



DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC MINUTES

February 20, 2024

Attendance: 11

Voting members: 10

Administration: Phillis Giovani

Executive members: Amy Malli, Elena Maynes, Gagan Hyare, Nicole Cotiangco, Jennifer Shelford, Bianca Sinclair

General members: Olivia Olczak Day, Elana Baldin, Caroline Brunet, Shantell Harrison

The meeting was called to order by A. Malli at 6:35 pm.

Introduction:

We respectfully acknowledge that we work and learn on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.

All members introduced themselves.

Principal's Report:

- Student Inclusive conference appointments are running March 4-12.
- Please book online. 328 appointments have been booked thus far.
- March 6 - early dismissal at 12:30. Students will eat at 12:00; busses will be at the school for 12:30 pick up
- March 7-School not in session
- Grade 4 learning survey has been emailed out to Grade 4 parents to complete online.
- Diversity and Respect week is next week - Flags representing 200 countries have been purchased and will be hung in the hallway by the Learning Commons.

Treasurer's Report:

Present and pass January 2024 general and gaming account financials:

January general account: Income - \$8,325.63 Expenditures - \$1,126.14, o/s cheques - \$2,571.15 ending balance - \$74,981.40.

January gaming account: Expenditures -\$1,365.00, o/s cheques - \$376.98, ending balance - \$11,812.87.

- Motion to pass general and gaming accounts: G. Hyare, B. Sinclair 2nd

Secretary's Report:

The January 2024 PAC minutes were submitted for approval

- Motion to pass: O. Olczak Day, G. Hyare. 2nd

DPAC Report

Deferred to next meeting

Old Business

- **Playground Additions**

The district has come out and viewed the area for future playground space and have agreed to level off the hill and remove the tree stumps. Asphalt will be added to the area heading up to the playground to remove the buildup of mud. No update on when the field will be ready to use.

- **DGR Used Book Fair**

We will be collecting gently used books during the month of April. Students can bring in donated books to their classroom. Every student that donates five books or more will be entered into a draw to win an Albany book store gift card. Members all in favor of selling books for \$2 each or two for \$3. B. Sinclair created a flyer for the event and will post more details. Book Fair will run for one day only. We will also allocate time at the end of the school day for parents/caregivers to drop in to purchase books. Teachers will also be able to pick books for their classrooms.

- **Pink Shirt Day/Donations**

A total of 119 shirts were sold. Waiting on final invoice to confirm totals - Profit is around \$406.54. Profit will be donated to Ishtar Woman's Resource Society. PAC will issue a cheque to them. Pink shirts will be going home with students on Wednesday.

- **January Movie Night Feedback**

Pizza was a good choice, movie sound was much better, and having chairs was a great option. For next movie we should add more candy bags, purchase chips to sell and check with local pizza restaurants such as Papa Johns or Pizza Inn for pricing.

- **Parent Survey**

N. Cotiangco has created an online parent survey that will go out to parents for feedback on PAC related information such as fundraising ideas and suggestions. All who fill out the survey will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a local shop. A suggestion box will also be set up in the foyer for parents to submit ideas (anonymously).

- **Taekwondo Feedback**

The students loved having Master Shawn from AOT teach during their gym classes. Students were engaged and happy to have him back. Master Shawn loves teaching at our school and would be happy to come back again next year.

New Business

- **April Movie Night**

April 12. Tickets will go on sale on Munch from Feb 29 - Mar 14. Pizza will be sold on Munch. The movie will be Migration. More details to follow. A. Malli to reach out to Papa Johns and Pizza Inn for pricing. B. Sinclair to create flyer for the event.

- **Pub Night**

N. Cotiangco is looking into hosting a PAC pub night to bring parents/caregivers together for a night out. Looking into availability and dates: possibly May 4 or May 25. Oak and Thorne cost to purchase tickets is \$15. We would sell tickets for \$25; tickets include burger, fries, and beverage. A deposit of \$200 to book. Options for 50/50 draw or toonie toss. Jimmy Mac's Pub is also a good option to look into. More details to come at the next meeting.

- **Staff Appreciation Week**

Runs May 6 - 10. PAC would like to show our appreciation to staff with a lunch. Budget is \$500. We will look at food options/pricing and finalize at April PAC meeting.

- **Grade 5 Farewell**

Ceremony date is June 25. The PAC provided TCBY yogurt as a treat to students last year after the ceremony. Budget is \$250. We have 97 students in Grade 5. E. Maynes will follow up with TCBY yogurt to see if we can use them again.

- **Mother's Against Racism Workshops**

C. Brunet and S. Harrison have been in contact with Mother's Against Racism. They offer an assembly program for Grades K-3 with a virtual workshop for parents to attend. The workshop builds awareness for students and families. It is about a sense of belonging and understanding different cultures. A great time to host this workshop would be during Diversity and Respect Week. We will look at booking them in for February 2025. To be brought up again at October 2024 PAC meeting with further information/booking.

- **PAC AGM (May 21)**

Nomination forms to go out in March. B. Sinclair suggested we add a fourth member-at-large position due to more parents being interested in the position and the school's increased enrollment. All in favor. A. Malli will add a fourth member-at-large to our constitution and bylaws.

Open Discussion:

E. Baldin suggested we look into Stacked restaurant to add them as a breakfast hot lunch vendor for next year.

O. Olczak Day brought up that Peter Ewart Middle School PAC is hosting a night out at Jimmy Mac's Pub on February 24 at 5pm. All proceeds raised will go towards adding equipment to the parkour park at the school. Tickets are \$25 and they include a burger and beverage. There will be a silent auction and 50/50 draw. Tickets can be purchased at the door (exact cash only) or please email oliviaolczak@hotmail.com.

Peter Ewart Middle School PAC will also be hosting a fair in May. There will be bouncy castles and games. More info to come.

Tim Horton's Smile Cookie charity event is coming up. O. Olczak Day says parents can pre buy cookies and have them picked up at the school. A percentage of money raised goes back to the school. She will look at getting further information and email the PAC.

Parent Peer Support presentation: Brenda Lee-Hunter emailed the PAC and provided information about the program. She would like to attend our next PAC meeting to introduce herself and tell us more about the program. A. Malli will reach out to her.

Mudo Academy of Martial Arts and Fitness reached out to the PAC. They perform at school events, host one-day anti-bullying workshops and free classes as part of the school's P.E. curriculum. Their instructors are also pursuing certifications in therapeutic martial arts for individuals with disabilities. We will look at adding them to the P.E curriculum for the next school year or have them come in for a performance. E. Maynes to follow up.

C. Brunet informed us of a free one-hour program for Grades K-9 that the Vancouver Warriors offer called Warriors Stick to School Program. It is an educational and active assembly. Mrs. Giovani will look at available dates to see if we can get them booked.

Bandits play basketball games at the LEC sometimes during the day. O. Olczak Day to look at getting more information to see if we can arrange to have the Grade 4 and 5 classes go to a game during school hours.

N. Cotiangco would like to look into hosting a bingo night. Will look at prerequisites for licensing and set up.

The next PAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. Minutes will be submitted for approval at the next PAC meeting by E. Maynes, PAC secretary.