

Kitchener School PAC meeting January 12, 2023; 6:35pm start

Attendees: Tracey, Anna, Karina, David, Chrissi, Chazsveer, Erica, Mohammed, Dino, Mike

1. Welcome & Call to order

- Virtual meeting – will re-visit in-person meetings for Spring
- Voted in last meeting minutes – no comments

2. Principal's report

- New year greetings
- Basketball season in full swing – 1st game @ Gilmore
 - Number staff helping team (Hayes/Kenney/Yaremko)
 - Boys games on Tuesdays, Girls games on Thursdays
- Clubs – opportunity for kids to do extra curricular activities they may not be able to do.
 - Anime Club – formed by Ms. Tai
 - runs every Wed @ lunch focused on drawing
 - Well attended, 2 sessions so far
 - Break dance club – run by Mr. Boon
- Primary Days of Music - Kitchener is hosting.
 - Mr. Turpin already in preparation
 - Performances happening in Spring
 - Limited space for parents as other schools will be visiting.
- MDI survey – Middle Development Index for students in Grades 4-7. Didn't have during pandemic.
 - Students answer scaled questions about how they feel about certain issues.
 - Relevant information – friendship, eating habits, sense of community
 - No recording of names, not mandatory but recommended
 - Led by UBC researchers. Teachers aware and support
- Enrollment @ 500 students.
 - Kindergarten registration starts Feb 1. Community continues to grow, comes with growing pains but managing.
 - Grade 8 transitions –Encourage those with children in Grade 7 to participate in high school open houses (February)
- School wide events
 - Planning for Spring as it was good to gather for Christmas concert.
 - Jump Rope for Heart – more details coming soon.
 - Literacy Celebrations – reading and reading well, support students and promote literacy programs. Assembly end of January – parents will be invited to attend.
 - Jan 13 – Black Excellence Day – acknowledgement of Black community. Highlighting events, celebrating accomplishments/honour work done and doing. Students wear black t-shirt to show support.
 - Looking at outdoor learning space – adding rock benches to space so students have more places to sit in.

Other matters

- Melika (co-secretary) resigned.
 - Thank you Melika for your contributions and time.
 - Current secretary, Lisa will be graduating out of the school in June so will need replacement for September.

[ACTION: if anyone is interested in joining the PAC Executive, please email sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com](mailto:sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com)

3. DPAC Report

- Nothing to report

4. Treasurers' Report

- Renewed GIC for another year @4.5%, matures Nov 2023.
- Revenues & Disbursements

GENERAL – FUNDRAISING \$

Artwork/Christmas cards	\$1,150.80
Carter GM donation	200.00
DPAC funds	202.66
Poinsettias	173.48
Purdy's	699.04
Total	2,425.98

- As for expenditures from the general account - reimbursed teachers a total of \$1,466.29 in December. About half of the teachers have submitted receipts. The next and final reimbursement will be made later in the school year in May/June (\$2,970).

GAMING

- Pancake breakfast expenditure totalled \$667.03 which included grill rental, juice boxes and supplies for the event. Without the generous donations from parents and the community, this line item would've been over budget but instead, is under by ~\$130.
- The other expenditure during the period was for the first field trip reimbursement of \$222.99 for Division 1 & 2.

EARTHQUAKE

- \$500 donated for earthquake supplies. Funds in District account, to be transferred to School's PAC account.

5. New Business

A. Fundraisers

- Feedback from parents on art fundraiser, products/art great but would suggest something more generic vs. Christmas.
 - Require teachers' support so it was up to them on theme but depending on timing, the school can possibly run a card fundraiser in the Spring. TBD.
- Rethink poinsettias as only small order and had to pay for shipping.

- To consider apple fundraiser 2x next year.
- Uncle Fatih's lunch fundraiser – parent approached as they own a franchise.
 - Call out for volunteers as will need a parent to lead and liaise with restaurant and school.
 - **ACTION: Please email sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com if you would like to organize a hot lunch day for the students.**

B. PAC School-wide event(s)

Nothing planned for next two months.

C. Traffic concerns

- Parents, please obey the signs around the school and practice safe driving habits. (i.e. do not pull into the bus stop/cross walk/gravel for drop off). Take extra time and precaution during darker, rainy days.
- Dino will be purchasing sandwich board to sit in front of crosswalk to remind drivers to slow down.,
 - Purchase from school funds
 - Waiting to hear back from traffic survey (Kitchener and other schools involved)
 - Roadwork on Gilmore – to happen late spring, early summer – when school is not in session.

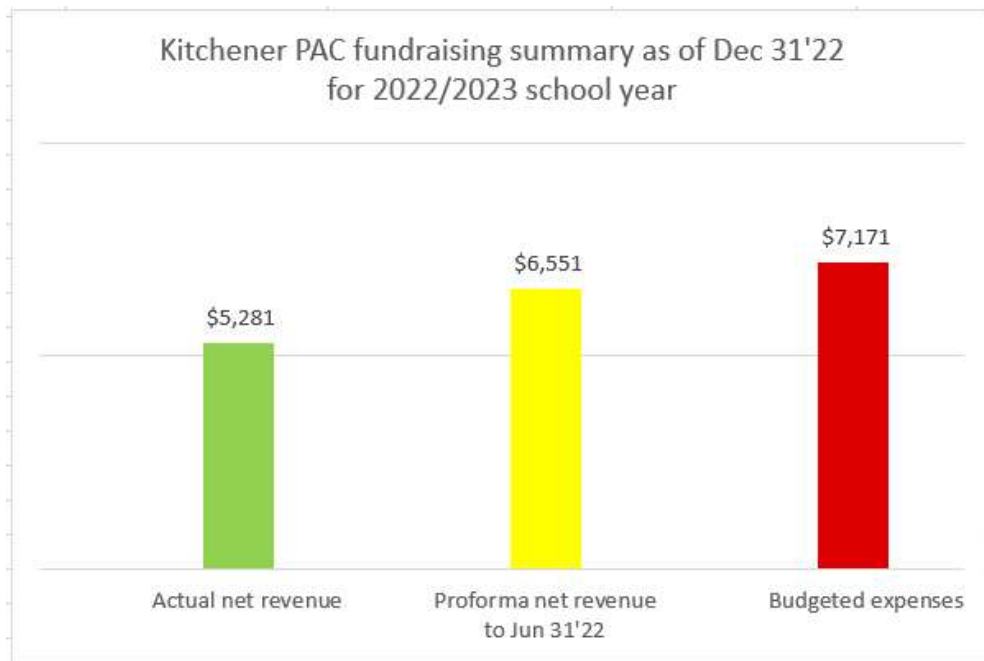
Follow up item from last meeting – parents want to know/understand where fundraising revenue is going. Anna to update chart and include in meeting minutes.

No further comments/questions.

Meeting adjourned 7:17pm

WHY DOES PAC FUNDRAISE AND WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Fundraising efforts are primarily to benefit the school and support teachers by providing classroom funding (\$200/FTE), and year end staff recognition. In prior years, funds raised fulfilled the Teachers' Wish List (i.e. guitars for music class, uniforms for sports teams), and upgraded the outdoor space with rock benches and the art mural. It takes a village, the more hands on the deck, the more we can offer the students, teachers, staff and the community!



Green bar – Net revenues raised to date = \$5,281! Thank you!

Yellow bar – Expected net revenues by end of school year = \$6,551 or in other words, expecting an additional \$1,270.

Red bar – Budgeted spend = \$7,171 (\$6,920 of it is classroom funds, coaching recognition, YE staff appreciation lunch, small gift for teachers leaving school).

If we are on target with fundraising in the next few months, we will still have a shortfall of \$620 in order to cover the budgeted expenses. The account does have a rainy-day reserve currently invested in a GIC.