

PAC meeting minutes – Nov 2

Attendance

In person – Natalie, Gareth, Jeff, Angie, Erica S. & Lara

Virtual – Dom, Simone, Lynn, Olivia & Melanie

Call to order 7:08

Robert Lee – SD22 update (absent)

Angie – Principals update

- school population at approx 420 for this year
- Volleyball going well with grade 6-7
 - year end tourney to be arranged
- student parent conferences went well
 - 3 teachers still to schedule due to absence last week
- Outdoor structure fencing was removed
 - mud issue – request into maintenance for a plan
- next week virtual Remembrance day acknowledgement
- ProD day on Friday
 - teachers accessing “Play is the way” (confidence program – whole school approach)
- IEP (individual education plan) meetings for designated students happened in October
 - updated plans have gone home to families.
- new noon supervisor – Ms. Wells
- Communicable disease plan
 - information on school website under COVID tab
 - updates in red

Lynn – teachers update

- Anti-racism committee – list of books provided to Mr. Beck (56 in total)
 - only 4 in the library now
 - can add approx 15 books this year – priority to those with lesson plans
 - budgeted out of learning resources (potential support from gaming grant if necessary)

Dom – treasurer report

- Gaming grant of \$7420 received (based on 371 students @ \$20/per)
 - estimated \$8400 for next year
- cheques received
 - Mabels labels – \$50
 - OK Science centre – \$631
- pizza/smoothie/hot lunch to be updated next month
- update on snowshoes (Jeff)
 - order placed with MEC
 - back order on larger sizes (no delivery estimate available)
 - on SD22 purchase order – Debbie to inform when payment required from PAC
- cheques to be issue shortly for: library; transportation; teacher support; and student phone

- Calibri funds should be coming soon – approx \$110
- Grad 2021 scholarship grant – letter of appreciation for support and generosity from Kal school

Lara – DPAC

- BCCPAC – survey on anti-racism (to be put up on Facebook)
- thoughts on speakers for the year – suggestions to Lara
- PAC meeting have been in person and virtual
- reminder of accessibility issues when purchasing equipment
 - SD22 has a Team to support this process

Diversity & Anti-racism committee (Lara)

- committee offered support to Ms. O'Brien for the pride club
 - bi-monthly safe space for grades 4-7 (under SOGI umbrella)
 - has been well attended

OLC update

- Lara – Outdoor Learning Centre acknowledgement update
 - Debbie still working on this with Indigenous Ed Department
 - proposed mural on hold – Okanagan artist's incredibly busy
- Simone
 - purchase of composter from grant funds coming soon
 - Bear and rat proof
 - insulated so can compost through winter
 - OLC mission to support students & teachers getting involved outdoors
 - garden and food cycle learning
 - promote healthy eating
 - success with Outdoor structure, rock seating and expansion of garden in recent years
 - committee to furnish inside outdoor classroom at the direction of teachers
 - encouraging more people (volunteers) to get involved
 - expand support for other activities
 - ideally 1-2 volunteers for each grade to engage other parents
 - meeting are the 3rd Tuesday of every month (next meeting Nov. 16)
 - projects
 - Kindergarten area needs clean up - careful what might be planted as kids use as play area (planters have been repurposed as sand boxes)
 - seed saving
 - Thursday, Nov 4 work party after school
 - come help put the gardens to bed
 - person with a truck or utility trailer to collect compost is desired
 - will send thank you to CUPE and district for completion of structure
 - three grants received in last several months
 1. induction stove for kitchen
 2. teacher support and seed to plate activities
 - provide time for lead teacher to support others
 3. composter/rain barrel and seed to plate activities

Media committee – not in attendance

- Angie – tech department has 10 more iPads being prepared for the students
 - iPads have been used a lot (30 in total with the new cart)
 - Lynn – easy and fast (much appreciated)

Fundraisers

- Erica – OK Science Centre
 - read email of appreciation
 - centre able to fund a part-time position through the program
 - open to ongoing projects
 - feedback – kids loved the kits
 - Erica to reach out to see if the centre would like to continue
- Melanie – Holiday greenery going well & Mom Pantry went live today
 - flyer for Mom Pantry to be drop with the office (fundraiser goes until Nov 25)
- Vernon teacher and Learn
 - **Friday, Dec 3 from 5-8pm**
 - 20% of the proceeds returned to the school in a gift card
- KalTire (ongoing until February)
 - Gareth to promote on Facebook again
 - Promo code Kidston to be shared with staff at time of purchase (cards are tapped to store monitors if there are any problems)
 - receipts from during the fundraiser can be taken into the store to be updated if not done at purchase

Sexual Health program discussion

- brief discussion with Debbie – survey with teachers (liked online delivery)
- current options (in person and virtual available)
 - parent night - \$370
 - day of Q&A - \$575
 - believe it is the same format as last year (parent access for 30 days)
 - teachers have familiarity with online delivery
- many parent have offered support of the program to members of the PAC
 - small vocal opposition
- others schools in the district having the program again
- recommend sticking with the same system to continue momentum
- with PAC support of funds Debbie can provide options to teachers
 - assess teacher interest
 - provide time frame to organize one day of Q&A (Coldstream booked this for May)

Motion (Jeff) – PAC to fund Body Science Program (Saleema Noon) parent night and Q&A session at \$945 plus taxes. IF Q&A portion goes unused those funds (\$575) to be returned to general funds.

All in favour – unanimous

Opposed – none

Motion passed

Subsequent PAC meeting to offer both in-person and virtual options

Meeting adjourned @ 8:12