

Noel Booth Elementary School - September 18th 2024 Meeting Minutes

6:00pm: PAC President Kara Geransky calls meeting to order - *Welcomes attendees online* (Jane, Shannon Bell, Ashley McGuigan Sarah Dennis)

Parents Introduction's - Name, who child is a what they are hoping to get out of the school year.

PAC Executives in attendance: President Kara Geransky , Vice President Barb Puhacz, Treasurer Kataryn Puhacz, Secretary Jessica Sutherland, DPAC Representative Shawna Middleton

Attendees:

Colin Vu, Samantha Vu, Stacey Genovese, Tammy Halbert, Aman Benipal, Karen Hudson, Holly Lake, Emily Taylor, Sarrah Myrol, Renee Dare, Michelle Mastlir, Sabrina Burgess, Ramya Nair, Shinder Dhaliwal

Principal - Mr.Malo in attendance

Kara calls for approval of June 4th 2024 minutes - Approved by Kataryna Puhacz and Barb Puhacz.

Kara acknowledges minutes from previous meeting, noted too many members at large - *Next meeting we will vote or have a member step down as constitution states only 3 allowed and we currently have 4.*

Principal Address :

- Numbers for students are significantly over for this year we budgeted for 308 and have 325
- Teacher shortage is something everyone is experiencing - people are not applying for positions
- 4 new staff members have been welcomed this year
- Moving closer and closer to being fully staffed - possibly in 2 - 2 1/2 weeks
- Excited about first learn to ride for grades 4 and 5's
- Terry Fox Run on Friday - *modified route for bridge construction all to do with township - We have 5 volunteers to operate routes*
- Lunch Lady will be back this year and will be done every Thursday we will be bringing in a Cold Lunch Program that will be fully subsidized - *there is a portion of children who come to school with no lunch - this will mean 4 cold lunches and 1 hot lunch*

- Backpack program has been upped - many kids have needs to take food home with them - *we are allotted 13,000\$ for the year but we wont make it past April with the needs - may need PAC assistance*

Renee Dare- mentioned Firefighters snack program - Malo confirmed it is still ongoing

- Meet the teacher night is next week on the Thursday at 6pm (Ice Cream Social)
- There will be a Grade 7 meeting at 7pm after meet the teacher to discuss events and activities that are planned for this years class Grade 7 events - *if it is not under the PAC umbrella then the parent that is in charge of it is liable - money you are collecting is viewed as a private citizen*

Renee Dare question to Malo - Division 4 Ms. Atwal will she be coming back? *Position has been posted because it is a leave - hoping to have it filled soon (announcement pending)*

Budget Review:

- As a PAC we have 2 accounts 1.Operational 2.Gaming
 - Treasurer Kataryna has applied for the gaming grant - *it is based on school size from the previous year*
 - We have \$15,000 in assets currently
 - Breakfast club we do not have any receipts showing PAC is involved? Malo cost is 600\$ a week in food as previously discussed will need help May and June 2025
 - Musical Instrument budget? *Possibly flip budget to PE this year as the equipment is quite outdated*
 - Emergency supplies - *bottled water would be good to keep on hand - each classroom has first aid kits - water can be cycled through*
 - Grad Scholarship was \$500 would like to move to \$750
 - Classroom aid \$200 per teacher - fund for support staff? *Suggested 10\$ per student?*
 - Funding needs? Regulation room - Volley ball nets - Gaga pit - Rock wall
 - Field trips - would like to get every class having field trips again
- Discussion on bus costs - Per bus \$275 - \$500 for field trips - Will table this and discuss next meeting - maybe have a survey on what we would like to see in terms of field trips*
- School start - This is Karen's last year with Noel Booth - need to pass onto someone - takes approximately 10 hours of time
 - Day 2 coupon books and we are at \$665 so far
 - Trunk or treat - will be facilitated by Jessica Sutherland and Renee Dare October 24th - *discussion on charging 5\$ per strip of tickets - candy*

collection for classrooms with pizza party for winning classroom. School washroom to be open for people that night

- Pumpkin patch - Renee Dare facilitating maybe not full donation - will advise of the cost maybe PAC can split
- Hampers and toonie drive with a goal of \$3500 - would like to bring back the tree with the items under it this year
- Sports day concession
- Movie night - Kara offering to look into - has made big money in past
- Welcome back - Ice cream social or hot chocolate by donation

Budget will be posted on Facebook, provided to Mr.Malo, uploaded to website. PAC President Kara Geransky can be emailed with questions or concerns in regards too budget.

Field Trip Discussion:

Ideas for presenters to come into the school - Science world - gymnastics - planetarium.

Mr Malo giving idea of cost of things:

- Planetarium 1000\$ for 14 classes
- Lego \$2000 for them to come here
- \$800 for a puppet show
- Cheap performance 500 - expensive \$2000

Can we offset the cost with parent funding? To be discussed.

PAC president will be meeting with Grade 7 representatives to discuss what fundraising will look like for them.

POSITION OPEN: Hot Lunch coordinator

Holly Lake offering to do back end of Hot Lunch (ordering, munch a lunch, advertising) - have a team to step up for the day of - 5 people would be ideal— a few people raising their hands with interest. To be discussed further.

Suggestion of doing Yearbooks from Shinder Dhaliwal:

Principal Malo stating it became an issue last year - *high school level using American companies and information of students such as names and pics sent there, now Yearbooks are being done by Canadian companies which makes them more expensive. Lots of privacy issues the district still needs to sort out.*

Suggestion of using Zeffy from Shinder Dhaliwal: Munchalunch takes 2.9% of fees we raise which adds up, at previous school they started using Zeffy which is 100% free - *PAC suggesting Shinder send link to site to look at.*

FaceBook Posts:

Pac President asks if we want to leave fb open so we can post or keep it closed to posts and keep it where you can comment on the Posts but only admin can post.

Discussion on positives versus negatives - *Mr.Malo strongly against parents being able to post as it leaves it very open to someone getting hurt, in his experience it is not advisable.*

Decision to keep Facebook as is for now.

*Voting for expenditure priorities to be conducted by online survey.

In conclusion Budget and minutes will be attached to next newsletter - Next Pac meeting we will vote to move forward with budget.

Next meeting is October 16th

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm