



YCMS Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

September 26, 2022

Yorkson Creek Elementary School PAC
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ATTENDEES:

Executive

PAC President	Jennifer Pyper
Vice President	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary	Donna Doradea-Cabrera
DPAC Rep	Stephanie Chow
Hot Lunch	Kara Eastgate
Member at Large	Alma Edwards; Dana George
Past President	Kerry Campbell - ABSENT

Administration

Principal	Stephanie Labby
	Casey Durnin

Guests

Guest	Gillian Long
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AGENDA:

1. Welcome – Jennifer Pyper

- Jennifer Pyper called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- Introductions

2. Review & Approve May 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Donna Doradea-Cabrera

- Motion to approve May 31, 2022 PAC Annual General Meeting minutes as presented.
 - Dana George motioned. Stephanie Chow seconded. All in favour.

3. Principal's Report – Stephanie Labby

- YCMS mission
 - Improve student learning, focus on social emotional learning, support all students for a sense of belonging – all through a trauma informed lens. Programs to help support this include character strong, read aloud, house teams, web mentorship and leadership.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day
 - No school on September 30 for Truth and Reconciliation Day.
 - School assembly and orange shirt day scheduled for September 29. YCMS's Aboriginal Youth Care Worker, Luke Dandurand, will invite guests to the assembly, one being his mom who was a residential school survivor.
 - Luke Dandurand will work with students throughout the year on a montage. Each class will tell a video story with the outcome being a mini cinema production to be presented in the spring.
- Health and safety
 - First fire drill of the year is scheduled for September 27.
 - Health and safety package currently being put together for parents to complete. This includes the same forms as in previous years, with some moving to online. Emergency contact should be a local name in the event the child needs to be picked up.
- Meet the teacher
 - Scheduled for September 28
 - Meet the teacher event rather than a parent/teacher interview. The majority of classes are having an open house, while select teachers will have information sessions and will email parents if applicable.
- New division



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- Division 600 teacher will be on September 28. Parents will have an opportunity to meet the teacher at the parent/teacher meet and greet.
- School read aloud
 - This is an annual program for all classes. This year's book is "Refugee" which is resonating with the children. The program incorporates other academic pieces such as voice, tone, volume, story, text, vocabulary, prediction, connections and active listening.
- School Improvement Day
 - Scheduled for September 23 and focused on UKERU. Teaches to look at things through a trauma informed lens, having an inclusive and compassionate classroom for a sense of belonging.
- House teams
 - Builds community, connects and engages students for a sense of belonging with every child part of a team. Teams incorporate a mix of grade 6, 7, 8. Leadership (grade 8 can role model for 7 and 6 on teach). First event was a pep rally that went over well.
 - Spirit days this year will become spirit week.
 - Jennifer Pyper commented that posters will go up in the hallways to showcase team shirt colors. Stephanie Labby will advertise the t-shirts in the newsletter. Kara Eastgate confirmed that team colored t-shirts can be purchased through Munch a Lunch. Stephanie Labby confirmed that during grade 6 and 7 the team color will be the same, but could change for the grade 8 year.
- Terry fox run
 - Official date is September 23 but was been scheduled to October 14 to allow time for planning and fundraising. Teachers have been instructed to reflect the date change in the agendas. The event will be a walk and will occur during the last block.
 - Friendly fundraising competition will take place by team colors and Mr. Roberts volunteered to have the winning class shave his head.
 - Donations over \$20 will get a tax receipt. It is preferred that donations are submitted through the website. The school's goal is to raise \$1000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Interim report cards
 - Report cards are scheduled for October 14 and will include student reflections and teacher feedback.
 - Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for October 19-20. Online registration will be going out soon. Parents are asked to contact teachers directly for the dates/times do not work.
- Character strong
 - Social emotional program that supports students in various ways. Each class receives the lesson at the same time but is targeted to the grade. Lessons are held during the first H block of the week.
- Assessment
 - The DART reading assessment is scheduled for November 1. Students are assessed by their teacher twice a year to determine where they're at and plan for the year. Assessments are completed in the fall with a follow-up assessment completed in the spring.
 - A similar numeracy assessment is also conducted.
- Ski and snowboard again this year.
 - After being unable to offer this program during COVID-19, it is being offered once again.
 - Offered to all grades but limited spots are available with bookings on a first come first serve basis. Program runs for 4-5 consecutive weeks at Cypress Mountain. Volunteers are needed for this event. More details to follow.
 - The school hopes to team up with the PAC to help support some students.
- New expo this year.



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- Traditional expos include woodworking, foods, textile, art, music, makerspace.
- An extra expo was added due to the additional division. The new expo is on digital media (green screen, stop motion, etc.). The expo will not be available to all classrooms, but will depend on “class pods”. Mr. Sidhu was hired as this expo teacher. The extra expo next year will be drama.
- Jillian Long inquired about the Aboriginal Youth Care Worker and the format of the lessons in comparison to elementary schools. Stephanie Labby confirmed that Luke Dandurand likes to be invited to classes to embed First Nations learning principles into the whole class/school, rather than pulling out select groups to provide a lesson.

4. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Pyper

- Discussion
 - Treasurer position currently vacant. No budget update provided.
 - Received Cobbs donation in the amount of \$142.08.
 - Cobbs will provide 5% donation for each dollar spent to YCMS – if you inform them when paying to put it towards Yorkson Creek Middle. Kindly remember to ask for this when you shop at Cobbs.

5. Fundraising Report

- Fundraising – Kara Eastgate
 - Hot lunch: 305 orders to date. First hot lunch is scheduled for October 14.
 - Spirit wear & grade 8 hoodies: 53 orders to date. Newly offered team color t-shirts will be available to purchase online through Munch a Lunch beginning September 27. Orders will close October 7.
 - Stephanie Labby suggested a paper advertisement as this approach was successful last year.
 - Neufeld & Purdy's: Commences early November. Scheduled pick-up will be November 30.
- Events – Alma Edwards
 - Halloween dance is scheduled for October 27 from 6 – 8 pm. Tickets will be \$5 at the door with concession available at varying prices. Students will need their student ID to enter, which they will receive in time following photo day). Parents or PAC members can volunteer.
 - Action – Stephanie Labby: Contact Ms. Passaglia to arrange hallway decorating by Web Mentors. Schedule for October 24 at 10:00 am.
 - No weapons or replica weapons. No masks or too gory. Must be culturally appropriate.

6. DPAC Report – Stephanie Chow

- The Province is helping make back-to-school more affordable for students and their families who are struggling through the Student and Family Affordability Fund. Of the \$60 million provincially, \$2.1 million will go to the Langley School District and must be used by June 30, 2023. Conversations will be had with principles to learn individual school needs. Funding cannot be spend on salary, admin or overhead costs, reimbursement of past expenses.
 - Jennifer Pyper reiterated the great discussion and encouraged families to speak up if there's a need for help. Jennifer also noted that the funding cannot be used towards breakfast clubs or lunches.
- The organization, Foundary, offers counselling for young people aged 12-24.
- Questions were raised at DPAC about bathrooms at Donna Gabriel Elementary. Separate bathrooms are no longer in place; they are now gender neutral bathrooms so everyone is treated the same. Bathrooms have individual stalls for privacy. This was a Ministry mandate and all new schools will be built that way.



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7. Motion – Jennifer Pyper

- Motion to form a committee to review the YCMS constitution
 - Current constitution is outdated and requires changes and updating; a newly formed committee leading this work.
 - **Motion to approve the formation of a committee to review the YCMS constitution**
 - Jennifer Pyper presented. Unanimous decision – all members in favour.
- Motion to allow a Langley School District employee to be part of the YCMS PAC Executive
 - Bylaw currently does not allow a non PAC member to change. Rachel Bailey, previously at Lynn Frypps and now employed at the District Office would like to join as Treasurer.
 - **Motion to approve allowing a Langley School District employee to be part of the YCMS PAC Executive**
 - Jennifer Pyper presented. Unanimous decision – all members in favour.

8. President's Report & Closing Remarks – Jennifer Pyper

- Excited to support the house colors with the new t-shirts.
- Two funding requests received – build in spending and fundraising from Labby
 - **Kiln:** The current kiln died during Exhibition of Wonder in June 2022. The cost to replace is approximately \$5500. The kiln is currently located outside the art room, but to protect and preserve the unit an additional electrical cost is required to move the unit behind the woodworking area. The unit is valued with benefits to the art club and expos.
 - **Guitars:** Guitars were first purchased in 2014 but now requires replacement due to wear and tear. . 34 **guitars** are needed at \$160/each with a total of approximately \$5,440. Suggest approaching businesses to see if they can donate while YCMS can then advertise their business.
- If someone prefers to donate through the foundation, PAC will need contribute 10% for the processing fee.
- PAC meetings will now consist of only five meetings throughout the school year. Refer to the school newsletter for the latest updates.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 28, 2022 @ 7:00 pm