



DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS ELEMENTARY PAC MINUTES

October 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by B. Sinclair at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: 14 Voting Members: 13

Administration: Phillis Giovani

Executive Members: Bianca Sinclair, Elena Maynes, Candice Sellers, Jiyan Mela, Nicole Contiangco, Jennifer Shelford, Gagan Hyare

General Members: Elana Baldin, Olivia Olczak Day, Angela Kim, Shantell Harrison, Nikki and Caroline.

Intro

Everyone introduced themselves. B. Sinclair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Principal's Report

Information regarding the Ministry of Education's new Reporting Order was sent out in last week's newsletter re: the five reporting periods, two of them being informal; we will not be having parent/teacher conferences in October; instead on October 27 an informal student learning update will be sent home to parents; in November parents will be able to book an appointment to meet with their child and teacher for a student inclusive conference

November 29 - No school (Student Inclusive Conference Day)

November 30 - students will be dismissed two-hours early (12:30 pm) for student inclusive conferences

Safety drills: DGR had a fire drill last week; there will be an earthquake drill this week and on October 24 we will be having a reunification drill with Divisions 19 & 20.

Grade 4 students started writing FSAs this week.

October 20 - Provincial Pro-D Day (students do not attend)

October 27 - Photo retakes

November 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10 - Design & Assessment/ SIC Prep day (students do not attend)

President's Report

Deferred to old/new business

Treasurer's Report

Present and pass May and September 2023 General and Gaming account:

General account for May 2023: ending balance: \$41,549.07 o/s cheques: \$2802.60

Gaming account for May 2023: ending balance: \$7037.38 o/s cheque: \$1796.80

- Motion to pass May 2023 general and gaming financial account: N. Contiangco, O. Olczak Day 2nd

General account for September 2023: ending balance: \$61,155.63 o/s cheques: \$4,193.90

Gaming account for September 2023: ending balance: \$4,411.83

- Motion to pass September 2023 general and gaming financial account: B. Sinclair, J. Shelford 2nd

Secretary's Report

The September 2023 PAC minutes were submitted for approval.

- Motion to pass: C. Sellers, N. Contiangco 2nd

DPAC Report:

J. Mela read over the DPAC report from the meeting that was held on September 21

Important highlights from the meeting were:

Feeding Futures school food program

Budget consultation: "growing community" last three years Langley has seen an increase of about 1000 students per year; looking at additional funding and discussions for space in our district.

Parent Ed funds and food safe funds: PAC can have up to two people a year get their food safe certificate.

Old Business:

• Halloween Dance

We currently have sold 366 tickets to the dance. N. Contiangco is setting up Sign Up Genius for a volunteer list. We kindly thank N. Contiangco for setting up Sign Up Genius several times so far this year for hot lunch and popcorn days; with this new sign-up we are getting many more parents interested in volunteering. N. Contiangco will also look at setting up a QR code to include in the school newsletters for those who don't have Facebook.

Dance volunteering options:

Greeters at the door (3) 5:30-6:00 pm

Set up crew (6) 2:30-3:30 pm

Concession (2-3) 6:00-8:00 pm

Supervise the dance (6-7) 6:00-8:00 pm

Clean-up crew: (5) 8:00-8:30 pm

B. Sinclair will follow up on borrowing 2-3 inflatables from Brinkworth Dungeon for our dance. E. Maynes has some lights to bring in; we need to make sure DJ is aware to keep music/lights sensory friendly (A. Malli to follow up on)

Prizes for best costume: student will receive a gift card/candy bag and best family costume will receive a family movie pass gift card.

• Cash Box

C. Sellers presented a few options/pricings and everyone voted on the Amazon cash box for \$28.50.

O. Olczak Day suggested that we may want to look at purchasing a "square" to make sales easier instead of just having a cash only option.

• Spirit Wear

We thank O. Olczak Day and N. Contiangco for submitting quotes for shirts/hoodies. Prices were presented to the group and Torque Branding offered the lowest price point for each item. All members voted: majority votes to go with Torque. We will sell hoodies in adult and youth sizing, cotton long sleeve basic shirts and cotton regular t-shirts. N. Contiangco to confirm if shipping/tax is extra and to have pricing set up and ready to go for spirit wear to run on Munch-A-Lunch from October 26 - November 9. She will also provide a flyer for the fundraiser.

New Business:

• Purdy's

E. Maynes has set up the online fundraiser. It will run from November 1 - 14. Catalogues have been delivered to the school and will be sent home to parents on Nov. 1. Coordinator submission will be Nov. 15 and delivery window will be Nov. 21 - 27. Volunteers will be needed to organize chocolate into bags (date to be set once delivery is received, most likely Nov. 26) N. Cotiangco will also set up Sign Up Genius to put together a volunteer group to sort chocolate.

- **Poinsettias/Meridian Meats fundraiser**

G. Hyare looked into a fundraiser for poinsettias. KPU does not have fundraisers however, Darvonda Nurseries does. They have a few option sizes and the flowers comes in foiled pots. They are located in Langley so we can pick up from them and get a 5% discount. Two more options were brought up for the poinsettia fundraiser but Darvonda cost and delivery options work out the best. All members are in favour of this fundraiser. Run fundraiser to run from November 16 - 22.

C. Sellers looked into Meridian Meats fundraiser. They have changed the fundraising to online only and if you purchase a gift card from them, you would only be able to buy products online and not in store. Members voted not to go ahead with this fundraiser.

- **Pancake Breakfast**

Pancake breakfast will be on December 1. Sign Up Genuis will need to be set up soon to get donations organized for the event. We will switch from gluten free pancakes to gluten free waffles. We will also look into getting electric mixers to make pancake batter faster. Griddle/propane need to be booked soon or we can reach out to parents and see if anyone has one for us to borrow.

- **Movie Night**

With all the fundraisers/events going on in November/December we all feel it would be best to move movie night to January. Everyone voted to move it to the new year and we will look at a new date at the next meeting.

- **Taekwondo**

E. Maynes spoke to Shawn at Art of Taekwondo. He is looking forward to coming back and teaching the students. He is available in January and we can set up a date closer too.

Open Discussion:

PAC will hold a winter coloring contest in December. Our Halloween coloring contest last year was a huge success and the PAC would like to bring it back again this year. The theme will be a snow globe. Students will be sent home with a snow globe coloring page and can design, color, decorate however they wish and enter it in the contest for a chance to win a gift basket. More details to come at next meeting.

On behalf of J. Jackson, N. Contiangco brought up the idea of starting every meeting going forward with an Acknowledgment of Traditional Territories. Many schools are doing this; the District has an acknowledgment that we can read from and also add a personal touch to that reflects our school. PAC will look into it and have one written out for the next PAC meeting.

S. Harrison brought up that there are workshops, diverse book packages and websites to fight against racism. If our library needs more books about inclusivity there are many options for students and parents. Further discussion in regards to workshops or a speaker, as S. Harrison mentioned, will occur at future meetings.

P. Giovanni mentioned that the library has a wide range of books and our librarian, Mrs. BG, spends time discussing and reading books to students about diversity.

Next PAC meeting will take place on November 21 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59. Respectfully submitted for approval at the next PAC meeting by E. Maynes, PAC Secretary.