

Kidston PAC Meeting Minutes
February 1st, 2022

In Attendance: Dominic, Jeff, Taryn and Rob B, Debbie C, Lynn B, Angie S, Olivia B, Sarah

Principal Update – Debbie Cullum:

- At peak, Kidston had 120 kids away (not all due to illness), we are now below 10%, more in normal range for this time of year
- registration open until feb 15th for transfers and kindergarten kids, 31 kindies already registered, expect 40ish – does not account for those moving into Kidston area, likely 2 kindergarten classes
- parents need to stop at front door before entering school, reinforce no drop off/pick up at staff parking lot
- basketball games for grade 6/7 start this week – no spectators, no live streaming will be available
- Feb 18, 21st and 24th, 25th are no school days (make up minutes have already been incorporated into calendar despite the winter games being cancelled)

Teacher Update – Lynn Bragg:

- professional development day ‘play is the way’ - new program at the school, social and emotional skills through play. They offer workshops for parents as well, information will be shared on PAC page
- snowshoes getting used by some teachers, good feedback

Treasurer Update – Dom:

- awaiting Teach and Learn profits (will come in form of a gift card to spend at the store)
 - mom’s pantry fundraiser brought in \$ 1329
 - Devries xmas greenery fundraiser brought in \$801
 - hot lunch program, smoothies, and pizza nearly \$16,000
 - Okanagan Science Center kits brough in \$600
 - kal tire cheque to come (\$2060)
- after designated funds –\$16,000 approximately to use

DPAC Update:

- Indigenous education group looking for involvement
- equity and action program – indigenous students and their families surveyed to identify inequities and a committee formed to target and resolve these, they are now at the stage in which they are moving to action plan phase.
- covid : no decision yet from trustees regarding a vaccine mandate for SD22, may come up at next meeting as other districts have started mandating. Feb 16th will be next meeting
- donation n95 masks, each VTA member will receive 2 as well as 2 rapid antigen tests, some coming for students as well, information will be sent to parents as it comes available
- vaccination rates for Vernon/Coldstream: 12-18 yr 83%, 5-11 yr 44%
- Dawn Ansdell – a nurse practioner and sex health educator in SD22, presented a report identifying gaps

in sexual health education in schools and made proposals to address and improve it. The trustees accepted the report and provided a letter of support.

-the District is asking for feedback on the strategic plan, available until feb 4th, it is on SD22 website and PAC website

Fundraisers:

-what to spend raised money on, need to brainstorm and generate ideas

-more picnic tables?

-swings for intermediates?

-Allan Brooks/OSC workshops

-community arts center/art gallery experiences

-more bike racks

-more goal posts

-spring plant order fundraiser – grade 7s did last yr for grad fundraiser, need lead to run it

-cottons chocolates for easter – Erica M did last year – volunteers?

-FYI: Coldstream city hall to approve densification, in process of defining garden house, carriage house, secondary suites, rezoning, may mean enrollment changes

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm