

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00pm – School Library**

1. Call to order at 7:09pm by Jodi Stiglic

Attendees: Lee-Anne Tarasoff, Kyla Des Mazes, Laura Wheway, Jodi Stiglic, Amy Synesael, Susan Ngo, Paula Halvorson. **Guest Speaker:** Stephanie Eby

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 November 2024 Agenda

Addition to the Agenda: Guest Speaker – Stephanie Eby
Motion to Approve: Kyla, Second by Laura, All in favour

5. Approval of October 2024 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Kyla, Second by Amy. All in favour

6. Principal / Administration report

Mr. Wejr (*absent*) / Mrs. Tarasoff

a) Board of Trustees Presentation

- i. Topic was “Sense of Belonging”. Mr. Wejr discussed the phenomenal ways in which students feel included at our school, and highlighted our diversity.
- ii. Presentation was well received by the Trustees: “thrilled with how it went”

b) Remembrance Day Assembly

- i. We had a really good assembly
- ii. Mrs. Muller put on an amazing show, which included a school-wide song

c) Christmas Concert

- i. 3 shows: 1 on Dec 17th, 2 on Dec 18th (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

d) Christmas Parade

- i. Saturday, Dec 14th
- ii. Shortreed is needing to secure a flat deck trailer (re: parade float), as the one used in past years may not be available

e) Santa Breakfast

- i. Friday, Dec 6th - start time: 7:30am
- ii. Santa will be around the school for a while after, so students who cannot come to the breakfast can still meet with him

- f) Recognition of Ms. Gill's flexibility
 - i. Class had to move from a portable into the main building due to repairs being done on a window that was not sealed properly

7. Executive and Committee reports

President - Jodi Stiglic

- i. Code of Conduct forms brought to meeting for Executives to sign
- ii. Jodi, along with Mr. Wejr, attended a meeting with School Board personnel (including District Superintendent, District Secretary-Treasurer, and Board Chair) - who wanted to meet in person to say they are open to listening to our concerns. "It was nice to have their ear"

Vice-President - Kyla Des Mazes

Movie Night: confirmed volunteers, 96 minute movie run time (event will end at 8pm)
Noted that there are fewer pizza sales than previous Movie Night

Treasurer - Laura Wheway

End of October in Chequing account: \$45,243.73
End of October in Gaming account: \$12,781.40

Gaming Grant came through
There is about \$3400 in cheques outstanding
Funds are available for the shelter

Secretary - Susan Ngo

No report

Fundraising - Paula Halvorson

We have been approved by the Westcoast Seeds to hold a fundraiser (re: selection process is to avoid oversaturating market with same product)

Communications Coordinator - Kaelin Nelson (*absent*)

Asked to be notified of any thing that needs to be put into December newsletter

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - Jodi Stiglic

A couple things are being held off until shelter funds are cleared

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Kyla Des Mazes

No report

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Rep - Susan Ngo

No report – as Nov meeting will not be held until end of the month

Members at Large – Amy Synesael, Cashmere Roder (*absent*), Jennifer Cooksley (*absent*)

Dollar Sale: Donations being accepted on Friday Dec 15th

Grade 5 Helpers, and Sarah (from Toy Central) coming on Thur Dec 21st to help set up

Bylaws Committee - Jodi, Laura, Susan, Paula

There has been some discussions (re: reviewing details)

Shelter Committee - Jen, Jodi, Susan, Laura, Mrs. Tarasoff
Mrs. Tarasoff: there has been a small hiccup (re: liabilities paperwork)
Still waiting on permit to process

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

8. Old Business

- a) Speaker and jersey replacements (Mr. Wejr's requested items)
 - i. Quotes for speakers were provided. Comparisons of features discussed.
Motion to spend \$1291.14 by Laura, second by Kyla, all in favour
 - ii. School needing to buy new jerseys for track meet in the spring. Request is for 20 – 25 jerseys, at a cost of \$27/jersey (approx. \$620 total). Item tabled until January
 - iii. Padded chairs also requested to replace ones that have been around since the 70s
There are ones at Costco that Laura will go look at (compare with online options)
Motion to spend up to \$600 for chairs by Laura, second by Susan, all in favour
- b) Christmas Treat Day
 - i. Details remain the same from last meeting
 - ii. Milk and cookies on Dec 20th (last day of school before Winter Break)

9. New Business

- a) Christmas Decorating
 - i. Jodi will ask for access to the school on Sunday, Dec 1st
Suggestion by Mrs. Tarasoff to check supplies, in case any need to be replenished
- b) New stage carpet (Mrs. Muller's requested item)
 - i. Cost is approx. \$500, to come out of Gaming account
 - ii. Amy will follow up with someone she knows for possible discount
 - iii. Motion to allocate \$500 for carpet by Laura, second by Kyla, all in favour
- c) Online Auction
 - i. 10 club seats to Giants vs TriCity Americans Hockey game on Dec 15th
 - ii. Auction to also include "Principal/VP/Librarian for a Day"; family of 5 bowling pass; passes to Go Bananas; reserved Christmas concert seating

10. Guest Speaker: Stephanie Eby – Community School Coordinator

Presentation about purpose of community schools, and the importance of partnerships to increase resources for families, to help improve: learning outcomes; equity and inclusion; and accessibility

Examples of how Community School Coordinator has improved resources, include facilitating:
Summer school camps, Outdoor play club, Youth groups; Home Alone (Pro-D Day Prog.)

11. Next Meeting

Friday, December 13, 2024 at 9am

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by Jodi Stiglic