

**Shortreed Community Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes  
Friday, December 13, 2024 at 9:00am – Staff Room**

**1. Call to order at 9:06am by Jodi Stiglic**

**Attendees:** Chris Wejr, Lee-Anne Tarasoff, Jodi Stiglic, Laura Wheway, Paula Halvorson, Jennifer Cooksley, Susan Ngo, Kyla Des Mazes

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

We acknowledge that Shortreed Community School is located on the traditional, unceded territory of the Matsqui First Nation

**3. Establish Quorum**

**4. Approval of December 2024 Agenda**

Motion to Approve: Laura, Second by Kyla, All in favour

**5. Approval of November 2024 Minutes**

Motion to Approve: Paula, Second by Jenn, All in favour

**6. Principal / Administration report**

Mr. Wejr / Mrs. Tarasoff

a) Recognition of PAC-led events/activities

- i. Reindeer food, hallway decor, and dollar sale acknowledged for contributing to the culture of our school, which engages all the students in a sense of community

b) Santa Breakfast

- i. We had a record-breaking turnout. We anticipated 800, but served over 1000 people
- ii. For future, we will aim to be more aware of how many people are coming

*Question:* Would sending forms home with students, instead of registering electronically, be a better way to predict how many people will come? For example, after submitting the forms, students take home “tickets” for each person coming to the breakfast

*Answer:* There would not be much difference. In past years, we had 650 people register and 850 attended

- iii. New this year was the second seating; which allowed for every student to get breakfast, and also have a quieter experience. We finished the breakfast at 8:45, so some students were late for class, but it was ok. Santa photos were done by 9am

c) Christmas Concert

- i. 3 shows: 1 on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (one during the day, one in the evening)
- ii. There will be a Kindergarten and Grade 1 portion, followed by an intermission; during this time, as we did in past years, K-1 families can leave, to allow room for other families to watch their students in older grades

*Question:* How will the line up to get in be organized? In the past it has been somewhat chaotic

*Answer:* There will be a divider in place to separate the families there for K-1 performers (who will be let in first) and the 2-5 performers

## **7. Executive and Committee reports**

President - Jodi Stiglic

No report; but wished everyone holiday greetings

Vice-President - Kyla Des Mazes

Next Movie Night planned for Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow

Treasurer - Laura Wheway

End of November in Chequing account: \$48,643.75

End of November in Gaming account: \$12,781.40

No outstanding cheques; everything spent according to schedule; nothing over budget

Secretary - Susan Ngo

No report

Fundraising - Paula Halvorson

Profits: Plants: \$248.80; Neufelds: \$454.40; Greeting Cards: \$103.00

Silent Auction (which closed last night) made \$1219

Dollar Sale made \$3071.72, with additional money yet to be calculated, that was brought in later from people who bought and owed

West Coast Seeds Fundraiser will start on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and will run for 4 weeks

Plants/hanging baskets and Blueberries will be happening closer to spring time

*Question:* Do we have a Return-It account (re: possibly running a bottle drive, to collect money from drink container deposits)?

*Answer:* Ms. Parsons had one for the Grade 5 fundraisers; she probably used the school's phone number. Jodi to follow up

Also, recognition of Mr. D's efforts, and to not have our bottle drive overlap

Communications Coordinator - Kaelin Nelson (*absent*)

Asked to be notified of anything that needs to be put into January newsletter

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - Jodi Stiglic

No report

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Kyla Des Mazes

Hot Lunches and Movie Night have made \$5,265.31, but after we pay our vendors, the total is most likely around \$4000

Discussion regarding the feedback received about cold fries with Happy Meals. We may have to remove fries as an option (only have hamburger, cheeseburger, or nuggets), as we are not able to serve the fries hot (re: no equipment, such as an air fryer, to reheat)

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Rep - Susan Ngo

- i. Reviewed benefits of BCCPAC that were explained at Nov DPAC meeting  
Jodi confirmed registration, and briefly talked about election of Board Members
- ii. Highlighted Trustee and Superintendent Reports
- iii. Recapped “roundtable discussions”, in particular how other PACs promote attendance at meetings – some: have door prizes, serve snacks and tea/coffee, use sandwich boards, have “class parents” to get feedback from each class

Members at Large – Amy Synesael (*absent*), Cashmere Roder (*absent*), Jennifer Cooksley  
No report

Bylaws Committee - Jodi, Laura, Susan, Paula

We still have not met, but will see if we can possibly meet over the winter break

Shelter Committee - Jen, Jodi, Susan, Laura, Mrs. Tarasoff

We received approval for the purchase requisition from the school district (re: we had to show them the 3 quotes we received for the shelter construction, that we compared when we started this process)

Fun Fair Committee – Cashmere Roder (*absent*), Alyccia Gallagher (*absent*)  
No report

## **8. Old Business**

None

## **9. New Business**

- Grade 12 Scholarship  
There is a letter we send to Aldergrove Community Secondary School, to notify them about the scholarship on Google Drive. Contacts at the school are Brandon Perry and Ashley Ross. Susan to follow up

## **Honourable Mentions**

- ★ Save-On Foods: Donation of 30 dozen chocolate chip cookies  
To be given out to students on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, for “Milk and Cookie Day”  
There will be Oreo cookies available for those who have dietary restrictions
- ★ Cooper Rentals: Donation of a trailer for the Christmas parade happening tomorrow (Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)  
There are 30 people anticipated to walk with the school  
Acknowledgement of so many groups in our community participating in the parade

## **10. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7pm

**Meeting adjourned at 9:54am by Jodi Stiglic**