

## Kidston PAC minutes

In attendance:

Mrs. Cullum, Dawn G., Erica, Lindsay, Shawna, Dominic, Simone, Lara, Robert Lee, Rob B, Natalie, Lynn, Christin, Gareth, Melanie, Lina, Jeff, Avalon, Mr. Nielsen

1. Motion passed to adopt the agenda
2. President's report - Erica
  - rock seating in, looks great and kids enjoying, total cost \$6000, shipping paid for and extra rock provided by maintenance crew
  - Kidston wear: order placed, 2-3wks to arrive, profit of approx. \$650, motion passed not to order extra
  - Apple fundraiser: \$180 raised, shout out to Danielle Wilson for her hard work and friend who donated the apples from their orchard
  - Squash fundraiser: total profit still not tallied, extra squash still available
  - Motion to move PAC executive elections to June 2021, motion passed
  - Sub committee parameters re: spending approval: DPAC outlines spending approval must be met in the form of a vote from PAC members, same for outdoor learning (anything over \$250 must be approved with a vote)
  - Hot Lunch on hold: reevaluate come December, needs support of large volunteer base to run: Pizza Program up and running; Lunch Moms running
  - Christmas wreaths and swag order form coming home soon (deVry Greenhouses suppliers)
  - Honey fundraiser: Erica to look into doing again
  - Colibri fundraiser (snack packages) up and running (Lara heading), Nov 3-16, ordering online, delivered to your door
  - Other suggestions for fundraising: apple juice, cookie dough, raffle (movie night baskets)
3. Treasurers Report - Dominic
  - received \$7000 from Gaming Fund: specific guidelines on how that money can be spent

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- Library asked for \$2000 this year (received \$1000 last year) for support; comes out of Gaming Grant
- Gaming Grant allows up to 36 months for spending (allowing for saving up for larger purchases), Outdoor Learning does not fall under Gaming Grant category
- Profit of \$9000 from 2019/2020 in general account
- Transportation budget: wondering if classes still taking field trips - yes, leave budget as is, only 1 class allowed per bus on field trips
- Purchase of iPads allowed from Gaming Grant- no but purchase of snow shoes allowed under gaming guidelines
- Just short of \$31000 in general account, approx. \$10,000 allowable for spending
- 2020/2021 budget passed
- Motion to purchase 10 iPads and Otter boxes for school use from general account 10 pack \$3900.20 and Otter boxes \$70 each. Will arrive after Xmas. District will be providing school with additional 15 iPads and cart next year. Kidston school willing to purchase cart for the 10 iPads. Motion passed.

#### 4. Snowshoe update - Natalie Burke

- PAC wanting to purchase 25 pairs of snowshoes for school use. Too late to order through Bigfoot for this year (Bigfoot pricing approx. \$80/pair). Could order from MEC or Canadian Tire. MEC pricing approx \$3500 for 30 pairs, Canadian Tire approx \$2500 for 30 pairs. Lina (teacher at Harwood) will look into what brand Harwood Elementary bought. Coldstream Elementary bought through Bigfoot, 4-5 different sizes. Lynn to confirm with teachers for support for use of snowshoes.

#### 5. Teachers report - Lynn Bragg

- Parent teacher conferences went well: TEAMS technology and Google classrooms used more
- Google classrooms: each student has an account

#### 6. DPAC - Lara

- clarification from the Board on responding back to parent inquiries
- Reviewing hardship policy
- Busing

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- Discussing agreement around CUPE re: small projects: what parents and volunteers can do; waiting on a sample agreement from Salmon Arm

#### 8. Outdoor Learning - Simone/Gareth

- creating tasks for garden/ structure of what jobs need attending
- Find out who is interested club: students, parents, teachers
- Putting gardens to bed: Jeff has some donated manure ready to unload tomorrow at 2:45 needing 1-2 parents to help
- Wanting to set aside 10 minutes at next meeting to do small presentation on Outdoor learning and future projects
- Still needing support from PAC to move forward on next project; possibly set up Trust or Go Fund Me account for outdoor classroom
- Christin Kyle working on Co-Op Grant and Friends of the Environment Grant
- hoping for funding to be 60% grants, 30% PAC, 10% individual donors

#### 9. Principals Report - Debbie Cullum

- 375 students to date
- Thank you card received from Div 2 for Gaga Pit, well received by all students, heavily used, good purchase
- Gaga Pit: Total cost \$10,200 Grant from Kal Tire received \$2500 for rubber tiling, \$7000 from PAC, remainder from Kidston School, discount on land prep as maintenance here for installation of portables (only had to pay for installation of Pit)
- Thank you to parents for respecting policy and procedures with COVID: keeping outside, not congregating, using mask if close to others and while inside school
- If there is a positive COVID case, parents will be notified only if their child was affected. Interior Health takes over contact tracing

#### 10. Trustee's Report - Robert Lee

- Notes sent on last public meeting
- Superintendent retiring
- District in deficit: in part due to COVID, not as many exchange students

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- Committee of the Whole: deal with transportation issues; change of terminology from courtesy riders and non courtesy riders to Zone 1(child going to catchment school) and Zone 2 riders (everyone else); pay for service; these meetings are public and Zoomed at the same time (can send questions ahead of the meeting)

#### 11. Elections

Past President: Erica

President: Jeff Stevenson

Vice President: Gareth

Secretary: Taran Buchanan

DPAC: Lara

Treasurer: Dominic

Volunteer Coordinator: Shawna with Melanie for backup support

#### 12. Misc Business

- asking PAC to remind parents what fundraising is for, get info out to parents on Social Media platform and in Kidston Newsletter

Adjournment 9:10pm