

Kitchener Elementary School PAC Meeting

March 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Tracey, Lisa, Anna, Dino, Mike, David, Melika, Sukhy, Kristen, Ajitpal, Roraima, Kyle, Chrissi, Tom

Welcome and call to order @ 6:35 pm

- Land Acknowledgement
- Vote on last meeting's minutes – motion passed. No questions.

Principal's Report

- On behalf the school, thank you to parents and caregivers all their patience as we get through this year.
- Tracking attendance which has been improving over the weeks.
- Report cards went out last week. Teachers put in a lot of effort to complete these.
- No COVID updates yet but will come shortly in light of new public health announcement. Mindful everyone is at their own comfort level as we work towards post-pandemic.
- Looking forward to more activities to enrich school community that were missed the past few years.
- Enrollment continues to climb. Have approx 70 registration for Kindergarten incoming. Brings challenges and excitement for growing school community.
- Building projects for summer - 2-3 portables arriving in summer. 19 divisions presently but potentially growing with increased numbers so planning is required.
- Child care will continue but space might change from Annex building. Updates to come.
- Roofing done over summer after summer session.
- Drumming - School-wide event April 20-24 with external vendor.
- Organized basketball activity with Mr. Hayes and Baldin. Students (Gr 7) vs Teachers' game happened today and was so much fun. Games for the teams will happen over lunch times after Spring Break.
- Hoping to do Track in Spring. Track meets might be possible.
- Kitchener's 100 Year Event is scheduled for 2025! Planning committee have met and was mainly introductions. Lots of planning and fundraisers involved to make it happen. For greater school community (past and present students and teachers).

Question regarding additional child care spots and that is being looked at and final decisions will come out. Dino said looking at younger aged children in this planning. Determined by Ministry of Education funding, more info to come out when available. Dino will provide details but he has none yet.

Question regarding upgrading playground. Falls to PAC to fund, school to install and maintain.

DPAC Report (Tracey)

We missed this past meeting. April is the next meeting scheduled.

Treasurer's Report

- Tracey reviewed the financials.
- General review of minimal transactions.

Fundraisers

- Purdy's for Easter - open and going. Presently just under \$200 so doing well.
- Recycling - ongoing
- Mabels - ongoing
- Tru Earth - ongoing
- Little Reflectors - coming!
- Burnaby Heights Coffee - coming around Father's Day
- Glenburn - may do a 2nd fundraiser as weather warms up

SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS

- Sports Day - Depending on restrictions but will plan for sports day in some form. PAC can look into some preplanning for lunch or whatever is possible.
- Carnival - PAC gave some funds towards this day and there are leftover funds from school-wide event. Kids really enjoyed the day. Great community building event.

STAFF RECOGNITION EVENT

By tradition, PAC sponsor a lunch or some form of gratitude. Last year we gave individual desserts by Garys Patisserie and lip balm and honey per staff member. Dino hopes for an in-person activity, if possible.

GRADE 7 GRADUATION

Again, something to look at with the Gr 7 teachers and start planning towards the student departures. This is organized by Grade 7 teachers along with parent volunteers. Email to Grade 7 parents will be coming soon.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Staff are putting a committee together and were just waiting on the restrictions announcement before finalizing date. Tracey has a fundraising idea with a local mom in Burnaby.

MOVIE NIGHT

Was initially planned for pre-pandemic but canceled once COVID hit. Dino would like PAC to consider doing this in the Spring (i.e. late April or early May). Lisa to pull up notes for the planning. To be held in the large gym in the evening. Fundraising and community building event.

YEAR END BBQ

Another event impacted by COVID but a great part of Kitchener annual calendar. A nice way to end the year involving hot dogs and hamburgers with chips and drinks. Would need lots of volunteers.

Traffic Concerns

Unfortunately, cones are getting moved around - likely happening over weekends or evenings. Request from Dino to parents – if you notice any cones out of place, to notify him or help with placing them back as they are visual for kids' safety.

Gilmore construction slated to start in summer. Paved sidewalks on both sides of the street. Dino will update as more info becomes available.

Crossing guard position distributed and recruiting for Burnaby schools, not just Kitchener.

Human bus – an initiative that Vancouver is doing. Involves an adult going around certain routes in area picking up kids which reduce number of cars and helps with safety of kids walking. Tracey to gather more information and discuss with Dino who would ask District. He feels it could be organized on a city level.

Adjournment, 7:25PM

May 12, 2022 next meeting, might be in-person or zoom, tbc