

Puntledge PAC Meeting Minutes September 18, 2024

Call Meeting to Order - 6:33pm

Land Acknowledgment - Sara Flinn

Roll Call: Noah Burdett (Principal), Sara Flinn (Co-chair), Karen Andrews (Co-chair), Christian Streit (Vice Principal), Holly Anderson, Jen Mcquoid, Tom Cutler (D-PAC rep), Emily Brown (Volunteer Coordinator), Renee van Doorninck (Secretary), Caleigh Barth (Treasurer), Bea Prevosto, Shannon Aldinger (School Trustee)

Approval of the Minutes: Deferred to next meeting. Renee to send a copy of June minutes out for review before the next meeting.

Administration Report: Noah Burdett

Celebrations:

- Fairly smooth transition so far.
- Positive feedback from the teachers about the start up going straight to classes instead of having the first day in the old classes.
- Moving forward with our Core Values and work on Belonging to start.
- Upgrades around the school including new doors to recess bathrooms, a change in gender neutral bathrooms (by the gym), new ramp at the music portable
- Our breakfast club is up and running again.
- Terry Fox this Friday. Noah or Christian will get a pie in the face.
- Hosting Cross Country Sept 25th. Parking will be difficult as there will be 500 people in the field.
- Preparing for reconciliation week with activities that include creating a heart garden for the walk for reconciliation on Sept 30th (Will be displayed in Sims Park or Lewis Park)
- Freezie day was a success.
- Bike program for all grade 4s and 5s Sept 23-26.
- Consent week is underway. Grade 6-7 are extending that conversation and talking about consent online. Younger kids have been asking "can I give you a hug" more.

Administrivia:

- Enrollment at 509 students
- FSAs are just around the corner for our grade 4 and 7s.
- New online student verification forms and waiting for Criminal Record Checks to save on paper.
- New District Strategic plan which will be released shortly. Update from Shannon.
- High School the musical Jr. has been purchased! Will most likely show in May. Grade 5-7's with a few Grade 4's. They have two casts to give lots of opportunity to be involved.
- Joe Heslip is the associate superintendent responsible for

District News:

- Focus on Equity work in the district is coming.
- Still working to get Criminal Record Checks and Volunteer forms submitted by those wanting to volunteer at the school.

Budget Requests (see Treasurer report below for discussion):

1. Up to \$500 to support busing for Horne Lake
2. The continuation of the \$150 per class and \$20 per student for field trips (\$50 for the 7s and 5s)

Questions:

- To whom shall I send fundraising advertisements that I receive? A: Send them to the PAC email.
- Hot Lunch is without a leader. Does PAC want to reach out or should we? A: Noah to start this.
- Is starting in the new class better than starting in the old class for a day? A: General positive feedback.
- Karen suggested a disc golf basket/goal.

Unfinished Business:

1. New Treasurer needed. Caleigh Barth has expressed interest and met with Garth Yule (outgoing treasurer) to help draft the budget for this year. No other interested members. **Motion: to elect Caleigh Barth to the position of PAC Treasurer. The motion carried with all in favour by show of hands.**
2. DPAC rep needed. Tom Cutler is currently holding this position but he is working out of town so he can't continue. Discussed the role. Some parents are interested but will think about it. Please contact the Puntledge PAC email if you are interested in this role.
3. Social Media Coordinator needed. Emily Brown would like access to post about volunteering opportunities. It is currently difficult to access the group as it was made by a parent who is no longer at the school and the password has been lost. **Action item: New Facebook group will be made and Emily Brown will reach out to the volunteer that was interested.**
4. Salmon Day Updates: Renee van Doorninck provided updates on organizations who have agreed to participate so far. No donations of smoked salmon have been confirmed for this year so might go without and just have hot chocolate. **Action item: Emily Brown to send out an email to request volunteers.**
5. Fundraising:
 - a. Mabel's Labels Fundraiser update: End of last year made \$76. We have made about \$100 so far on label sales this month. We can leave this open indefinitely and send reminders seasonally (eg. hoodie sales etc).
 - b. Is there an update on the school's request for an additional outdoor basketball court? No, still waiting for a quote.
 - c. All other fundraising ideas: please send your ideas or interest in running a fundraiser for the PAC to the puntledge PAC email.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer: Caleigh Barth.

- Gaming grant covers field trips and no longer covers bursaries.
- Hot lunch is our biggest fundraiser. We need a hot lunch coordinator. **Action item: Emily Brown to reach out to members who have expressed interest in helping with hot lunch in the past.**
- Book fair. Pamela Poweell no longer has a child at the school so we will need another coordinator if we do this fundraiser. This makes a fair amount of money. Can be overstimulating for the kids and can be disappointing for some kids. Will discuss next month. **Action item: Add to October PAC agenda.**
- End of school fun day: was a great event but expensive. Could cut down on the concession costs.
- Budget is at a deficit. Could remove the bursary and EDAS. Could charge for the concession on the fun day and just pay for the bouncy castle. Reduced the amount given to classrooms by $\frac{1}{3}$ - can do this because of the affordability grant. Budget deficit is now \$1400 which is better.
- Return it fundraiser: Caleigh now owns this. **Action item: Caleigh Barth to write up a blurb for refundables at the depot fundraiser for Noah Burdett to add to "The Weekly."**
- **Motion to approve the budget put forward by Caleigh Barth. Seconded by Karen Andrews. The motion carried with all in favour by show of hands.**

New Business

1. Movie nights: Tom Cutler says that Alex is willing to run movie nights again but needs people to pop popcorn during the day. One event per month is best for the school. November is available. Could be the night before parent teacher interviews at the same time as the PAC meeting on November 20. **Action item: Tom Cutler to follow up on planning movie night for November 20 with Alex.**
2. Quality foods money: PAC has money at Quality foods sitting there. Could use this money for concession to make some money for the PAC. **Action item: Renee van Doorninck to follow up on this.**
3. Fundraising ideas: Can we have a concession stand for the cross country event? Yes. Event is from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Freezies that are still in storage. **Action item: Emily to ask for volunteers for this event.** School will have a float for us. District track meet has changed to be an inclusive track meet. **Action item: Noah will ask if there are opportunities for fundraising at a jamboree.**
4. Halloween Dance: Garth to DJ. Katie McGreevy to lead this.
5. Puntledge Apparel: Renee and Sara to work on this earlier this year. We will slightly increase cost as it was run without profit but the budget is at a deficit. **Action item: Renee van Doorninck and Sara Flinn to start the process with the supplier.**

Trustees Report: Shannon Aldinger - quick hello at the end of the meeting as the meeting went long.

Link for upcoming sessions for ERASE (expect respect and a safe education) re: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60 minute session). This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good

digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Announcements:

If you would like to be added to the Pac Volunteer email list please reach out to our amazing Volunteer Coordinator Emily @ puntledgepacvolunteers@gmail.com

Adjournment: 8:08pm