

Attendees: Tracey (Chair), Lisa (Secretary), Amy (Treasurer), Anna, Lieske, Maricel, May, Christiane, David, Kristen, Donna, Nigel, Emiliana, Charissa, Sherri, JJ, Sirene, Dino (Principal), Mike (Head Teacher)

Welcome and Call to Order: 6:35PM

Traffic Safety

Tracey opened the meeting introducing Constable Jonathan Killin, Burnaby RCMP School Liaison Officer.

Jonathan Killen - Burnaby Youth Section RCMP, District 1. Catchment covers: Alpha, Holy Cross, Brentwood Park, St. Helens, Gilmore, and Kitchener. Traffic is a big part of his responsibility right now with schools closed to non-staff/students. Youth mental health - behind the scenes, responds to VP/Admin calls. Normally attends schools but this has been a different year.

History of traffic safety: In 2018, the PAC submitted a letter to the City of Burnaby, along with an in-person presentation to council with several students sharing their experiences. Our school was approved for a crossing light and a few additional concrete barriers with reflectors (east side of Gilmore), but this hasn't resolved the issues.

PAC will be submitting another letter with additional requests, including: "Slow Down" or "School Zone" to be repainting, paint bus zone areas to emphasize no parking/drop-off, requesting additional traffic safety enforcement from Burnaby RCMP, sidewalk enhancement on Gilmore (between 1st Avenue and Kitchener Street, families are walking on gravel beside the road, varies from 2 to 4 lanes of traffic). A resident approached Tracey and Const. Killin last week and asked if there could be permanent speed readers, and thanking for the traffic guards and Constable present. The letter is in final review with Dino and Mike. Asking DPAC for input as well on this letter before submitting by end of this month.

Dino also sent out requests and reminders in ListServe blasts to parents reminding everyone of safe practices. It's just a matter of time before someone will get seriously hurt. There have been accidents and many near misses on a daily basis. Dino believes in education and being proactive but acknowledges there are challenges. Winter especially is a time to be extra cautious. What visual things can we do to be proactive? School continues to grow. Data is tracked in the office about how many families are coming from the new developments (ie. Kindergarten), a large group is now coming from the south side of the school. Over 100 kids are crossing Gilmore on a daily basis.

We are one of few schools in the area who does not have a crossing guard. Holy Cross and Brentwood Park each have volunteers performing crossing guard duties. Dino would also bring up crossing guard topic with City again. Const. Killin mentioned that there has been an increase in motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents recently. Is his role more as enforcement or more an education resource? If complaints go into the detachment from parents, they can provide more support in that regard.

Const. Killin made 2 recommendations that have been implemented: 2 larger cones are now placed in the centre of Gilmore, hoping to visually catch attention of drivers. Dino puts them out each morning as well as a cone at Gilmore and Kitchener to deter drivers from pulling over in a dangerous stopping spot.

Const. Killin is impressed by how the crossing guards take extra precaution before crossing Gilmore. Encourages parents to provide feedback to help them support us by calling the non-emergency line.

Tracey and Dino thanked Const. Killin for joining us at our PAC meeting tonight.

Welcome & Voting in minutes

Tracey motioned to pass November PAC meeting, Sherri seconded. Passed.

Principal's Update:

- great having students back. Attendance has been really good given the challenges.
- enrollment is at 372 - Kitchener is a growing school. Approx. 20 students are in the transition option.
- February 1, Kindergarten registration opens, refer to school website, new process for this (all online)
- need all families to complete the forms that went out at the beginning of the year; -office admin is very organized and 'on it'
- FSA for Grades 4 & 7 have been postponed to March
- Learning Survey for Grades 4 & 7 - asking how things are going to parents and teachers coming out
- technology update - moving towards a district-wide approach. Coming Spring, further development of laptops and computer lab as well as ipads. This will help school improve technology literacy.
- staff talking about painting the planters along the annex (hoping in the Spring), using HAWKS acronym
- some winter activities - staff thinking of learning opportunities.
- Mr. Potvin is doing great work with the morning announcement club.. A sample to come out shortly for parents to hear.
- Indigenous Education with Brandy Price (teaching virtually). Helps all students supports around indigenous learning.
- Firefighter's Efforts - snack program. Snacks get handed out by school, donated by firefighters. Thankful for this program.
- Staffing - beginning to think about 2021-22. By the next meeting, there will be more updates on this.

Q & A:

iPads on a leasing program so every 2-3 years, they get refreshed.

Computer lab will be switched to laptops (switch to make this lab mobile).

Question about portable classroom - if the situation advances to it, the portable would be earmarked for daycare. Kitchener is a child care site so it's not at risk of leaving the school.

DPAC Report

No update

Treasurer's Report

Amy provided an update on the financials.

Recaps & Updates

Thank you to Dino and Mike for dressing up to give gifts to the students before the holidays! New students are getting them as they come in this year. Photos were taken of the classes with the nice winter backdrop. Reach out to the teacher if you'd like to see it. Due to district policies, these will not be published.

New Business

Treasurer 3

Tracey nominated Anna Hoang as Treasurer 3, David seconded, All approved.

Spring Fundraising (Kristen)

1. Easter Purdys fundraiser will proceed, will be similar process as the winter fundraiser. Tracey to assist.

2. Local plant truck fundraiser - this will be discussed at our March meeting.
3. The Heights Coffee - Kristen is getting more info.
4. Glenburn - Tracey to approach them as well in the Spring.

We anticipate that Gaming Grant funds will be minimal, if anything, for next year. We are trying to secure ongoing fundraisers so we can continue to support our students next year without taking away funds.

Dino/Mike - Mural project. Excited to provide an update, the outdoor learning space enhanced with a city grant by adding a mural. Waiting on hearing back on approval. Could get completed by May 2021. Working on a safety plan for the workers. Each student would have a hand in adding to this mural. Financially, a partnership between the City and the school.

Some ideas for using the space include: Grade 7 event, Welcome to Kindergarten, etc.

Grade 7 Grad planning to start. Mike is open to start the conversation to gather ideas.

Adjourned at 7:37PM

Next Meeting: March 11, 2021