

## **PAC Meeting Minutes November 2023**

November 20, 2023

Welcome Dana Orego

Adopt minutes: 1st Dana

2nd JJ

Adopt Agenda: 1st Dana

2nd Jackie

**Principal's Report:** Andrew Ferneyhough

Parent Teacher conferences happening this Thursday Nov 23rd

**Construction:** Fencing should be moved away from the outdoor classroom any day now. The new garden has gravel and fence posts.

**Salmon Week:** Amazing week of fish and fun. Several guests fileting, brining and smoking the fish.

**Wheelie Wednesday:** All done for now. Thank you to Jesse, JJ and Michelle Honeysett and the many others for making this happen.

**Breakfast Program:** Serving 32-36 students each morning. Further discussions to happen about funding and how to keep the program going.

-Cobbs has been donating day olds bread that have been used or passed along to families

- Denman Island Bakery and Pizza is also donating pizza rolls on Monday mornings to supplement our snack program.

**Early Connections:** Program collaboration between Healthy Families and the Strong Start Program had a soft start this past wednesday.

**New Buddy Bench:** Buddy bench has been installed at the primary playground- "if you need a buddy"

**Field trips:** Intermediates have been curling

**Sports:** Volleyball has been lots of fun. Thank you to Ms. May and Mr. Findlay and the parent drivers.

**Winter Concert:** Looking at a Dress rehearsal on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and two daytime shows on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Santa's Workshop:** Donations accepted in the foyer until December 20<sup>th</sup>, Kids shopping on the 21<sup>st</sup>

**Christmas Hampers:** Remax hampers and the church will be doing 32 hampers.

**EDAS:** Staff will be participating on an upcoming Saturday to bake an additional 2000 cookies to help support EDAS

**Trustee Report:** Sara Jane Howe

- There was a District Growth Presentation to discuss different ways to predict the growth within the district.. Forecast was for 143 new students but in actuality it was 241. Highlighted high capacity areas(Cumberland, Aspen, Brooklyn and Valley View)
- The board passed a motion to extend the Strategic Plan for 1 year. There is a new superintendent and this will allow the board time required for the community engagement piece that is crucial for the new plan
- Board passed a motion to create an ad hoc policy committee to review all policies for 2023/24. This will be completed by Trustee Aldinger & Trustee Mc Cannel-Keene
- In the process of hiring a new secretary treasurer. Moving along with no hiccups
- DPAC learning series Nov 21 @ 630-830 in person in the Isfeld library: Parent digital dive. Facilitators will share resources to help use school technology and help support students. Learn 71 tour and Office 365 breakdown. Archive available for all previous presentations
- Band and Choir Festival: Chance to MC an introduction for a choir group from Victoria. Other Trustees signed up and the professionalism and talent was very impressive
- Trustee Sara Jane Howe is accessible to parents

**Chair Report:** Dana Orego

- No new information to report about the swings yet.
- Busy baking with the grade one students once a week, which included baking cookies for EDAS (everyone deserves a smile).
- Baking with Grade 1 students weekly. Included baking cookies for everyone deserves a smile (EDAS)

- EDAS is still looking for more donations, particularly mens L and XL. Any donations are appreciated :ie gloves, toques, toiletries. Items are required to be new.

**DPAC Report:** JJ Goff did not attend. Minutes are available online

**Green Team Report:** Jesse

- Wacky Wheelie Wednesday will resume in the springtime once it is safe to resume.
- More social media presence and incentives planned for the spring
- Green Team is still working hard to advocate on the walking path up Lake Trail Road. City agreed to pay a portion and the CRVD will also cover some of the financial cost (serves both constituents). City is applying to the provincial government again for a grant to fund the remaining cost.
- Commitment to maintaining good working relationships with the city while also pressing the urgency for the safety of the children on the road.

**Treasurer Report:** Jackie Minshall

- General: \$13,062.53
- Gaming:
- Savings Account: \$5.22 to be closed.
- Previous budget did not account for babysitting fee for each PAC meeting. \$20 a month to be back dated and there will be a permanent line in the budget to account for this cost. Jackie will present next month to be voted on.
- **Sensory room:** \$2500 previously designated.JJ has a meeting on Nov 30th with Andrea Wilson (SD71 Occupational Therapist) to explore equipment options. The equipment that will be considered will be based off of space and storage.Looking at Hammock Swing/Yogi bo

**Hot Lunch Report:** Nicole Mann

-93 donations to the salad bar to date, \$465. To be paid in 3 increments matching the hot lunch program.

-Hot lunch profit to date is \$1472.22

-Hot dog days: there are 2 months in the new year that have 5 thursdays. We would like to request the use of the multi purpose room on February 29th and May 30 to do the hot dogs for the students. Request approved by Andrew Ferneyhough.

-A motion was put forward to have the PAC pay for the cost of Nicole attending the Food Safe program. Motion put forward by Jackie, JJ 2nd and voted.

**Fundraising Report:** Jessica Witt

**December 2nd Winter Market**

- Still looking for Silent Auction items (so far a scooter donated by Lenore. J Jessica, Kourtney or Dana can be contacted about silent auction items. Suggestion of gift baskets as an option.
- more baked goods are necessary and packing available for the items
- 26 different vendors (returning and new) with 30 tables maxed out.
- There will be a face painter as well as a photobooth. The photobooth is by donation. Still looking for a photographer. Wade Wick may have someone potentially interested

**Online Fundraiser:** Looking into further ideas to help advertise and get the information out to more people and to help make the website easier to navigate

**Purdy's Fundraiser:** Now open and and December 3rd will be the final day to submit orders

Spirit wear (January 2024): Will be discussed further

**Salad Bar Report:** Lesia Wick

- Salad bar continues to be a success among students.
- Volunteers are seeing lots of returning students that maybe did not stay at the beginning of the program.
- Students are having good fun competing between the other classrooms.
- Lots of new food being tried and enjoyed by the students.
- Program is producing very little waste.

**New Business:**

- Penny Carnival Committee to be organized January 2024

**Old Business:** Dana Orego

- Any ideas of when would work for a movie night or school dance? This will be discussed further in the new year.
- New playground equipment

**Extra Discussion:**

- Concerns about grade configuration for Arden and Lake Trail was presented to Trustee Sara Jane Howe
- Kourtney works for YANA and would like to connect with the school district to provide a presentation about what they do and the services available for families. Will follow up with DPAC rep JJ

**Adjourn:** 1st JJ

2nd Erika

Next meeting December 11, 2023