

William Watson Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
General Meeting Minutes – November 18th, 2020
Location: WWE Gym

Welcome, Aboriginal Territories and Call to Order: Rebekah Paul calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

In Attendance: Anne Smith, Rebekah Paul, Farid Salji, Teri Parker and Candice Paradon (5 members).

Approval of Previous Agenda and Minutes: September 30th, 2020 Agenda and Minutes, Rebekah P motioned to approve, Farid S 2nd the motion, 5 members in favour, none opposed, motion approved.

Principle's Report: given by Anne Smith

Students – In a recent survey of our 73 students participating in the Blended learning program, only 3 of the 35 who responded wish to return to school full-time in January.

Covid-19 – With the 2nd wave upon us and increasing numbers of positive Covid-19 tests, we are seeing a lot of fear in the community. To put things into perspective, our school is doing really well and keeping up with all health, safety and cleaning protocols. Since the 1st day of school when we had 1 positive case of Covid-19, there has been no subsequent cases.

Cleaning Protocols – Currently we have 2 full-time night custodians (Atish and Toni) who among other things are cleaning each class room with a fog disinfectant spray twice daily. And, we have one full time day custodian (Cesar) who among other things is cleaning all high touch surfaces. The whole school has never looked or been cleaner.

Hand Washing – Students are required to sanitize hands upon entry in the morning, after breaks, before and after eating, before and after using school equipment, electronics, books and any time hands come in contact with the face. Our students and staff are spending approx. 10-15 min. each day on this task. While hand washing is taking away valuable curriculum time, it is playing a vital role in our health care plan to keep our WWE children, staff and families safe.

Masks – Unless a medical reason exempts staff or students from wearing a mask, the expectation is that masks will be worn in all common areas. And while you may wear a mask in the classroom, at this time it is not an expectation. Remember to keep up social distancing from others and frequent hand washing.

Carved and Painted Paddles – Last year PAC was proud to help the school fund a project to bring local native band artists in to carve traditional paddles. It was a rare and incredible learning opportunity for the

students. In the foyer, our 2 front pillars have been refinished to represent Bentwood boxes and 4 beautifully carved and hand painted traditional West Coast paddles are now on display. On November 20th, 2020 at 9:00 am Thelma Stogan (a Coast Salish artist) will perform a blessing (singing, drumming and sage burning). And in the near future, a plaque will be mounted to accompany each paddle.

Outdoor Garden Space – At the front of our school by the big Willow tree, you will find the outdoor garden space. Last week Ms. Syms and her little class helpers spent a few hours filling 6 large above ground plant containers with soil. A big thanks to Super Spoil for donating the 1.5 yards of soil and to Anne S for arranging. The garden project is still in need of gardening gloves (30 x XS, 15 x S, 15 x M, 10 x L pairs), 1 spade, 6 small trowels, 3 small hand cultivators, a really long 100 foot hose, and 1 multi-spray nozzle. If you think you can help with any of these items, please leave a message at the school with your contact information and Teri P will call you back directly. Rebekah P will update the PAC website Donation page.

A-Thons – Mid December primary students will participate in a Spell-a-Thon and intermediate students will participate in a Trivia-a-Thon. The theme is Winter & Christmas and students will start studying at the beginning of December. Cash donations will be accepted in the classroom for this fundraiser. All funds raised will be going towards the Student Supply Fund for each division.

Spirit Days – With many activities in school canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions, and in an effort to boost our spirits, the school will be hosting Spirit Days every 2 weeks. We have already celebrated Halloween & Pumpkins and most recently Crazy Hair Day with draws and prizes. Our next spirit day is Mustache Day!

President's Report: given by Rebekah Paul

Thank You - to all Teachers, Faculty, Parents and Volunteers, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we all navigate this difficult time together.

Winter Art Window - Tomorrow, November 19th, 2020 Jayna from Painted Art will be creating our 3rd window art project. This year we have come up with a special Grinch theme we think the students will love. Look at each scene carefully and watch the Grinch's heart grow as he interacts with the students. We hope the holidays will be extra special this year with this much needed display of kindness, safety and connection for our community. We thank Jayna for her talented seasonal art displays

William Watson Masks - PAC initially sold 48 masks at our September 2020 welcome tent and our online platform sold another 33 for a total of 81. Unfortunately there has been a delay with receiving the additional 33 masks due to our vendor being swamped with grad orders. A big thanks to the parents for your patience, we will be receiving the masks on November 23rd 2020.

Playground - On October 28th, 2020 the PAC executive team and Anne S met with 3 approved District playground suppliers. An order has been placed for 2 of our current playground pieces to be removed in the next couple months. After we receive the quotes for playground equipment replacement, a special meeting will be called with all PAC members to discuss this expenditure, plan & execute.

Spirit Raisers – PAC was planning to provide 3 free pizza parties this year for all staff and students; however, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the District has made it clear that bringing hot lunches into the school is adding an unnecessary risk. Therefore, as a small gesture going into the holidays, PAC will be giving out wrapped cherry candy canes to all staff and students on Friday December 18th, PJ Spirit Day. You can look forward to more free Spirit Raisers in the New Year.

Treasurer’s Report: given by Farid Salji

Update on Financial Statements

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT (as of November 11th 2020, PAC has **\$8,983.00**)

Expenses Fund Raising Account –

Munch-a-Lunch Deficit	\$ 6,282.25	
BCC PAC Yearly Fee	\$ 75.00	
Student Supply Fund	\$ 3,000.00	
Candy Cane Spirit Day	\$ 0.00	(will need \$100.00 in December 2020)
Mask Vendor	<u>\$ 288.00</u>	
Total =	\$ 9,763.00	

Income Fund Raising Account –

Treat Tuesday (November)	\$ 615.44
Return It Express	\$ 23.70
Mabel’s Labels	\$ 0.00
Donations	<u>\$ 87.00</u>
Total =	\$ 717.70

GAMING ACCOUNT (as of November 11th 2020, PAC has **\$15,224.00**)

(*Must be used by October 2022)

Expenses Gaming Account –

School Garden Space	\$ 0.00	(will need \$2,000-\$3,000 in donations)
Playground Equipment	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	(will need \$15,000.000 in Spring 2021 plus \$10,000-\$20,000 in donations)
Total =	\$ 0.00	

Income Gaming Account –

Gaming Grant	<u>\$ 7,780.00</u>
Total =	\$ 7,780.00

RBC GIC

(as of November 11th 2020, PAC has **\$20,000.00**)

Expenses RBC GIC –

Playground Equipment	\$ 0.00	(will need \$10,000 in Spring 2021)
Playground Equipment Labor	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	(will need \$10,000 in Spring 2021)
Total =	\$ 0.00	

Income RBC GIC -

	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total =	\$ 0.00

Rebekah P motioned to accept the financial statement update, Teri P 2nd the motion, 5 in favor, none opposed, motion accepted.

Vice President’s Report: Rochelle Arlitt absent, therefore given by Exec team.

Hot Lunch – Julie Soos will be stepping down as Hot Lunch Coordinator and Carrie Lakatos will be stepping up into the position. Thank you Julie for all of your hard work, it is appreciated. As hot Lunch is on hold until the foreseeable future, Carrie and her hot lunch team of dedicated ladies will take over running Treat Tuesdays in the new year. We have a long way to go to clear our Hot Lunch deficit from last year (\$6,300.00 still outstanding). But with continued support from our parents, we are confident that Treat Tuesdays will definitely make a dent.

Treat Tuesdays – In the absence of Hot Lunches and the onslaught of cooler rainy days, this fundraiser has gone a long way to raise spirits. Every Monday sealed boxes of treats are purchased and delivered to the school by parent volunteers. And every Tuesday our leadership team sorts the treats by classroom and delivers them to teachers for distribution during the day. In November we raised \$612.70 towards our Hot Lunch deficit.

Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser – Ends November 25th 2020, still time to get some chocolates for the cold Winter Holidays. Your orders will be ready for pick up on December 11th 2020, between 2:00pm and 3:30pm. Please go to the Drop-off/Pick-up zone at the front of the school, open your trunk and remain a safe distance in your vehicle. PAC members will place the chocolates in your truck and close it securely. Our goal is \$3,000.00 in sales, so far 21 families have placed orders and we have raised \$2286.38 (\$457.00 profit going towards our Playground Equipment). Great work William Watson!

Return-It-Express Fundraiser – Our New Recycle fundraiser is starting this Friday November 20th 2020 and running for the rest of the school year. Each student will be provided with a clear bag, a school label and an instruction sheet. Simply, fill the clear bag with empty recyclable drink containers and when full, drop off at any one of the Return-it-Express locations in your area. All funds raised by grade K-6 students will be going towards the school playground equipment. All funds raised by grade 7 students will be going towards their end of year graduation.

New Business:

DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) - Teri P attended the October 28th DPAC meeting. Topics were PAC 101, Finance 101 and Zoom Meetings 101. Taking into account Covid-19 restrictions, we may decide to use Zoom as a virtual forum for PAC general meetings in the near future.

BCCPAC - This is our Provincial voice. Our yearly membership of \$75.00 was paid on November 2nd 2020. If PAC decides to send a representative to the AGM 2021, the cost to attend is approx. \$300.00.

Open Forum:

Donation Receipts – All size donations are welcome at WWE School. Just a reminder, if you make a donation of over \$25 and would like a tax receipt, please read the following instructions. First, write the check to the Surrey School District. Second, very clearly state the money is for William Watson Elementary School. And third, clearly state what the money is to be used for (ie. Playground Equipment). Only then will the District issue you a receipt.

Adjournment: Rebekah P motioned to adjourn the meeting, Teri P 2nd the motion, 5 members in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned.

Next General Meeting: **Wednesday February 17th, 2021**
6:30 WWE School Library or Gym

Respectfully submitted by Teri Parker (WWE PAC Secretary)