



SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS

ELEMENTARY

PAC Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm

Attendees:

Brynn Belisle
Kelly Knill
Tara Mason
Joanna Lane / Sanj Johal
Jennifer Branston
Stacie Graham
Koryn Heisler
Alison Anderson
Piera Pedemonte
Michelle Sawyer
Melissa Wilks
Kris Doerkson
Larissa McCairns
Erin McDonald
Lori Weston
Kylie Mains

Approval of Agenda: Tara Mason, Stacie Graham

Discussion:

- **Admin report- Sanj/Joanna**

- CV19 safety and Impact at the school - students / staff isolating per VCH. Student attendance on Tuesday was down 45% and about 35% for Wed and Thurs. Hope that next week will return to usual.
- Health and safety measures reviewed and updated: new - all teachers need to wear masks in the classroom (before wasn't a requirement); implemented by end of Feb per superintendent. Only time teachers can remove masks, is when eating / drinking or in their own office or with a shield. Generally masks are being worn by all staff at all times.
- Parents asking questions about cv19 protocols and Mr. Johal confirms that kids in elementary school can choose to wear masks; however this is not a requirement and the school cannot make wearing a mask mandatory as it's not a school decision. He didn't confirm that they are seeing an uptick in students wearing masks.
- One class is isolating; and will be returning Monday Feb 22nd. There are also a number of staff currently isolating who will return during various times in the coming weeks. Mr. Johal is returning next Friday, Feb 26th, and Ms. Lane has rec'd conflicting return times, so they are currently figuring it out.
- Ms. Copp is filling in and we are grateful to have her.
- Students who are self-isolating vs students who are directed to self-isolate. Those who have been directed by VCH to self-isolate will be provided educational support; however those choosing to self-isolate will not receive the educational support as it is considered to be safe in school. Those parents choosing to keep their kids at home will be asked to refer to the "window into the week" provided by their classroom teacher to follow along with what the students will be working on that week. It is too difficult for the teachers to manage both programs.
- Question: do EA's / Administrators / LTA's move between cohorts? Yes, and it's a challenge. The EA's are in pods of 2 to 3 per student. Masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene are required during prolonged contact.
- Traffic Safety - challenging, but appears to be improving with the increased presence of Johal / Lane who are often outside during drop off / pick up times as well as bylaw enforcement and RCMP presence. Reminder, that parents cannot park and get out to walk their kids into the school. There are still some instances where parents / PAC members have witnessed people doing u-turns on Carnation.

- Student lead conferences coming up on March 1st and 3rd, teachers will be preparing a folder of work for students to bring home, early dismissal on those days. Teachers will reach out to parents whose children may require some additional support / encouragement. March 4th, report cards will go out.
- Joanna shared CNY celebration photos virtually with various classrooms. It's Black History Month and Ms. Bird and Ms. T organized lessons, and info for the teachers to share with their classes.
- International Language day - Ms. V filmed a video of kids saying "Hello" and "Welcome" in their native language.
- Feb 24th, Pink Shirt Day - teachers volunteered to organize communication to students.
- Inclusive Education month-Jennifer to send info to Sanj.

● **Treasurers Report- Kelly Knill**

- Budget - library has spent their allocation, and the teachers are spending their allocation (to be spent by spring break) and we are pending receipts
- Need to purchase projectors 1,514
- Munch reimbursement is approx 5K. Kelly is reaching out to grade 7 families first to provide a refund, as they will not be returning to the school next. To deal with after spring break.
- Purchasing Emergency kits from amazon.

● **Fundraising**

- Cheque drive to support the need for new laptops. They are old, broken and outdated. Letter to go out after Easter. \$30 per student, totalling \$7,500. Donate through school on-line cash to get a tax receipt for amounts over \$10.
- Families can opt to donate their munch a lunch credit
- Laptops not connecting to internet
- New Lenovo laptops received 4 or 5 years ago from the District. Laptops are failing, great initially, however with the wear and tear and usage between all of the classes they were not built to last. Teachers are relying on older students to use their phones for research; however it doesn't help with typing, and this does not work for the younger students who don't have cell phones.
- Some feel that the District should be funding technology, not the PAC, however historically the quality of the laptops supplied by the District (Lenovo) is not sufficient to withstand the wear and tear of the students. The PAC is looking to purchase Dell laptops this time.
- Fundraising committee (2 or more) to run the fundraising for the PAC. Need to have people dedicated to this. Stacie Graham
- NV Rec contacted the school to offer the Babysitters course for 10 students 11 and up, 3:30 - 5:30 (Wed or Thurs) for 2 weeks to get their babysitting course.

Motion to conduct check drive for fundraising by Brynn Belisle and 2nd by Stacie Graham.

Motion passed with majority vote (10)

- **Yearbook**
 - Committee in place, relying on teachers for photos
 - Follow up with Sam Voth on the process for obtaining pictures (ie. is a separate permission form required as the photos are being obtained for the PAC and not the school)

- **Munch**
 - On hold until further notice.

- **Grade 7 Committee**
 - Cancelled snow tubing; parents donated the cost to Gr7 year-end celebration
 - Sold Valentines hearts - very popular

- **Family of Schools - Jennifer Branston**
 - Meeting rescheduled until Feb 19th
 - Minutes to follow via email

- **DPAC (District PAC)**
 - Will get minutes via email

School was contacted re: Blueridge Community Garden (Vandalism, Arson, Break-ins)

- **Adjournment**
 - 8:18pm Brynn

- **Next PAC Meeting March 11th**



FOS Meeting

Friday, 02,18th,2021

Attendees

Jennifer Branston, *Seymour Heights*

Jennifer Dickson, *Blueridge*

Mandy Young, *Lynnmour*

Robert Dick, *Sherwood Park*

Regrets:

Shari Virjee Tanada, Dorothy Lynas

Agenda:

Last Meeting Follow-Round Table Discussion & updates

Seymour Heights:

Cheque drive to fundraise for laptops.

Collection of photos for the yearbook.

Masks are available for all students who choose to wear them.

Fundraising sub committee to be formed to manage fundraising goals and outcomes.

Traffic safety concerns around u turns on Carnation st and stopping/ parking on the North side of the Street.

Blueridge:

Fundraising around samosas, Mojo Coffee / growing smiles

Tree chip was very successful and will continue again next year.

Coffee fundraiser has occurred again with engraved school logo mugs.

Continued concerns around mask wearing and pick ups of parents and caregivers and social distancing.

Planning for Grade 7 grad celebrations reception/ cake

Succession planning continuing for next September

Lynnmour:

Pac Exec using what's app for communication and looking into other options.

Looking at updating the Constitution and bylaws.

On target for fundraising goals

Planning for the AGM following PHO guidelines.

PAC meetings are approx every two months currently

Dorothy Lynas:

New fundraiser with Wellfed (frozen food/dinner solutions delivery)

New fundraiser Emergency preparedness kit sales for households.

Sherwood Park:

Mojo fundraising generated 1'000.

Fundraising Purdy's for Easter.

PAC meetings are still being widely attended through zoom.

Fundraising for Pink Shirts for Pink shirt day.

Round table Discussions around:

Inclusive education , NVPAC Diversity & Inclusion committee, Anti-bullying, Black history month.

Next Meeting Dates:

April - 16th 2021

May - 14th 2021

June- 18th 2021

DPAC UPDATE:

Upcoming Parents Presentations & Events :

Upcoming presentation Wednesday, March, 3rd @7:00pm
The 4r's of raising resilient kids

Sharon Selby -

NVSD Board Meeting Tuesday, March 9th, @6:30pm

NVPAC Diversity & Inclusion Committee meeting Wednesday March, 10th @7:00pm

NVPAC general Meeting Wednesday, March 26th @ 7:00pm

Upcoming presentation Wednesday, April 21st, @7:00pm
Safe:Food (in) security in our backyard

Kids

By Election to be held due to Board Trustee Bruce's resignation.

NVPAC is looking for volunteers for various NVSD District committees and subcommittees.

NVPAC has purchased 32 Diverse book baskets from Mom's against racism, to be provided to each school library within the SD#44.