

William Watson Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Oct 11, 2023

Location: School Library

1.0 **Call to Order:** Carrie Lakatos (President of PAC) called the meeting to order at 4:19pm

2.0 **In Attendance:** Carrie Lakatos, Melanie Terry, Martha Pomonis, Becky Copeland, Nishi Gill, Aman Chohan, Mai Hansson, and Mandeep Grewal.

3.0: **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting:** addendum to June Meeting minutes to include the purchase of the bike racks paid for by PAC, Melanie will include price as well.

Carrie L motioned, Nishi G 2nd, no objections approved.

4.0: **Principals Report:** Becky Copeland-Welcome Message from the Principal. The transition thus far has been nice and smooth. Meet the Teacher night on Sept 28th was a huge success. In class emergency drills went well. Truth and Reconciliation and Terry Fox Run were both well supported by staff and students.

FSA's for Gr. 4 and 7: Students will be doing both Literacy and Numeracy assessments for the Ministry of Education towards the end of October.

Oct 20th: NID #2 (Non Instructional Day)

Oct 31st: Halloween (Annual Halloween Parade in the Gym)

Nov 2: Early dismissal day will be parent teacher conferences. These are an opportunity to connect with teacher about any concerns, information, issues your child may be having, more information on this next week.

Nov 7: Gr 6 immunizations (no volunteers needed)

Nov 9: Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 10: NID #3 (summer pro D in lieu)

Nov 13: No school

Change to the calendar-Jan 31st Early dismissal is now May 1@ 1:32pm

Sports Day and Spirit Days: TBA

Staff wish list is to continue to diversify learning by having access to online resources/tools and or presentation formats. Wish list is to upgrade /replace and continue to build laptop carts. Request to purchase of 10 Macbooks. Last year 30 Macbooks were purchased. The cost is approximately \$8000 for 5 Macbooks

5.0 Presidents Report: Carrie L. Fall session of Hot Lunch is ready to launch on munchalunch. Important change that your munchalunch order will be held in your card for a few hours only so it creates the emphasis to pay order sooner than later to prevent hassle of unpaid orders. Carrie is waiting for Red Robins to get back to her on pricing.

We are looking for new vendors, especially for sushi. If anyone knows a vendor please contact Carrrie.

New Pizza place we could try for movie night.

Healthier options for hot lunch have been requested by families. We can look into Veggies and Dip or Fruit from Save on Foods. We are adding Bubbly to the pop category. White Spot in Langley is closing down we could possibly change our vendor to the Panorama location.

Oct 25th 1st Hot lunch of the year we will get a sign up or google docs sheet for volunteer help. Gr 7 leadership to also assist with hot lunch.

On Sports Day PAC will provide a 6 inch sub to staff and students

Purdys fundraiser in November.

Spirit Wear is ready to launch soon. Hoodies, crew necks t shirts and baseball style shirts will be ready to order with a delivery date before Christmas.

Nov 17th: Proposed PAC will host a Movie night (5-7 or 6-8).

Dec 22nd: Pancake Breakfast and PJ day. Big day which needs a lot of volunteers for it to be successful. Last year volunteers arrived at 7am flipping pancakes. This year assigned students or a class can design photobooth and set up props.

6.0 Treasurers Report: Aman C. discussed budget.

PAC accounts for 2022/2023 School Year

Fundraising account:

- Opening balance - \$29817.23
- Closing balance - \$26591.88

Gaming account:

- Opening balance - \$2868.55
- Closing balance - \$398.55

PAC accounts for 2023/2024 School Year Fundraising account:

- Opening balance - \$27,064.19 Gaming account:
- Opening balance - \$394.80 (approved for \$9280.00 2023/2024 grant – gaming account est. total \$9674.80)

Proposed spending for 2023/2024 school year \$5500 for school spirit days – dates to be determined \$6300 for classroom allotment (\$300 per division) – based on 21 divisions \$300 for Music Class

allotment \$300 for Library allotment \$600 for LST & IST allotment - \$300 each \$320 for schools buses for each division (21 divisions). A total of \$6720. \$18,000 for laptops for students (2 sets of 5 laptops)

Proposing \$7500 from Fundraising acct

Carrie L motioned, Melanie T 2nd, no objections, approved.

\$320 for school buses for each division (21 divisions) total \$6720 (from Gaming acct).

Carrie L motioned, Nishi G 2nd, no objections approved.

Spirit Day and Sports Day Budget: \$5000

Carrie L motioned, Melanie T 2nd, no objections, approved.

Staff wish list budget for 10 Mac books purchase: \$18,000

Carrie L motioned, Aman C 2nd, no objections, approved.

7.0 New Business:

PAC kindly asking admin to consider online ordering system for school supplies. PAC can gather extra supplies families may have and distribute to those who may need it.

Installation of Bike racks are still being looked at.

Sign up link for Volunteers for Hotlunch or Treat Tues will be up soon (Nishi or Aman to do)

8.0 Old Business:

Hotlunch Donations on Munchalunch we can look into buying a lunch for a friend.

Inclusion swing where would it go.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:23pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Nishi Gill