

PAC Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020

Attendees: Lisa (Secretary), Tracey (Chair), Dino (Principal), Mike (Head Teacher), Kristen, Zelita, David, Donna, Miyoung, Kent, JJ, Melody, Maricel, Lisa, Sherri, Anouar, Ajitpal, Sukhy

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Motion by Tracey to pass Sept. 17 Minutes, seconded by Zelita, all approved.

Reminder to parents that all the meeting minutes are posted on the school's website.

2. Principal's Report

- Outdoor Learning Day
 - Very good event, brought to Dino's attention by Ms. Laity and Mr. Baldin.
 - Better way to reach some kids given all the limitations (i.e. lots of learning groups mixing)
 - Some early primary did exploration activities enquiring what their world is outdoors (soil, grass, etc.)
 - Some older kids ventured out to the park when we can, great to be able to utilize that resource
 - Most classes got outside to do an event during that day
- PAC Donation Drive raised over \$2,000
- Remembrance Day
 - Poppy donation collection online raised \$400 for Legion.
- Health & Safety Updates
 - Further Provincial Health Officer restrictions recently announced over the weekend
 - Exposure in the school at the end of October, some media coverage, staff doing best to keep school safe, overseen by Dino and Mike
 - Looking to further monitoring and limiting contact groups
 - Encouraging parents to wear face masks @ drop off and pick up
- First Term
 - Interim report card
 - This term will be reporting not have interviews but communications should still be there throughout the term, which means focus has been on returning to school, return to health and safety routines, social/emotional well-being and learning/reading/math
 - Staff doing a great job helping kids feel safe while working on learning pieces
 - Second term report more familiar to regular reporting
- School Enrollment
 - Still very good, although some parents still not comfortable, enrollment very consistent from initial start (approx. 360 kids)
 - Numbers monitored via the office, Dino going around to classrooms
- Staffing Changes
 - -EA additions – Ms. Grewal, Ms. K.
 - -Evening custodian Godwin now daytime custodian to Seaforth, temporarily filled role

- Outdoor Classroom!
 - Working later November around Pro-D
 - Rock seats delivered around that Pro-D (between Nov. 23-27) and planters
- Mural Proposal (Mike)
 - Submitted a proposal into the City of Burnaby
 - Indigenous aspect and history pieces included
 - Hopefully will be done end of year or early next year
- Holiday Activities
 - Working on safe protocols, want to still do some festive things
 - Some possibilities, discussing with staff so kids still getting the seasonal extras
 - More info to come

3. DPAC Report

- -October meeting was Treasurers' 101, attended by Phoebe & Tracey
- -Next meeting Nov. 16

4. Treasurers' Report

- Amy could not attend; Tracey presented financial report
- School received \$6,880 Gaming Grant (gov't issued, based on \$20/student from Spring enrolment), \$6,300 (last year). Funds to be used for extra-curricular activities (on the kids, not for curriculum)
- Weren't sure if we could expect full funding for this year so glad to receive it but next year is uncertain
- Disbursements minimal for back to school
- Classroom funds have been issued to teachers (give \$200/teacher, based on FTE)
- No other expenses the past few months

5. Recaps

- A. Treasurer Role - Phoebe and Amy will not be on Exec next year so need 1 or 2 volunteers to take over. Cross training would be ideal this year. Financial background not essential. If interested, email sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com.
- B. Fundraising Activities
 - i. Did not do gift card fundraiser because the company required some paperwork to be exchanged and that is not an option this year
 - ii. Purdy's – going well, ends Nov. 23
 - iii. Poinsettias – also going well, ends Nov. 15
 - iv. Mabel's Labels – need min amount of \$50 for disbursement; will remain active.
 - v. Return-It Depot Account still open
 - vi. New fundraiser possibility with Peaked Pies. They reached out as they offer vouchers. Maybe late Jan, early Feb; Tracey to confirm the paperless aspect.
- C. Traffic Concerns – David, Phoebe, Lisa and Tracey (covering all mornings and after-schools). More volunteers are welcome to assist! Send an email to sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com
 - Speeding an issue
 - Jaywalking dangerous

- Tracey urging parents to make safe choices
- Dino added he also has noticed a few unsafe practices. We all need to be proactive. Education pieces, chats with parents.
- More families crossing Gilmore than before (because of developments).
- North side of school families crossing different streets than those
- Data being collected counting those who cross Gilmore
- Question asked “Was the recent car accident related to school?” – no, was an elderly lady and fortunately students were all in class session.
- David asked if it would be worth asking City for traffic calming measures i.e. speed bumps? These have been turned down due to the through-fare nature of Gilmore; Dino also mentioned visuals might help
- Tracey will put together a letter to the City and with experience of recent cross-guarding duties; will also highlight some suggestions for improvement.
- Can there be a roundabout? Dino – street is busy and development might continue to change. May need smaller solutions for ‘the now’ while the larger plans are in the works

6. New Business

- a. Pancake Breakfast – PAC wanted to preserve the annual pancake breakfast tradition. A caterer will provide a pancake breakfast per student. In the notice going home, special accommodation will be noted. Notice to go home end of November.

7:18PM meeting concluded. Dino and Tracey will stay online for those wanting to ask any questions.