

**Shortreed Community Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm – School Library**

**1. Call to order at 7:05pm by Jodi Stiglic**

**Attendees:** Chris Wejr, Amy Synesael, Jodi Stiglic, Laura Wheway, Susan Ngo, Kaelin Nelson, Kyla Des Mazes, Miranda Anton, Jenn Cooksley, Melissa Epp, Paula Halvorson

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

We acknowledge that the Langley School District resides on the traditional, unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Roundtable Introduction of Roles and Responsibilities

**3. Establish Quorum**

**4. Adoption of September 2024 Meeting Agenda**

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Motion to Approve: Amy Synesael, Second by Laura Wheway, All in favour

**5. Adoption of June 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve: Kaelin Nelson, Second by Kyla Des Mazes. All in favour

**6. Principal / Administration Report**

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

a) Enrollment

- i. 470 students; 20 divisions; 4 portables in use (there may be another portable added)
- ii. We now have a 75-80 student cohort (number of students per grade); used to be 50.

b) Truth and Reconciliation

- i. Although this is year-round learning, the focus in September are the atrocities experienced by Indigenous people; and understanding Truth in an age-appropriate manner. Some students know lots, others have questions.
- ii. June is when we celebrate the resiliency of Indigenous people in Canada
- iii. There are 12 learning intentions. It is important to educate students about the history, while reassuring they will not get taken away.

Question: Will there be a ceremony, and what time of day will it be held?

A: Afternoon, on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Question: Are there any resources for Parents about this topic to explain to children?

Answer: No direct resources, but teachers attend 6 “Lunch and Learns” during the school year, led by Ms. Southcott and Ms. Bedard - teachers who are helping support colleagues to become informed, to teach students.

c) Clarity on Class Placement Process

- i. No teacher requests accepted
- ii. The priorities of placing students in classrooms is ensuring
  - there is equity in academics

- students with designations have SEA supports in classrooms
  - consideration of students who require a certain classroom learning dynamic
  - more independent learners can be placed in split grade classes
  - iii. There is feedback from former teachers, to provide insight about students (this includes social-emotional learning, reading-writing comprehension)
  - iv. Admin look over class lists to ensure students have at least 1 friend in their new class
- d) Photo Day
- i. Once again using Darby; they are easy to work with
- e) Feeding Futures
- i. Lunch Lady Hot Lunch on Fridays, a program with full or partial subsidies available
  - ii. We are one of 11 schools in the District participating in this program
  - iii. Separate from PAC Hot Lunch (on Wednesdays)
- f) Police Information Checks for Volunteers
- i. At the moment, only those who regularly work with children need to have Criminal Record Checks done (ie: reading in classrooms)
- g) Terry Fox Run
- i. Will be on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Keeping this important learning separate from learning of Truth and Reconciliation

## **7. Executive and Committee reports**

President - Jodi Stiglic

No report – stated she is looking forward to the school year

Vice-President - Kyla Des Mazes

Movie Night will be Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – will discuss more at next meeting

Open to movie suggestions; currently planning to show “Nightmare Before Christmas”

Treasurer - Laura Wheway

End of June balance in Chequing account: \$39,225.35

July-August balance in Chequing account: \$34,690.33

End of June balance in Gaming account: \$10,804.14

July-August Balance in Gaming account: \$9,315.03

\$4,200 of cheques need to still to be deposited (re: reimbursements)

\$5,000 will be transferred from Gaming to Chequing to balance Fun Fair expenditures

Last year, we were under-budget, as we did not spend much from both accounts.

We are looking at receiving around \$8,500 from Gaming Grant; approx. \$20/student

Using less of Bus Budget; change “per class” budget, to “whole school” budget.

Secretary - Susan Ngo

No report

Fundraising - Paula Halvorson

- i. Current fundraiser: Neufelds (order cut-off: Sep 30)
- ii. Planning to have: Greeting cards; Plants/Seeds; Blueberries; Krispy Kremes
- iii. Looked into: Hive Donuts (not doing fundraiser); coupon books (too late to sign up)

Suggestions:

- How to Stay Home Alone course for grade 4 and 5 students. Program runs on Pro-D Day. Steph Eby coordinates program at BGMS
- Little Shop Talk – like a coupon book for local small businesses across lower mainland, has promo codes for online businesses
- Mentioning to parents they are not obligated to buy from every fundraiser we hold
- Creating a fundraising poll to see what parents want to support; they can pick/choose from various options, letting us know what they like/will use.

Communications Coordinator - Kaelin Nelson

Reminder for October newsletter

Items to include: Terry Fox Run, Fundraiser

Idea to have infographs on newsletters to show where PAC has spent monies raised (ie: ipad charging carts, PAC inclusive fun days – treats/Valentines Day flowers)

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - Jodi Stiglic

Going to Costco tomorrow to purchase supplies (water, granola bars, fruit snacks), and place into storage bins

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Kyla Des Mazes

Notice will be sent home with students tomorrow

Lunches include: Subway, Cobs Bread, A&W, McDonald's, Panago Pizza

Milk and Cookie, Popcorn Day

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Rep - Susan Ngo

Items to get more information on, include:

- no water in portables (Mr. Wejr explained there has been overflow and rot in drains)
- volunteer PIC requirements (get perspectives on how other PAC responding to this)

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

No report

Bylaws Committee - Jodi, Laura, Susan, Paula

Amy and Susi taken off as committee members; Paula volunteered to join

Jodi reviewed purpose and procedures; proposed meeting next month to see if any changes are needed.

Shelter Committee - Jen, Jodi, Susan, Laura, Mrs. Tarasoff (*absent*)

Mrs. Tarasoff is “still nudging the District” – emails going back and forth

\$8200 already invested in this project, it needs to go forward and completed this year

Fun Fair Committee – Cashmere Roder (*absent*), Alyccia Gallagher (*absent*)

No report

**8. Old Business**

None

## **9. New Business**

- a) Welcome Back BBQ – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Jodi, Laura, and Melissa will go shopping for drinks and snacks
  - ii. Freshco has not responded to Donations Request
  - iii. We received a discount on smokies from Direct Plus Food Group
  - iv. Anticipation of going over-budget; donations accepted, if anyone is able to support
- b) Halloween Gym Planning
  - i. Jenn will start planning on Sep 30<sup>th</sup> – budget is \$300
  - ii. Jodi will confirm date of when Gym can be used
  - iii. Volunteer sign-up will go out 2 weeks prior to event
  - iv. Melissa reached out to Mike about bringing his reptiles
- c) Fundraising Goals
  - Shelter (ongoing)
  - Portable Outdoor Speakers (Mr. Wejr's request – re: Sports Day)
- d) Front entry bulletin board
  - Time consuming effort to change monthly theme; will do seasonal updates
- e) Book Fair
  - i. Discussed benefits of fundraiser, but also noted how it shows inequities of families
  - ii. Decision to table topic for further discussion (re: who will coordinate and then run event – need signers present; what days and times are volunteers available, etc)
  - iii. Brief mention of Dollar Sale, as Amy is no longer available; Jodi volunteered to organize. Tentative date: Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **10. Next Meeting**

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9am

**Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm by Jodi Stiglic**