

PAC Meeting Minutes
Sandy Hill Elementary - Zoom Meeting
Oct 26, 2021 - 7:33pm

Attendance: Keery Kamstra - Chair, Lindsay Nicholson - Vice Chair, Emily Kivinen - DPAC Rep., Sarah Maclellan - Treasurer, Julia Christiansen - Secretary, Ritu Sharma, Sandra Moore, Allison, Cathy Erickson - Principal, Andrea Wildeman - Vice Principal

Minutes: Lindsay motions to approve. Sarah seconds.

Principal's Report: As the school continues to move through the pandemic there have been no further exposures in a few weeks. Lunch monitors stopped for a time but have started again to the grade 5 students delight. The schools ventilation systems were inspected prior to school starting and updated as needed. Filters have currently been changed. Parent teacher conferences were well attended. Andrea Wildeman is settling well as Michelle has settled into acting principal role at her new school. Hot Lunch and Popcorn Days have been exciting for students. A survey was sent to parents regarding children feeling safe at school, our results showing 86% of students feel safe at school. The parking lot and pickup lane continue to be a work in progress, buses have priority in the pickup lane and parents are continued to be reminded not to use the staff parking lot. Neighbours have approached the principal as people have parked blocking their driveways and were advised to call bylaws. Time has been spent decluttering the school and making room for new stuff.

Treasurer's Report: Finding the right information on the new program has been difficult. Some outstanding cheques still to come out and some hot lunch expenses as well, revenue will change next month on the report after those have been reconciled. Last year's gaming funds are still available for this year's field trips and information regarding this year's gaming grant hasn't come through yet and continues to be a work in progress.

New Business: There are committee's needing volunteers still as well as Lindsay has been coordinating for the Grade 5 committee to get started.

DPAC: The thought exchange survey was discussed with results posted on the district web page. Many COVID related questions were answered re: outbreaks, clysters and exposures. Kevin Godden has assured families he would preemptively shut down a school if needed. Zoom licenses last year were given out to schools using government provided money for PAC's however not this year. Sandy Hill PAC has purchased our own license for this year. Emergency kits supplied by PAC we do water and a granola bar for each child. Some suggestions for doing a comfort kit provided by parents. Cathy advised in a large school of our size this is difficult as not all children end up bringing one in. Next DPAC meeting is Oct. 28

Open Discussion: Question for Cathy re: slowing down protocols due to Covid exposures in the area, what are some things that may change or have not yet started. Grade 5's were able to go to Auguston to play against their soccer team however indoor sports have not happened yet out

of caution. Hot Lunch and Popcorn was a big step. There will be no Christmas concerts this year. Field trips are happening on short bus rides. No mixing of classes is taking place within the school. Grade 4's have been doing library monitoring. Paws 4 reading where a volunteer dog comes to class to be read to has happened in a grade 1 class. Yukon Dan came for the Grade 5 students.

Reminder to parents they need to have their CRC in order to volunteer within the school.

Lindsay motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sarah seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.