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Surrey Traditional School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Date- Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Time- 6:30 PM

Venue – School Library



Present:

1. Karam Dhami
2. Pam Tiwana
3. Rajan Bombhi
4. Harvinder Bains
5. Ms Helland- Principal

Absent with Apologies

1. Bola Adebola

1. Welcome call to order- 06.40pm

2. Approval and adoption of last minutes - Adopted by Rajan Bombhi and seconded by Karam Dhami

3. Principal's report

- 3.1. 3D printer – Teachers are getting training using the printer along with some students. Division 3 is working on a project along side the teacher librarian. The teacher librarian is overseeing the supplies and will advise when stock is low. Mainly used by intermediate teachers and students so far.
- 3.2. Buddy Bench – The school will be able to use the funds from the movie to finance the buddy benches. PAC will view finances and see how much we can contribute half the cost. Cost for bench \$2500 with the slab. In order for it to be installed by August 31st, the cost would have to be paid by March 1st with the district.
- 3.3. Funding – Ms. Helland had a survey on priority spending. One was on the Bluetooth connectivity in the gym. School is looking into getting a Bluetooth connectivity. Awaiting quote for this. Ipads is also another big item and the school is also looking at funding more. Literacy wise, school is looking into purchasing more resources. Home reading books are outdated and adding more resources including supplementing the grade 3 teachers. School also purchased extracurricular equipment. Looking into badminton gear for this spring.
- 3.4. The Young Actor's Project – School is going to finance the young actors project that will come in for intermediate students in February.



3.5. Parking – Parking in the school drop off zone continues to be a challenge. It was noticed that parking issues were reduced for a short period after the notification was sent to all parents however, it seems the issues are back. Neighbors have reported that some parents park on their lawn, and some park, blocking their vehicles from moving. Also seen is parking in the drive-through lanes in the school. Parent Volunteers are still requested to help manage parking issues.

3.6. Diversity – School has a diversity club led by Ms. Parihar and Ms Gill which focuses on embracing all cultures. The school would like to recognize all children and their unique cultures. Lunar New Year is coming up and will have school wide stations.

4. **Treasurer's reports** – No new updates

5. **New Business**

5.1. Communication – Seems like parents are not getting notifications. Main method of communication is Surrey Schools App. Looking to see other means of communication to further ensure all parents are notified. PAC Instagram handle will be added to next newsletter.

5.2. Welcome to Kindergarten – PAC is welcomed to represent at the Welcome to Kindergarten session. PAC should talk about uniforms at the session. Possibility to look at getting a PAC banner to post at the tables for more visibility.

5.3. Grade 7 Committee – looking for volunteers to help fundraise for the Grade 7 grads. PAC will set up an online sign up sheet.

5.4. Gravel – Parents have complained about the gravel area near the back fence. It is noted to be quite muddy and parents and children have slipped. Request to have gravel added to ensure no slippage.

5.5. Fence – fence panel has an area sticking out where jackets are getting caught in. Ms. Helland to put in a work order.

5.6. Awning – Request to see if an awning can be put on top of the open area where children wait. District would need a significant reason to have a renovation project.

5.7. Uniform sales – looking to sell uniforms at the welcome to K or on early dismissal days.

5.8. **DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) meeting.** No Update

6. **Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting ended at 07:52pm
- Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th @ 6:00pm, and will be held in the school Library.