

PAC MINUTES

February 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Zoom | Meeting called to order by Mona Azizi

In Attendance

Heather Hill (Principal), Allison Volk (Vice Principal), Mona Azizi (Co-President), Yojana Rampersaud (Co-President), Cathy Ho (Co-Vice-President), Elena Han (Co-Vice-President), Bonnie Zheng (Treasurer), Laura Grier (Secretary), Sandy Shi, Wei Liu, Nosheen R, Moana, Amita Khosla, Eun Choi, Ivan Volkhin, Ron, Lisa Itkonen

Agenda Items

- 1. "Hot Lunches" to be renamed "Lunch Day".
 - a. What happens to a lunch when a child is away from school? The PAC is unable to provide refunds. Parents can contact the office and let them know that they wish to pick up their child's lunch or they can let the office know that they would like to donate the lunch to another student. Carrying forward, one or two PAC parents are welcome to come into the school to help on Lunch Day.
 - b. Cut off for ordering lunch on Munchalunch.com? The cutoff date will be included in any notices and emails that go out to parents. Unfortunately orders cannot be submitted <u>after</u> that cut off date.
 - c. Are we okay to set up some Lunch Days for the remainder of the school year? Yes!
 - d. We are going to rename our "Hot Lunch" to "Lunch Day" as there have been parent concerns brought to the PAC's attention that they were expecting "hot" food.
- 2. Donation Drive \$3,665 raised.
 - a. Where would we like to use these funds? These funds can be held at the District as there isn't an immediate need for them at the moment.
 - b. Should we look at replacing the digital sign at the front of the school as we have tried to have it repaired in the past and it still doesn't work? Heather will look into the cost of replacing it.
- 3. HT Photography \$650 raised. There were 26 families that signed up to have their family photos taken.
- 4. LEGO raffle baskets \$652.72 raised after expenses (\$901 collected / \$248.28 expenses) / winners? Nathan Prasad in Div 9 was one of the winners.
- 5. Book Fair? Is it safe to run a book fair in the school at this time? We usually run a book fair in May and the company that helps us run it needs one month notice. We will book it for May and determine whether it can safely be run closer to that date. If it cannot, we will cancel the event.

6. Treasurer's Update

- a. General Account \$24,445 (as of the end of January 2022).
- b. Gaming Account \$13,751 (we have 3 years to use the Government Grant once we receive it). Are there any funds that need to be used during this school year before they expire (from the grant received in the 2019/20 school year)? PAC to confirm.
 - i. The PAC would like to know if there is something that we can purchase and have each student colour/paint to put up on the fence facing 160 Street? This would replace the painted fish that were removed a few years ago. What can we put up? Heather will confirm with the District as they have rules on what can be put on school property. Do the teachers have any ideas on how we can beautify our fence?
- c. GIC Account \$10,000.
- d. There is roughly \$48,000 combined in the three accounts.

Principal's Update

- 1. The school has purchased 7 new laptops as well as a cart that holds them. They are currently at the District being set up and will be sent to the school in the near future.
- 2. School is normal for the students; great learning and the kids are being kids! If students weren't wearing masks, you would never know that we are in a pandemic.
- 3. There are lots of activities in February for Kindness Month, including a "Toonie" coin drive, School spirit days, Valentine's Day, pink shirt day and Valentine's Hide and Seek. Each day the student leadership team moves four Valentine gnomes into different hiding locations throughout the school for students to find.
- 4. An outdoor learning space was created this week by moving the tree stumps from the undercover area to the gravel area.
- 5. The Daycare portable that is being built on the school grounds is being put together by the District and funded by the Province.

Parent Questions

- 1. With the Daycare Centre, where can parents look for registration information? There isn't any information at the moment, but once the school receives any information, it will be sent out to parents.
- 2. Will there be extracurricular sports for the kids? Unfortunately there won't be a sports season for students to play against other elementary schools. Seeing that it is Basketball season, the staff is looking at putting together a little intramural tournament for the Grade 6 & 7 studetns.

Next Meeting

Monday May 9th @ 6:30pm via Zoom