

## Oct. 5 Kidston PAC

### Meeting Notes

Attendance – Jeff S, Gareth, Debbie, Lara, Dom, Erica M, Karen, Sarah H, Mark C, Angie, Cassandra, Jeff G, Melanie, Christin, Lynn, Natalie, Simone

Call meeting to order 7pm

#### 1. Robert Lee - SD22 Update

- not in attendance (Debbie to ensure he is notified for future meetings)

#### 2. Debbie- Principals Update

Joining today is Angie Salmon new VP – welcome

Enrolment is 421 (with a few more students coming in the next few months)

New portable to be up and running within the next few weeks

- class using the library will transfer when ready

Intramural sports for grades 6 & 7 – start games this week (only one spectator per student with sign-in and mask, etc

Ms. O'Brien start pride club – 2 meeting per month at lunch (various activities and stories)

- she is the SOCHI lead
- 2 teachers and 15 or so kids

need to share things with staff in a respectful way with regards to safety protocols

Outdoor learning structure ready soon – next week or two

- no discussion yet on the interior
- teachers want to use the space first

Hot lunch site is up and running for ordering

#### 3. Lynn - Teachers Update

Teachers interested in diversity committee after their first meeting of the year – Lynn will be liaison

Mr. Beck & Mrs Fehr letter from the library of appreciation for support and funds

- updated fiction section
- offer new materials (positive feedback from students)
- new fiction and picture books purchased last year
- end of year decolonization process (need to replenish this section)
- this year will be non-fiction and picture books
- new hard cover collection will require more revenue

Mask mandate

- adjustment for the teachers (trying to make it work)

#### 4. Dominic - Treasurer Update

Budget

Year to year comparison – colour coded to highlight any changes

teachers support is \$200 per division

Good food box never been used to past amount – reduced

Teacher appreciation \$10 per staff member

- take into account admin appreciation day (add \$50)

Retirement is \$100 per individual

Media – web hosting and hot lunch website

New committee funding - \$300 each

Guideline – spend up to this amount with getting PAC approval

- anything extra needs a vote at a PAC meeting

Gaming fund – no grant yet (comes mid October)

- based on \$20 per student on last years numbers
- Library books at \$2000
- transport for school bus trips
- one to one literacy is a go this year
- shared the list of what money can and can't be used for
- any requests or suggestion send to Jeff, Dom or Gareth to assess possibility

Jan 2020 meeting - \$5000 allocated to outdoor learning

- on the basis of a grant proposal
- this money returned to PAC operating funds as per original motion

OLC still has \$12000 allocated to the outdoor structure

Motion to approve 2022 fiscal year budget – Jeff

Dom – second

all in favour

## 5. Lara – DPAC

Meeting held already this year

Communicable disease plan needs to be shared broadly – handouts and video available

- post to Facebook

Parent teacher conferences

- district announced in person unless requested by parent to do online
- want to ensure teachers have some input and feel supported

Purchases need to be accessible to all students (ie. Gaga pit)

- there is a committee that can be access for support
- take accessibility into account when making purchases
- Archie announced all gaga pits to be outfitted with doors

## 6. Diversity and Anti-Racism Committee Update

First meeting the 18<sup>th</sup> October

June was brainstorming to create inclusive welcoming community

Was there way to integrate land acknowledgement with the outdoor learning centre

- reached out to Shauna Mitchell
- connect with parents and indigenous department
- hope to share some knowledge about land we were on

Provide opportunity for classroom supplies

- art kits with different skin tone colours

Debbie ordered colours of the world crayons

Group sensitive to the workload of the teachers

Sarah – daily announcement of the land acknowledgement

Get updates from meetings to social media

## 7. OLC update

Great summer involvement from parents who took the responsibility for the garden boxes for one week blocks. Huge thanks to Dawn for setting up each family and to those families who ensure the garden space as ready for the kids in the fall return to school

Goal of having a garden liaison fro each class (put the call out on social media)

Need a group of volunteers to clean up the butterfly garden at the front of the school (to post request to

Facebook)

Dawn logging time with classes already – supported by grant funds

Composter to be purchased on past grant funds

Grant from Whole Kids Foundation came in over summer (\$3000 US)

- cheque will sit in school account (has been received)
- Debra given outline as to how funds to be dispersed
- mentorship release time (TOC)
- Gramma D mentoring cooking and gardening with classes

#### 8. IT subcommittee introduction

Have some specialized volunteers for all the social media needs that we have

Karen is taking the lead with husband Jesse

- looking for other parent volunteers
- streamline and integrate message to parents for school & PAC updates
- no changes to this year
- gather details on how parents want to get the information
- create an inclusive, welcome and open community
- share new committee on social media to encourage new volunteers

#### 9. Yearly fundraisers

Melanie – take on moms pantry, Christmas plants (to connect with Barb from last year)

Okanagan Science Centre – would like to continue this relationship

KalTire fundraiser to be promoted further (Current tally is at \$970)

Snack bags (Lara) – shipped and should be arriving soon

- challenge in communicated with the school community

Natures Fare (3% of submitted receipts)

- We can only submit receipts from the current year and according to this schedule: April Submission – Receipts from January to April; August Submission – Receipts from May to August, December Submission – Receipts from September to December.
- Box in the foyer to drop receipts – inside the main door
- can send in a baggy with your kids and office will take care

Swag fundraiser – needs a parent volunteer

- potential redesign of the logo – Debbie to facilitate (school project)
- Erica willing to help in the new year

Roles needed

- Volunteer Coordinator – sub committees may have taken away this need (coordinate their own volunteers)
- Fundraising coordinator or committee
  - lead events for the year or create a system that works for the yearly fundraisers
  - find parents with the skills and interest to take coordination
  - Shauna started a folder 2 years ago
  - direct ask may be needed – put it out to the group at the PAC on who they may know that has this interest and skill set
  - option that each grade takes a fundraiser as they age through the school
    - Coordinator works with teachers to find and engage parents

New business – new faces

Cassandra – happy to help with fundraisers

Natalie – loves to help out

Possible to have next meeting in the library November 2

- Ms. Perkins expectation that everyone vaccinated
- vaccines not required at this point

Meeting adjourned 8:48