

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
PAC – Executive Meeting Minutes
Friday February 17, 2023 9:30 AM**

Call to Order at 9:36 AM by Jodi Stiglic

Attendees:

Chris Wejr, Susi Staples, Jodi Stiglic, Cashmere Roder, Jennifer Cooksley, Amy Syneasal, Paige Miller, Susan Ngo, Lindsay Romas (Childcare Worker), Patsy Elson (Aboriginal Support Worker)

Established Quorum

Additions to Agenda: None

Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of February 2023 Agenda:

Motion by Cashmere Roder, Second by Jennifer Cooksley. All in favor.

Approval of January 2023 Minutes:

Motion by Amy Syneasal, Second by Jennifer Cooksley. All in favor.

Principal / Administration report

Principal's Report – Mr. Wejr

- Sadly Mrs. Engele will be going to another position. The posting for the position closes February 21st and Mrs. Engele's last day is February 24th.
- Affordability Fund: Original end date given for spending was May 31st however the time limit has now been extended to next year. Working on purchasing clothing, Spirit Wear, and school supplies.
- Scooter racks have been installed; will encourage scooter use in the newsletter!
- Gym sound system: More affordable quote received. \$2200 for stereo, not including install or microphones. Basic mixer to connect up to 6 microphones; will ask for 2 wireless mics. Bluetooth capable. In the process of confirming install costs.
- School construction for the seismic upgrade is in final stages. New garage door has been installed in the library.
- Family Day: Students will spend time considering who is special to them and making take home projects for their families.
- Student Inclusive Conferences: Sign up is open; please register.
- Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser starting February 27th
- Lindsay Romas (Childcare Worker) & Patsy Elson (Aboriginal Support Worker) attended meeting to discuss planning for school washrooms and request support from the PAC/Parent and Caregiver community in bringing the school's request forward to the School District. The SOGI team and many of the Shortreed staff

recently met to discuss long term issues with the washrooms, including students climbing over/under the short dividers, peeking on other students while using the washroom, sitting or standing in/on urinals, or missing the urinals all together when trying to use them. Many students don't feel safe in the bathroom and for some students having male/female washrooms puts them in a position to have to choose one gender to identify with. These issues are not unique to Shortreed and the School District is already working to address them by creating gender neutral washrooms in new schools, without urinals, and with floor to ceiling doors and divider walls. Door locks can show red/green occupied/unoccupied and staff could use a key to get access if a student got locked in by accident (they currently have had to crawl in from the floor if this happens).

- The SOGI team will be writing a letter to advocate to the District for these changes to be made at Shortreed, and is requesting the PAC help advocate for change (not asking for funding).
- Currently our District 2SLGBTQ+ Committee is already discussing gender neutral washrooms. 43/47 schools in the District need to be updated and 2 or 3 schools have already been selected as priorities for updates. Survey was issued last year asking about needs in bathrooms.
- Our PAC will formulate a motion for our DPAC rep (Jodi) to present at next DPAC general meeting, for all DPAC reps to take the motion to their PACs, to vote on DPAC going forward with the request and show of support to the District. This will help bring the priority level up for our school to have changes made.
- Confirmed plan for our DPAC rep to meet with school SOGI team and Mr. Wejr to discuss motion to formulate and present to DPAC.
- For parents and caregivers who were unable to attend this meeting, please reach out to PAC with any feedback or questions. Also, feel free to check out this relevant TEDx Talks link shared by Lindsay Romas (Childcare Worker)
<https://youtu.be/NCLoNwVJA-Q>

Executive and Committee reports

President – Jodi Stiglic

- No report

Vice President – Amy Synesael

- No report

Treasurer – Laura Wheway (absent)

- End of January balance in Chequing account: \$41,583.13
- End of January balance in Gaming account: \$11,802.24

Secretary – Susi Staples

- No report

Fundraising – Jennifer Cooksley

- Blueberries: Berry Hill Farms, \$30 / box (\$10 profit), due today
- Spring fundraiser: Growing with Smiles Plant fundraiser instead of Clearview Garden Centre. More variety in addition to basket and plants, and better price.

- Purdy's fundraiser: Information has arrived and will be posted

DPAC – Jodi Stiglic

- DPAC Motion:

Motion – Noel Booth Elementary Mover:

Noel Booth Elementary PAC

Langley DPAC writes a letter to the Langley School District requesting clarity and understanding on the following:

1. Statistical data and report through budget as to how they disperse and/or allocate the funds they receive from the Ministry of Education and Jordan's Principle (if applicable) for students with designations/diagnosis or Neurodiverse Learners to schools within the district to pay for Education Assistants (EA's) and Resource Teachers, including what is moved into contingency funds;

2. Rationale/criteria as to how many educational assistants' schools will receive based on the number of designations within each school and need of student(s);

RATIONALE We understand from our families at our school and neighbouring schools, that there are many students who are not receiving support by means of Education Assistants and/or Resource Teachers in the classrooms due to lack of funding from the district. The shortage in our classrooms affects the mental health and education of our children and staff. On average we believe there is 1-3 children per class who bring in extra funds with their designations to the school district yet these funds are not shown in the staffing to support the children and teachers. At our school we have 6 EAs all of which are 1:1 support for medically fragile students; this leaves the estimated 50 children unsupported.

All in favor, no opposed of supporting this DPAC motion.

Allie Brush, Nicole Chadwick and Cashmere Roder (Members at Large)

Cashmere:

- Funfair planning – Still looking for volunteers
- Spring Dollar Sale – April 21st

Bylaws Committee – Amy, Laura, Jodi and Susi

- Met today.
Motion by Susi Staples, second by Amy Syneasal, to change Section 6.1.8 from: "The PAC should review the Constitution *during the 1st Monthly PAC meeting* of the school year. Any amendments to the constitution may occur as per Section 13."
To: "The PAC should review the Constitution *annually during the school year*. Any amendments to the constitution may occur as per Section 13."

To be voted on next meeting.

Shelter Committee – Amy, Jen, Jodi, Nicole, Laura & Mrs. Tarasoff

- No updates

Old Business:

- **Gym sound system update:** Motion by Jodi Stiglic to increase budget by \$5000 to pay for sound system. Second by Susi Staples. All in favor.
- **ER Supplies** - Tabled
- **Scholarships:** Shortreed PAC Scholarship form has been distributed. Due date February 28, 2023. No applications received yet.
- **Wild Education fundraiser for sound system in gym.** Confirmed March 10th (Friday before spring break). Open to community. More info to come.

New Business

- **Bookfair** – One family has come forward and offered to assist however when cash is involved a PAC signer must also be present. Plan to skip Spring book fair and look into another fundraiser to replace this.
- **2nd Charging Cart request** – Tabled to next meeting when treasurer present.

Next meeting date:

Friday, April 14, 2022, 9:30am, School

Meeting adjourned 10:48AM by Jodi Stiglic