**MINUTES**



**DONNA GABRIEL ROBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC MINUTES**

**November 5, 2024**

Attendance: 8

Voting members: 7

Administration: Nathan Erker

Executive Members: Jennifer Shelford, Bianca Sinclair, Elena Maynes, Angela Kim, Jennine Jackson, Nicole Cotiangco

General Members: 1 member

**Introduction:**

The meeting was called to order by Bianca Sinclair at 6:35pm, noting that we respectfully acknowledge we work and learn on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.

**Principal’s Report:**

* Update on staffing – vacancy continues on Fridays for grade 5, and another part time position for Tuesday/Thursday, should have another SA joining soon to support.
* Faculty has set reading target and a social/emotional target – overarching target is over 80%, difference will be in how we get to the target.
* Indigenous awareness and education will be embedded in the curriculum – oral storytelling component, ability to have the language on hand, not have the constraint of paper; will have story workshops with the opportunity to create and tell the story orally in accord with First Nations traditional oral storytelling.
* Greater emphasis on comprehension – understanding what they have read, make links to the words and the understanding.
* From a social-emotional learning perspective, school wants to target self-regulation (recognize frustrations and re-direct) and problem-solving skills.
* ‘Open Parachute’ and ‘Play is the Way’ are simple ways to get the skills across in more fun settings.
* Remembrance Day assembly coming up November 7th.
* Additional food programs under consideration at the school; snack carts in place –fruit and veggie program will need a parent to assist once per month; schedule was just received, will be forwarded to Bianca; PAC or broader parent population would be able to assist. Items will be pre-packed, will need a bit of sorting, will happen 8-9 times for the rest of the year.
* Looking at a cold lunch program five days per week – to assist with those that cannot afford lunch on a daily basis; will need support for distribution, schedule and process are yet to be determined.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Financial Review of October – Angela provided copies for all to review. Nicole and Elena approved and seconded the gaming account. Bianca and Elena approved the general account.

Note – this will be the last month that we have the $5 service charge coming out as we have opted for paperless statements.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Review of October Minutes – approved and seconded by Elena and Jennine.

Note – when Blue Imp was on site they did not connect with Mr. Erker, have connected via phone since and will provide options for the playground expansion.

School district will pay for gaga ball spots, working with areas that are already prepped.

Discussion of posting PAC Minutes to the school website, Mr. Erker agreed and will post final minutes, forward documents to him for uploading once final.

**DPAC Report**

Olivia attended the DPAC as Jiya was not able to attend for October, noted the cold lunch discussions that were raised in the Principal’s Report. Traffic congestion around Langley schools was discussed, continuing issue, not just for Donna Gabriel Robins.

Serving it Right classes – district will pay for up to four members to attend.

Discussion of criminal record check – required and cost will be covered by DPAC.

Movie nights – licensing is now covered district-wide, do not need to purchase separate licenses, can now use streaming services.

**Old Business**

Halloween Dance feedback – congestion at the door, would be a good idea to have greeters go outside for future events, prior to door opening, to assist with volume and prevent delays getting into the gym.

Discussion of having actual tickets for future events. Noted that two different time slots worked very well, would ask that for the sensory segment, the music volume be a bit lower for future events.

Charlie’s Chocolate Factory fundraiser – up and running, no updates on orders yet.

Giants – fundraiser participation in 50-50 relies on selling 50 tickets. December 4th and January 3rd are the game dates, sell tickets for $24 each, three schools are assigned per game for sharing the 50-50. Will go up November 18-27, vendor needs emails by the 28th in order to assign seating areas.

Vancouver Warriors – no updates at this time, Nicole will follow up. Mr. Erker noted that December 3rd is the potential date that would work for the school schedule.

Pancake Breakfast Committee – Sign Up Genius is published, inventory of what is needed for this year was adjusted based on what supplies we have in stock from last year. Donations are slow to come in at this time but believe that is because of the early posting. Music can be linked via Bluetooth and will be good to go. Balloon arch was okayed, requested to be placed more out of reach to accommodate any sensory reactions if balloons are popped.

Schedule set up will be similar to last year with buddy classes and consideration of field trips.

Discussion of Christmas tree locations (Jennifer has one, will check with Chantelle re: second).

Christmas Concert – K, 1, 2 December 12th, will have an afternoon and evening show to accommodate size of families expected.

Spirit Wear – initial orders have gone in, large initial orders so the vendor recommends not advertising or prompting for further sales for the next stretch, can then promote to refresh/remind families, will have pink shirt options for the spring.

**New Business**

Compassionate fund donations to families in need – exploring different options for this year. Mr. Erker provided the potential number of families that could benefit. Mr. Erker and support would connect with families and figure out what they need.

Update re: cash donations to PAC made via Munch-a-Lunch - $413.00 donated to the school and this amount has been put toward covering some hot lunches.

Christmas Tree Colouring Contest – discussion of prepping gift baskets for winners, Angela will assist. Will run from Dec 1-12, will be announced shortly after that.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.