

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
PAC – Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday May 29, 2023 6:30 PM**

Call to Order at 6:36 PM by Jodi Stiglic

Attendees:

Allie Brush, Susan Ngo, Jen Cooksley, Amy Synesael, Jodi Stiglic, Laura Wheway, Kyla Des Mazes, Chris Wejr, Susi Staples, Lee-Anne Tarasoff, Cashmere Roder

Established Quorum

Additions to Agenda: None

Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of May 2023 Agenda:

Motion by Laura Wheway, Second by Jen Cooksley. All in favor.

Approval of April 2023 Minutes:

Motion by Amy Synesael, Second by Laura Wheway. All in favor.

Principal / Administration reports

Principal's Report – Mr. Wejr

- Thank you for the fun fair and all the volunteers who helped make it happen. It was an awesome event!
- Bike to school week: About 25% (~100) students rolled to school today!
- Regional track meet tomorrow at McLeod Athletic Park. About 60 students will represent our school. We've been working on fundamental movement skills and getting more students playing community sports and it shows.
- Grade 5 students have started their transition to Betty Gilbert Middle School. The Principal and Vice-Principal of BGMS came to Shortreed to speak to grade 5's, who will also get to go to BGMS for an upcoming visit.
- Welcome to Kindergarten event was a success. Over 70 registered K's and no room to grow, so we cannot accept Abbotsford registrants. 3 portables will be staying where they are. ELL will have to move as we are losing this portable. Overall enrollment is down but through the summer we expect to get to usual numbers.
- Mrs. Graham is overseeing the Talent Show, taking place June 9th. In person and video entries.
- Sports day: To answer previous question, we will come in and eat lunch first, and then students will go out to play.

- June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples' Day; there will be a focus on celebration and students will do a gallery walk through the school. Grade 5s will drum for a school gathering.
- June is also Pride month; we will celebrate with a Diversity Day on June 23rd where the focus is "Proud to be me".
- School calendar: Next year there will be one day off for Student Inclusive Conferences, plus one day with a 2 hour dismissal (instead of two x 1 hour dismissals) and one evening conference night.

Vice-Principal's Report – Mrs. Tarasoff

- No Report.

Executive and Committee reports

President – Jodi Stiglic

- There has been some negative feedback from parents about no mother's day gifts this year. Mr. Wejr reflects, sharing past challenges for students and staff during mother's and father's day. At some point mother's and father's day came into the business of schools however they are not part of the curriculum; teachers have even spent their own money on these projects. Focus in years to come is for more inclusive Family Day acknowledgements. Mr. Wejr is open to answering any questions if any parents would like to speak with him.

Vice President – Amy Synesael

- Movie night held at the beginning of May was a success. Bathrooms were still a bit of an issue; one parent was walking kids down the hall to use another bathroom.

Treasurer – Laura Wheway

- End of April balance in Chequing account: \$ 44,879.13
- End of April balance in Gaming account: \$11,802.24

Secretary – Susi Staples

- No report

Fundraising – Jennifer Cooksley

- Neufeld Farm's: We made less than previous years with a \$258 profit (We were under the \$2000 sales amount however they didn't charge us for shipping).

DPAC – Jodi Stiglic

- Last DPAC general meeting was held this month. Executive meeting is planned for June 1st.
- Trustee Neufeld shares the District is struggling to keep up with School Counsellors (having enough of them). Provincially, funding is for 1 Counsellor per 589 students. Trustees are trying to bring this up to the Province, to reduce the ratio so more counsellors are available to students.

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

Cashmere:

- Funfair: Approximately \$4400 in profit. Presales approximately 200 wristbands; now depleted wristband stock. Great turnout. More adult volunteers would help. Discussion around incentives for parents who volunteer to encourage more volunteers. Thank you to all volunteers who did help!! Noted long lineups for rock wall and swing rides; may try to get another attraction from BC Events to help with that next year (Elementary students weren't able to do "expert" side of rock wall so maybe an easier option?). Some feedback / requests for more sports type of games (ie Radar guns for soccer kicks, basketball shots or ?). Any feedback or suggestions are welcome! Cashmere is also looking for someone to shadow her role in organizing the funfair, to take on the position in the future.
- Spring Dollar Sale April 21st: Great turnout. Just under \$2000 profit. Next one planned for November.

Bylaws Committee – Amy, Laura, Jodi and Susi

- No report

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

- Parent Jared Wheway followed up with his employer, Alliance Concrete Pumps, who have put approximately \$20,000 aside to donate towards outdoor shelter. Option to work with them to build it or purchase through another company. Committee needs to meet to discuss plans. Mrs. Tarasoff will get back to the committee with possible June meeting dates.

Old Business:

- **Gym sound system update:**
 - Mr. Wejr - District staff attended and recommended not having 4 speakers as currently set up, but two large speakers where the screen is. Quote: Blue tooth receiver (stereo) is \$3225.35, and the speakers are \$4220.78. This includes \$1800 labour and taxes. Motion by Laura Wheway to increase budget by \$2500 (to \$7500) to pay for new stereo and the speakers, as recommended; Second by Amy Synesael. All in favor. Mr. Wejr will purchase the sound system and PAC will reimburse.
- **ER Supplies** – Previous request from Mrs. Tarasoff to purchase 6 additional privacy tents. Parent Darren Pritchard provided quote from his employer for 4 additional stand-up tents and portable toilets; tents are \$104 each and toilets are \$120. Concerns regarding fabric floor in tents if they are to be used for bathrooms. Current emergency buckets are easier to store and don't require same chemical treatments as the portable toilets offered. Plan to look further into floorless tents.
- **Scholarships:** 6 applications received for Shortreed PAC Scholarship (\$500 bursary) and posted on school Web site for voting. Winning essay: Congratulations Avery! Laura Wheway and Stephanie Wakeling will be attending

the luncheon on June 7th on behalf of Shortreed PAC to present Avery with the bursary.

New Business

- **2nd Charging Cart request \$1400** (Tabled to next year)
- **Vote on proposed 2023-2024 budget** – See attached (now all cheques have been cashed). Motion by Jen Cooksley, Second by Amy Synesael. All in favor.
- **Election for 2023/2024 PAC Executive:**
 - President – Jodi Stiglic – accepts nomination
 - Vice President – Amy Synesael – accepts nomination
 - Secretary – Susi Staples – accepts nomination
 - Treasurer – Laura Wheway – accepts nomination
 - Fundraiser – Susan Ngo and Jen Cooksley – accept nominations
 - DPAC Rep – **Open**
 - Members at Large – Cashmere Roder, Allie Brush and Nicole Chadwick – accept nominations
- **Coordinator Positions:**
 - Hot Lunch – Laura Wheway to be shadowed by Kyla Des Mazes
 - Movie Night – Laura Wheway to be shadowed by Kyla Des Mazes
 - Book Fair – **Open**
 - Fun Fair – Cashmere Roder (shadow position **OPEN** ideally to a lower grade parent who will be able to learn and still be here a bit longer)
 - Emergency preparedness – Jodi Stiglic
 - Halloween - Cashmere Roder (to be shadowed by Jen Cooksley)

Motion by Laura Wheway to accept all nominations, Second by Amy Synesael.
All in favor.

Next meeting date:

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 9:30am, School

Meeting adjourned 8:27 PM by Jodi Stiglic