



## **DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC MINUTES**

November 21, 2023

**Attendance: 14**

**Voting members: 13**

**Administration:** Phillis Giovani

**Executive members:** Bianca Sinclair, Amy Malli, Elena Maynes, Candice Sellers, Nicole Cotiangco, Jennifer Shelford, Jia Mela, Gagan Hyare

**General members:** Niki Soor, Shantell Harrison, Elana Baldin, Jennine Jackson, Angela Kim

This meeting was called to order by A. Malli at 6:29 pm.

### **Introduction:**

All members in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Principal's Report:**

School Action Plan goals are the same as last year; to create 1) a unified culture of care and belonging, and 2) a strong culture of literacy

Goals aim to help students reach proficient reading levels through guided reading, literacy activities and learning assistance groups; also, to teach students strategies to identify and regulate their emotions

So far 503 appointments have been booked for student inclusive conferences. Students are looking forward to presenting to their parents during their conference.

K, 1 and 2 Christmas concert will have two performances. The first one will be on Dec 19 at 1:30 pm. We encourage extended family members (e.g., grandparents) to come to this performance as the school cannot accommodate everyone during the evening performance on Dec 20 at 6:30 pm. To avoid going over gym capacity limits two tickets will be given to each K – Gr. 2 family for the evening performance. Students who are not performing at this concert will have a chance to watch the concert during the dress rehearsal.

DGR will be accepting donations for the Langley Food Bank Drive from December 11-15. More information to come in newsletter.

### **President's Report:**

Moving forward all meetings will begin with the Acknowledgment of Traditional Territories.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Present and pass October 2023 general and gaming account financials:

General Account: ending balance - \$65,329.34 o/s cheques-\$4,247.51

Gaming Account: grant was received: \$10,020.00 - ending balance \$14,431.83 no outstanding cheques.

- Motion to pass general and gaming account: A. Malli, J. Mela 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Secretary's Report:**

The October 2023 PAC minutes were submitted for approval:

- Motion to pass: C. Sellers, N. Cotiangco 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **DPAC Report:**

-DPAC meeting was held online

-Raphael Food Drive was created during the pandemic to help families in need and has continued to grow ever since. They focus on helping local students and their families. They are in need of donations and are looking for PAC support. If anyone would like more information or to help out, please contact them at [info@raphaelhouse.ca](mailto:info@raphaelhouse.ca)

-Superintendent Report: overview of the teacher shortage we are experiencing. There are many staff positions that need to be filled throughout the district.

### **Old Business:**

- **Halloween Dance**

Profit: \$1400.51

Overall, the dance was a huge success; some feedback for next dance would be to look at offering two dance times. The first one can be geared to the younger ages and be more sensory friendly; this also allows for more people to attend. We could also offer pizza and water through Munch-A-Lunch.

- **Spirit Wear**

Waiting on invoice and delivery. N. Cotiangco will follow up with Mark from Torque Branding.

Toques will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. E. Baldin sent invoice and payment has been made by the PAC (they have also generously removed shipping costs for us)

Profits to be discussed at next meeting.

- **Purdy's Fundraiser**

We sold \$5,186.00 of Purdy's chocolate with a profit of \$1,361.33. We will also receive an additional profit of 2.5% for selling above \$5000.00. Rebate cheque will be mailed out separately.

- **Poinsettia Fundraiser**

Last day to order for this fundraiser is November 22. We currently have sold 40 poinsettias.

- **Pancake Breakfast:** December 1 schedule 9:00 – 12:30 pm

- 9:00: Clark, Warren, Pisiak, Payne
- 9:30: Eddy/Wojak, Claire, Slade, Handel/McMillan
- 10:00: Blair, O'Mahony, Saini
- 10:40: Rafighi, VanGenderen, Mills, Dionne
- 11:10: D. McCrae, Dumond, Young, Kaur
- 11:40: Black, Sturrock, A. McCrae
- 12:05: Juzkow, McColl, Leek, Kwon

Set up will be done the day before after early dismissal at 12:30 pm. We will need to start up the griddles by 7:30 am on December 1 to get them hot and ready to make pancakes before the first group arrives. PAC will also supply drinks and snacks for all the volunteers.

### **New Business:**

- **Movie Night**

Next movie night will be on January 26. Members voted on The Super Mario Bros. movie. We will look into offering pizza/drinks through Munch-A-Lunch and have popcorn. Everyone can bring in blankets/pillows and PAC can set up some chairs/benches in the back of the gym. A. Malli will look into pizza vendors.

- **Winter Coloring Contest**

Our coloring contest theme this year is a snow globe. All students will be able to participate. The coloring page will be sent home with students to create their own magical snow globe between December 11-15. There will be two prizes for each grade. PAC has set aside up to \$150.00 to purchase prizes. There will be 12 winners and they will be announced on December 18.

**Open Discussion:**

S. Harrison went over some more details in regards to the FB group “Mom’s Against Racism.” The group offers assemblies at elementary schools that teach more about understanding diversity. The assemblies are usually about 30 min long and are \$250.00. PAC could look at adding an assembly during Respect and Diversity week in February. This can be discussed further at the next meeting.

S. Harrison will look into available dates and age group for the assembly.

AOT (taekwondo): we can reach out to him to confirm dates for February.

Fundraising at our school has helped the PAC raise funds that provided our playground, buddy bench and so much more. With limited space left we should look into what our school needs. We will reach out to Swing Time (the company who we purchased our playground from) and see if we can add another play structure to the area near the tree stumps. We can look into adding benches around the school and getting a quote for installing a “friend’s house” similar to the wooden structure that was built at Willoughby. It would be nice to provide some shade in the grass area. We can also reach out to local developers to see if they would be interested in building/donating their time to create a shaded space.

The next PAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm. Respectfully submitted for approval at the next PAC meeting by E. Maynes, PAC secretary.