

Kidston PAC meeting Minutes Dec 1st, 2020

In Attendance:

Gareth, Simone, Lara, Gramma D, Amanda R, Erik N, Alana, Erica S, Melanie, Olivia B, Erica M, Lynn B, Shawna, Kristen K, Chelsea H, Gramma D, Darcy R, Dom, Taryn and Rob B

Speakers and topics:

Debbie Cullum - Principal's report

- xmas flowers/greenery fundraiser orders have been distributed
- ipads, otter boxes and cart have been ordered – won't arrive until after christmas and then tech department needs to process them
- we are doing a santa's anonymous barrel at school as well as sponsoring two families at the archway society. Debbie to follow up with how much can be donated, Dec 16th is the drop off date– there will be info sent home from the school on how we will collect donations
- a note from Mrs Macdougall thanking families for gifts/cards/wishes/photo book
- Mrs Jacobs to tape class performances for christmas and post on Mrs Jacob's google classroom for parents to view.

Jeff Stevenson – President's report

- parent parking lot concerns: the 'no parking zone' along the road side within the lot– next week people will be out there to monitor and remind parents not to pull over or park there. The Sovereign parking lot is to stay open and plowed through winter for supplementary parking.

Lynn Bragg – Teacher's report

- snowshoes: intermediate teachers are super keen, teachers requests 30 pairs for kids and 2 for teacher and EA. Erica M reports that Harwood elementary school uses MSR type and are happy with them– one size fits all, except kindergarten. They are avail at MEC for group purchase but not at Bigfoot as it is too late this season. Natalie was researching – but not at meeting today – Erica M. will follow up with her to see if she will lead this project. Need to figure out sizing needs/cost/available this year or next? Also possibly survey grade 6/7 classes for shoe sizes.
- possible outdoor structures presented to teachers – some feedback re: location concerns, being misused during weekend, vandalism etc., is it what students and parents want, suggest to have anonymous survey – Lynn B. could organize this if needed.

Lara – DPAC representative:

- lots of outdoor learning discussions, there was some concern regarding equity amongst schools and their fundraising abilities. It was brought up that the role of PAC not solely about fundraising, and just because you have the ability to raise more money doesn't mean you should have to pay as opposed to other schools that may receive district support instead.
- some schools have already obtained outdoor equipment/structures and suggest there should be collaboration amongst schools before purchase to see if they recommend or not.
- COVID discussion, mask wearing culture, gathering on school grounds, mandating mask wearing in

schools

-contact tracing in schools – there is an informative video and power point presentation that has been posted on the facebook PAC page/Kidston parent page and on in the covid section under parent tab on Kidston website.

Dom – Treasurer's report

- xmas flowers/greenery fundraiser profited approximately 1000.0
- apple fundraiser profited 200.0
- Kidston clothing profited 500.0
- squash fundraiser profited 211.0
- moms pantry fundraiser (3500 sales, approximately 1000.0 profit)
- reusable bag fundraiser profited 644.50
- Available cash after expenses and designated payouts is approximately \$16,000 (not including the ipads)
- Mabels labels? Kidston already has an account? YES. Debbie to send email out to parents to alert them to this. Kristen will find out if we have any balance with the company.

Erica S.

- potential science center/Allan Brooks partnership, the science center is working on science discovery kits with a monthly subscription option – would be interested in partnering with Kidston as a fundraising opportunity along with other collaboration. PAC president suggests more information and can be presented next PAC meeting. (Erica S. and Rob B. to present next PAC meeting on this partnership)

Simone -outdoor learning committee presentation

- focus was on outdoor learning structure, examples of structures from other schools in BC were looked at. Estimated costs of structures range from \$25,000 - \$50,000 dependent on donations, volunteers, grants etc.
- There are two grants that could assist this venture, one due January 15th and one due March 2nd. Kristen K. can do co-op grant application due in March –would need commitment from PAC that we are going to go ahead with this as it is very involved and committee would need to start in January.
- Gareth motions for a vote for proceed with grant writing for outdoor learning structure
- Jeff calls for a vote – unanimous yes – vote is passed to move forward with grant application
- Debbie will talk to Archie and see if he can speak to what is possible and if other schools are doing the same, can he send his ideas and ballpark costs
- Erica M has a connection in Mission BC who has recent experience with a school outdoor structure, will try to obtain some details and recommendations
- Simone – need a location confirmed for grant proposal. May need to keep in mind that there is an ask for a black top on the intermediate side of the school, also 2 new portables, and the gaga pit.
- Outdoor learning committee looking for volunteers to assist with tasks and potentially a parent representative from each grade - next meeting January 25th 7 pm /info to be given to Debbie and she will send out email to parents – also will be brought up at next PAC meeting

Erica M

- Kidston clothing is ready to be picked up and distributed. Gareth, Jeff and Erica M. to discuss what this might look like to stay within Covid guidelines. Taryn B. volunteers to lead this project if needed. Plan to be finalized and followed up.

Adjournment 8:45 pm