



SEYMOUR
HEIGHTS

ELEMENTARY

PAC Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm

Attendees:

Koryn Heisler
Donna Fullerton
Kelly Knill
Sanj Johal
Sarah Manvell
Corrie Dili
Denise Trent
Alison Anderson
Michelle Sawyer
Melissa Wilks
Lori Weston
Erin Bulycz
Kylie Mains
Deidre Morrison

Approval of Agenda: Melissa, Kelly

Approval of November Minutes: Michelle and Erin

Discussion:

- **Admin report- Sanj / Joanna**

- Reopening focused on health and safety. Last week we had on average 20 students away, this week was 85% attendance;
- staffing challenge due to illness, checking attendance in the evening and morning to ensure we have sufficient staff;
- Robust plan and adapt as we need to. District has been great helping us navigate;
- Functional closures is a new term thrown around - tracking attendance of teachers and students. Functional closure will occur if we reach a certain % due to illness, currently 30% for students and 50% for teachers. Functional closure can mean full school, class or classes;
- The school is told they can not advise others if a student has disclosed that they have covid.
- Mask wearing is a challenge across the province for younger kids. We are coming from an educational point of view reminding kids of health and safety protocols. Also recommending kids bring extras in their bag;
- Black Excellence day is Friday Jan 14th, lead by the multi cultural committee. At 2:15 will do a read aloud by Ms. Bird.
- Sexual health programs Feb 10th (gr 1-7 workshop) Wed Feb 2nd parent information at 6:30
- Friday Jan 21st is pro-day. The teachers started a book club at the last proday to get together to promote discussion around 1) what have you tried, 2) what did you do 3) what did you learn. They will spend the morning revisiting "book club". The afternoon will be focused on physical literacy instructed by Ms. Lusk;
- School wide physical literacy - Elevate ultimate - ultimate frisbee 3 x 30-40 min sessions in term 3. Teachers will learn alongside the students. PAC funded program \$2,800;

- **Chair Report - Koryn**

- NS safety council representative needed, 1 meeting a month on Thursday 12 - 1:30, still spot available Safety council - alertable app, gives weather traffic and emergency notifications to your phone;
- Received emails from DPAC advising that they have availability for 2 parents to attend some presentations;

- **Treasurer's Report- Kelly Knill**

- Card project made \$852.99;
- Online auction \$7,045 after stripe fees to pay for wish list items;
- Samosa fundraiser in February;
- We have 6,000 available to spend on teachers wishlists. Sanj to follow up with teachers to confirm wish lists remain the same as the beginning of the year; Continue with virtual fundraisers for the time being;
- Majority vote for PAC to pay for full ultimate package. \$2,000 from fundraising and 800 from gaming account.

- **Family of Schools- Sarah Manvell**

- Lynnmour had the school trustee in for parents to ask questions, attendance was good;
- Most schools are spending their fundraising on outdoor spaces for learning and waterproof games;
- Lymour is having a Fun Day fundraiser in June and theme days (bowtie day, pajama day, etc.) where they charge students \$1;
- Windsor is also redeveloping their outdoor space (ie. tennis courts to be repurposed);
- Lots of talk about the hot lunch program. Dorothy Linas cancelled hot lunch and was cancelled as the principal was not comfortable with it despite parents support; Dorothy Linas cancelled hot lunch and was cancelled as the principal was not comfortable with it despite parents support;
- Blueridge is eat first play second to ensure satisfactory handwashing;
- Blueridge focused on improving school community for their students, particularly the kindies;
- Both Blueridge and Lynnmour struggled to get wish lists from their teachers;
- Starting a book club with parents around diversity and inclusion. NVPAC is meeting Jan 20th to discuss more;
- Grade 7 farewell gift for forgotten communities, "Valentines Box" get low tech items to deliver to these communities - #weseeyou
- Masks being littered, looking into how to recycle and possibly start a recycling program;

- **DPAC (District PAC) Michelle**

- Notes to be emailed / included with the minutes

- **Diversity and Inclusion (Erin)**

- No updates - next meeting Jan 20th;
- Erin to post meeting info to the parents site and Kylie will send to Koryn to post on PAC site;

- **Truth and Reconciliation (Erin)**
 - Calls to action committee - look at choosing 1 action that is already underway (follow up in the spring);
 - Erin will share a land acknowledgement to post on the website for PAC members;
 - Also need to understand the difference between acknowledgement vs welcome;

- **Munch a lunch (Erin)**
 - Survey results showed that families are happy with the way things are;
 - How do we reach non ordering families?
 - Look at adding sushi now and smoothies in the spring and offering more options on well fed. Include sides (ie. chocolate chip cookie, need to also have veggies and dip);

- **Fundraising (Donna)**
 - Winter fundraisers, online auction exceeded expectations. 75 donors from local businesses. Sent thank you cards post auction. Both poinsettias and purdys fundraisers were also a success;
 - Committee meeting to plan the next term fundraisers. Samos fundraiser starting in Feb - local NV company. 25% back to PAC;
 - Pink shirt fundraiser via spirit wear;
 - Continue with virtual fundraisers for the time being;
 - May 9th, babysitting course for kids ages 11 - 15 - \$40 (grade 6 & 7's)

- **Grade 7 committee / Yearbook update (Alison)**
 - Bottle drive ends tomorrow

- **New Business**
 - Garbage at the playground is getting really bad; Sanj to remind students to pick up;
 - Look into Mask recycling;

- **Adjournment**
 - 8:15

- **Next PAC Meeting February 10th**