of improving our math scores. This is a great way for parents to see what's out there for math games. It is a FREE night of fun. Laminating will be needed to be done so volunteers could be used.
- Remembrance Day assembly is Nov 9 at 10:30. This year it will be student led as opposed to principal led. Mr Wickman's class recites Flanders Fields and Mrs Motz will have her students and their parents do a song.

- RESPECT is still going on. The next draw will be Halloween and then the end of Nov.
- A Christmas concert is in the making!!
- Attendance was GREAT for parent teacher night. Approx 80% of parents came out.
- We have applied for a \$30,000 love grant from United Way. We are looking to involve the seniors in our community with the school. There is a lot of parental support for this.
- An in house drummer is coming in March to teach the kids (\$3500 of the grant would go to this).
- Playground enhancements are being looked into for us. Suggestions welcome!
Playground equipment is crazy expensive as it installation,

Treasurer's Report

- No report at this time.

DPAC Report

- We still need a DPAC Representative. It is not a difficult job.
- They have meetings once a month.
- Reps have attended the mtg and given a short synopsis of what the mtg was about.
- We do get their minutes regardless if there is a rep or not.
- As of right now we do not have anyone volunteering or nominated to be a rep. Please contact the PAC if you would like to do this. Meetings are the second last Thursday of each month at 7. Some meetings may be on zoom, some are in person.
- These can be done by two people if they want to share the load.

Chair Report

- Parents - WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!
 - What do you want:
 - to do?
 - to see?
 - to make it happen for your kids?
 - to help with?
 - to support?
- Contact us if you would like help applying for grants with United Way for events in the community. Examples: Marie is applying to have a coffee truck come to the school for parents to socialize at near Christmastime, Jackie has a street-wide easter egg hunt each year, Brent hosted a wonderful Bike-to-school week.
- Emily will talk to Deanna regarding United Way sponsoring the Christmas treat given out at Christmas. (This can be applied to other holidays as well).

- **Budget Discussion & Strategic Plan**

Budget

- Motion to approve the budget: Jamie, Seconded by Emily
- Voted on at 7:49, unanimously approved.
- What are our fundraising goals? What are our spending goals? We want to focus on what PARENTS would like to see happen.
- We got the gaming grant so we have \$5900 now.
- We had budgeted \$6000 as per previous years to do a special activity day at the end of the year. Greendale School has reached out to see if we want to do a day at the Aldergrove water park with them. It is very reasonably priced at \$5 per head with 600 student capacity. Total for us would be around \$2000 which is very reasonable and would free up more money to be spent on other things. We should hear from Aldergrove city if we are approved for the water park after Christmas (we are on a waiting list now).
 - Our budget comes to \$15,000.
 - We don't want to pressure anyone with fundraising because we understand the financial pressure families are under now. It is a fine line to walk.
 - "SO Luxury" is a possible fundraiser just before Mothers Day.

*****Please read the attachment for specific info referenced in the following notes.

The Strategic Plan was made in the past by the PAC (2021). It was meant to pertain to the next 5 years.

Their budget was \$7000 but their spending was approx \$12,300-\$13,300. This needs to be looked at again to assess it. What are our priorities? Are there other things we are looking for for our kids?

Technology:

- We pledged \$2000 per year to go into terms to support Apple technology at YCS. At the end of 5 years we would have \$10,000 to give to technology. Should we lessen that amount? Should we stick to the commitment of \$2000/year.
- Over the past 5 years we ended up giving approx \$46,000. This has blown our budget out of the water. From what we have heard, other schools in the district do not have a technology budget for PAC. Us and Rosedale school are the only schools who use Apple technology.
- The PC platform is much cheaper but we are set up as a school already for Apple.
- Charlotte will look into a cost comparison of Apple/PC and what and if other schools spend on technology.
- Charlotte mentioned the gaming grant can apply to technology.

Overview

- ***Fundraising** –(Marie)
 - We will be running the Fundscrip and Purdys fundraisers together. These will be the last ones before Christmas. Both running Nov 1-21. Pick up will be Dec 6.
 - Fundscrip is new, we haven't used it recently but other schools have used it successfully. You purchase gift cards from retailers you regularly use (or want to use as gifts) and the school gets a portion. Paper orders are only taken at this time. The flyer will come home with students soon. Purdys fundraiser will be ordered online.

- ***Events** – (Sherisse)
 - Movie Night overview-We made over \$700 for the Gr 5's
Concession made just over \$150.
The volunteers who helped did a great job!
The way it was set up this time seemed to work better, no congestion in the line ups.
Reminder to parents **not** to drop off kids and leave.
Reminder to practice movie theater etiquette as you watch the movie (stay seated, no running around the gym, no loud voices, if you need to use your phone do it in the foyer, no playing in the bathrooms etc) We will go over this before the next movie night as a reminder. Any advice/ comments on bettering future movie nights are welcome.
 - Babysitting Night is coming up on Nov 17. It is planned for 6-9pm at this point. Parent volunteers needed so contact PAC to do that. Moms and Dads appreciated. Parents must register ahead of time and can drop off their kids and pick them up anytime during those hours. Small snacks and water provided.

- ***Hot Lunch** – (Leanne)
 - She is currently planning out hot lunch for the new year
 - If we want to continue hot lunch from restaurants we will need to potentially invest in coolers or cooler bags to transport food safely.
 - Charlotte's food safe is running out so someone involved in hot lunch should have food safe certificates. At this time Emma Johnson has hers to fall back on.
 - Does anyone want to help head up the Hot Lunch committee? It takes a lot of time for Leanne to organize and do the running around on top of regular presidential duties. Please let PAC know if you would like to lead or co lead this.
 - DISCUSSION with parents - Questions were asked: What extras do you want to see? What restaurants used? What price range? Response came back positively. There haven't been many hot lunch days yet so we will see what continued

feedback is as the year progresses. Is in house food prep necessary? Seems not to be if parents just pack their kids lunches with healthy snacks to go with the hot

- There still is a fund available that allows kids who can't afford hot lunch to participate. Contact the PAC or Charlotte if you find yourself in this situation.
- Last Thursday was hot lunch from Rivers Restaurant.
- Gluten free options are available with each hot lunch for those with intolerances.
- Veggie options are also available with each hot lunch menu.
- Popcorn Days are starting in November. They will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month. Bring \$1 to class that day to receive popcorn.

- ***Spirit Wear** – (Jackie) No update at this time.

Other Business

- A reminder for parents, grandparents and those picking up and dropping kids off children at school to **stay in your vehicle** if you are using the loop. If you need to get out of your car, park in the parking stalls.
Charlotte mentioned it's mainly the same people so she will try and catch them before they leave next time. She will also place some flyers on vehicles who are stopped and no driver is present.
- Zoom will not be renewed as there are not enough people using it to warrant paying to keep it. A parent mentioned using Facebook Live or Teams.
- Charlotte showed a picture of some potential school merch she came up with that would be available at a year round store (not through the PAC). No set arrival date yet so stay tuned!
- Emily will make a letter for the auction in the new year to give out to businesses . We need to start thinking about it now. Contact the PAC if you would like to be involved with this. Outgoing personable volunteers needed currently to approach local businesses for donations to auction off. Auctions are a big undertaking but bring in a lot of donations.

Adjournment: Emily motioned to adjourn. Dana seconded. 8:16pm

Next Meeting Tuesday November 28, 2023 7PM YCS Library