

PAC Meeting Minutes

Sandy Hill Elementary - Zoom Meeting

December 7, 2021 - 7:40pm

Attendance: Keery Kamstra - Chair, Lindsay Nicholson - Vice Chair, Sarah Maclellan - Treasurer, Emily Kivinen - DPAC representative, Julia Christiansen - Secretary, Emily He, Leigh Burrman, Hardeep, Nancy, Crystal Riehl, Susan, Cathay Erickson - Principal, Andrea Wildeman - Vice Principal

Minutes: Sarah motions to approve. Emily seconds.

Principal's Report: There has been lots going on the last few weeks with COVID exposures, virtual learning and the slope assessment at the back of the school was done quickly. The slope has been deemed fine and the retaining walls above are also fine. Staff appreciate sick kids staying home and the children getting vaccinated.

MDI survey will be done with grade 5 students in January, consent letters were sent home in November. Families can opt out by sending the paper or digital letter back otherwise it is considered passive consent given.

In school, field trips had been happening however no Christmas concerts with mixed feelings as they are lots of extra work but very magical experiences for the children.

The PJ and sock drive is going well with large amounts of donations in the foyer. The Christmas decorations look great, thank you to the PAC for putting them up.

There have been cosmetic renovations happening in the school after some decluttering through the fall. Hoping to have book room renovations within the school with shelving from the MP room going to the old explozone room. The explozone room has moved across the hall with facilities having done it for free as it was corrective maintenance.

An ELL posting continues to be unfilled as the position is only for 1 morning/week so it is not a very attractive posting with hopes of increasing it to a full day at the end of January. Carly in the office has started maternity leave with Roxanne covering this.

Reminder for parents and guardians that children cannot return to school for 14 days after international travel.

Report cards will be going home on Friday December 10th.

Parking and the drop off/pick up lane has been going smoothly.

On snow days crazy carpets are allowed with no helmets however no hard or rigid sleds should be brought to school.

Treasurer's Report: This year's gaming grant has been applied for and it just hasn't been received yet. Last year's is still in our account. Revenue for fall hot lunches have been updated

on the report. The Great Little coupon fundraiser will be updated once the expenses have been paid for.

DPAC: October's DPAC meeting was a presentation given from the original survey. Abbotsford compared with the rest of BC with slightly lower numbers in sleep, nutrition and after school activities. They gave lots of useful information re: fundraising database and have offered for Sandy Hill to help mentor the new elementary school in East Abbotsford's PAC as they get started.

November's DPAC meeting wanted to remind PAC's to register in the BCCPAC. There was lots of talk re: IB program at Abby Senior.

PAC 101 night had lots of information for the treasurer and the point of why PACs were created and have now turned into a fundraising hub. Hopefully in the new year we can have a fundraising committee. There was talk on appropriate uses of gaming funds i.e. busing for field trips. Moving forward we will have more receipts for what the gaming grant is being used for. Suggestions were given for parent presentations that will digitally attend PAC meetings from The Foundry as well as Child and Youth Mental Health.

Motion for 2019/2020 gaming grant to use funds of \$30/grade 5 student & \$20/K-grade 4 student for busing of students for field trips. Emily approves. Leigh seconds.

Open Discussion:

Cathy Erickson is going to look into purchasing new gaga balls funded by PAC.

Question re: Fine arts line item in the budget. It is usually used for around 3 performances done in the gym each year, however due to COVID restrictions this has not happened.

The Grade 5 Committee has formed and is working on t-shirts and year books.

Next PAC meeting is January 25, 2022 on zoom.

Keery motions to adjourn. Crystal seconds.