

William Watson Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC)  
General Meeting Minutes – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Location: Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Welcome, Aboriginal Territories and Call to Order: Rebekah Paul calls the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and explains the Zoom Meeting Responsibilities for everyone.

## Zoom Meeting Tips



**MEETING WILL BE RECORDED**  
Please note the entire meeting will be recorded



**MUTE MIC IF NOT SPEAKING**  
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We may group similar questions together and these questions may be answer during the presentation



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If you have questions at the end of the presentation, you may raise your hand to ask max of 2 questions per person



**ZERO TOLERANCE**

Please respect each other, no foul language, aggressive behavior or personal attacks will be accepted. Everyone will be given an opportunity to be heard.



**VOTING BUTTONS**

We will be using the GREEN ✓ or RED X to vote on all motions tonight, approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes.

In Attendance: 18 Voting Members - Rebekah Paul, Devron Paul, Rochelle Arlitt, Brad Arlitt, Farid Salji, Teri Parker, Joel Bitterman, Am Kaila, Mandeep Mann, Candice Paradon, Rupi Sanghera, Carrie Lakatos, Michelle Hendy, Trevor Hendy, Priya Kooner, Cassandra Pelzer, Joe Pelzer, Gabriel Warwas. 7 Non-Voting Members - Anne Smith (Principal), Dave Warner (Habitat Systems), Dirk Van Spaendonk (Surrey Schools), Lakhbir Johal (DPAC President), Dave Parker (IT Support), Anissa Ly (2017-2019 WWE PAC President) and Susan Pelzer (Grandparent).

Rebekah P - We have quorum.

Approval of Previous Agenda and Minutes: Rebekah P motioned to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda and Minutes, Rochelle A 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favour click Yes, all opposed click No - 12 members in favour, none opposed, motion approved.

Rebekah P - We will now move onto our special playground discussion and voting.

### Special Playground Discussion and Voting:

Rebekah P - We are very excited and want to welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming and participating in this historic meeting. William Watson received notice from the district that two aging playground pieces are scheduled for removal for safety. PAC has been diligently fundraising & saving to meet this incredible obligation.

**Speaker #1:** Rochelle Arlitt-PAC Vice President: to give the background work PAC has done to bring us to this historical day!

Over 3 years ago, the school celebrated a milestone by turning 60. We organized a committee for the celebration with a fundraising component. The funds raised from the concession, games, tickets and silent auction were all to be put towards a much-needed track repair and a brand-new playground. A few members from the current PAC were on the committee and shared the need for this playground replacement as the district indicated it was deteriorating because of age. The former PAC had been raising funds for this project as well. It is a massive undertaking and years' worth of hard work to pay for such a large high-end purchase. When the new PAC was elected in 2019 myself and my team took over the challenge of raising funds for the new playground at our school. It would not be easy, but it would certainly be a huge lasting impact for the students at William Watson.

Countless hours have been spent by parent volunteers to raise funds in so many ways. For example, we have had fundraisers like selling Purdy's Chocolates in the middle of the Pandemic last Easter, selling Organic Coffee, Smelly Pencils, Family Movie Night, Spirit Wear including COVID Masks, Bottle Drives, Mabel's Labels fundraisers, monthly Treat Tuesdays, Sports Day & Track, Field concessions & hundreds of weekly Hot Lunches for our very own Watson students! Every time a parent purchased a hot lunch, a bag of chips from Treat Tuesdays or any fundraiser, 100 percent of those profits raised went towards saving for our new playground for our students.

Your William Watson PAC has a dedicated team of volunteers. These parents have given up multiple evenings coding menus into Munch-a-Lunch, setting up banners, calculating costs, taxes, quantities and entering data for distribution reports. We have a team of parents who use their own time to purchase these lunches and Treat Tuesdays. From hundreds of cartons of heavy milk to Subway sandwiches, 600 hotdogs/buns, to cases of cookies and chips. They have purchased these products and delivered them to school on time- using their own vehicles, insurance, and gas. 3 PAC hot lunch co-ordinators have also become food safe certified. These parents have sat in classrooms for 9 hours to learn the practice of food safe handling and be able to teach others to ensure William Watson Hot Lunch and Treat Tuesdays are safe & up to BC Health and Safety Codes. They learned this to properly follow safety protocols, so our students only receive the highest level of food safety and handling. We have a team of PAC hot lunch co-ordinators who come into the school and spend hours cleaning and sanitizing the kitchen, washing all the food equipment before and after food service to ensure we are food safe compliant. We have parent volunteers who prep, cook, count, organize, deliver, and clean up before and after every hot lunch. We have a team of PAC volunteers who spend thousands of hours per year creating, designing, planning, communicating, and executing these fundraisers to ensure success. And parents who look after all the accounting and record keeping and meeting planning and administration.

So many of our PAC volunteers have worked long, hard hours to bring this playground project from a dream into a reality and we are so close, we are almost there. Now, just think of the smiles on our kids' faces when a brand-new playground is installed at our school. Imagine the excitement and the impact this will have on our students. Not just now, but for years to come and it is all because of our parent community who have supported our school's fundraisers and who have volunteered so much of their time to make this happen. I hope that by providing this history of the project and all the details give you a clear understanding of the amount of work involved and the impact this will have for our school.

**Speaker #2:** Dirk Van Spaendonk- School District 36 Grounds & Maintenance Leader: To explain the determining factors for deeming the equipment failing & requiring replacement.

Every year we inspect all our equipment in the District, we have a five-year removal plan. It was determined several years ago that this equipment was old equipment which is the main reason why it must come out. And that is why we give schools a couple years to raise the funds before removal. Specifically, the swing sets, usually the end frame has three legs and these sets only have two legs, there is no real lateral bracing. The uncontrolled motion is backwards and forwards, but we have had swing sets fail and the current standard has lateral legs on the end of the frame. The other piece of equipment is so old that we do not have any other equipment like it in the District. And even though it is metal components, we cannot find a manufacturer that can supply any replacement parts in case it does fail. And yes, we want to make sure it is removed before it fails.

The Ministry funds a grant program called the Annual Facilities Grant. Every year facilities maintenance receives these funds for roofing, painting, etc. Ground Maintenance has now had a 15-year program to protect the protected surfacing, drainage, and borders. The protected surfacing is an engineered wood fibre, the borders are concrete or usually a 6x6 landscape grade timber and there is drainage below grade. This typically represents 40–50 percent of the overall cost of site development. Because the most serious injuries are from falls, head injuries, and long bone fractures, we focus our allotted funds to improving fall protection prior to the actual equipment being removed. For a typical playground, we might spend upwards of \$25,000.00 – \$30,000.00 just in upgrading the fall protection. On the two playgrounds that have been identified for William Watson, we have upgraded both those surfaces in the last year or two. Only equipment needs to be replaced.

**Speaker #3:** Dave Warner-Habitat representative: To explain the two proposals in detail including materials, installation, cost & potential timeline.

My role tonight will be to take you through the entire process of where we have come from. We have two options that the PAC has worked hard to come up with. Background, I have had the pleasure of representing Habitat Systems for 20 years doing playgrounds in the lower mainland. The Surrey School District is one of my highest priorities of responsibilities and so I am thankful that we got chosen to work with William Watson. We have the pleasure of representing a company called Landscape Structures, an employee-owned company, entirely committed to safety, CSA compliant as a minimum, our warranties and standards are very high, including a 100-year warranty on our post and beams. I should let you know as well; we honour the contract we are fortunate to have with the Surrey School District in terms of the warranties that we are responsible to adhere as well. The company is very well known to be innovative for not only the quality of service but also the actual product itself. They are also one of the first manufacturers to achieve ISO certification for environmental friendliness in manufacturing and also habitat systems have our own environmental process as well. Do not let colour influence your decision, there is an incredible myriad of colours and we can deal with that later.

There are two areas that need to be replaced. One area is a set of swings that needs to be replaced and the second area is this current structure that needs to be replaced. The school district has put out a mandate that we provide an access pathway to the playground and the borders that Dirk spoke of, that are existing, we are going to open those up and put an asphalt pathway into the playground to provide inclusive play and an accessible entry into the swing area. We are also going to do that on the second area, which is a pathway W to E and just in front of the portable and comes in behind the swings to gain access to this point again it is an accessible route of travel to the play area. This is all included in the proposals that we worked on.

We are going to look at the swing area first and as Dirk mentioned the swings that are required by the

district, we call a yolk style. It provides a very stable swing, and we are also putting in a brand-new swing that is below this. There is minimum safety dimension we are required to maintain for the swings, we have ample room for the swings and a little more. The set of swings will look like the picture shown. The 2 belt swings have steel belting through them so they are very vandal resistant and we do use what is called an anti-wrap swing hanger which means the swings will rotate freely and will not get wrapped around the top of the post. The swings for both proposal #1 and #2 are identical. The only different between proposal #1 and #2 is the structure in the second area.

The second area, shown in the diagram, the existing swings are staying, and we do have a 2,076 square foot area where the existing playground structure is now, and we are proposing 2 different structures for which the PAC is voting on tonight to choose from. You can see the crushed chip pathway here, very similar to what you will see in most parks, it is an accessible route of travel and then it comes to a point where we are gaining entry to cut open this concrete border and put in an access point here of that asphalt pathway

Proposal #1 is unique structure that has been custom designed for this area. It consists of several different pieces. This is called the sky rail climber, it starts off as a straight step ladder, and as they go up it gently inverts itself and makes it more difficult to climb to get to the peak point. This is a series of three sky rails that are attached to each other and provide a unique piece. The sky rail is connected by means of a series of pods to a piece called the Lolli Ladder. It is connected by pods at either end and is a hand over hand lolly ladder that is multi-bar. It is then connected to a chin bar, a turning bar and a set of pull-up rings and a couple pods that take us back to the sky rail climber.

The PAC has complete breakdown pricing for all of this. We worked very hard to stay within a budget that we were given for this option. The Play Booster Structure will cost a total of \$27,517.98. The Swing Set will cost a total of \$11,403.91. For a total of \$38,921.89.

Proposal #2 is another custom designed structure, called a tower structure. It gives two, 6-foot elevated decks with a nice bridge across. There is a sky rail climber, the ladder again starting off square and inverting itself. Another component is a corkscrew climber, functioning both as a climber and slide. There is a 6-foot-high vertical climbing wall called the vertical ascent. There is a ring tangle climber at the 6-foot level and a loop pole climber. Also, a fire pole and a chain ladder.

The PAC has complete breakdown pricing for all of this. We worked very hard to stay within a budget that we were given for this option. The Play Booster Structure will cost a total of \$36,712.55. The Swing Set will cost a total of \$11,403.91. For a total of \$48,116.46.

Once the district approves the project, the financial purchase goes through the school district. Everything flows via Anne Smith to Dirk at the District. Once a proposal is chosen, we will prepare the detailed information that the district requires and then that gets forwarded to the district for their approval. If a positive approval comes back, the request can then be sent to the District to finance or purchasing to initiate that purchasing. Once we receive a purchase order from the Surrey School District, we are about 6-8 weeks from start to completion of the project.

**Speaker #4:** Farid Salji-PAC Treasurer: To give a financial summary of PAC accounts to date including profit/loss & remaining balance implications. Brad Arlitt to assist with any Q&A.

In our Fundraising Account, we have \$40,092.58. This is money raised by parents participating in Hot Lunch, Treat Tuesdays, etc.

In our Gaming Account, we have \$15,206.05. This is money from the Provincial Casino profits, given once yearly, based on the number of students we have enrolled at the school. This money must be used in very specific ways, but we already have the approval to use for the playground.

Total cash \$55,298.63.

Prior to PAC receiving any grants:

If we pick playground #1, we will still have \$16,376.74 in the accounts.

If we pick playground #2, we will still have \$7,182.17 in the accounts.

**Speaker #5:** Principal A Smith: To give the student voting outcome & any insights/recommendations. 99 intermediate students voted for playground #1, 76 intermediate students voted for playground #2.

Thank you to both Dave and Dirk for joining us tonight, we sincerely appreciate your time and help to walk us through this process. Also, a quick appreciation to everyone who has joined us tonight, it is an amazing turn out. Thank you to past and present PAC and our William Watson families who support our Warriors in so many various different ways.

I had the unique opportunity to go into each intermediate classroom. We went through both the playground proposals; the students did not know the cost of either. Some of the comments included - Proposal #2 has a lot of similar things that the primary playground currently has. Some of the teachers felt - Proposal #1 could lend itself more to an intermediate fitness circuit, which ties in with our track. We have a lot of families come to use our track and will use this as playground fitness. The grade 7 comments included - they are more likely to come back for proposal #1 over Proposal #2 because they like the twisted ladder, chin-ups, and flip bars. In the vote, 99 students were in favour of Proposal #1 and 76 students were in favour of Proposal #2. The students were excited about getting new equipment.

Rebekah P - It is now time for questions and answers, parents may ask x 2 questions, first using the chat option and second using the hands up option.

**Question and Answer Period** - guided by Teri Parker

**Question #1:**

Joe P - What I heard you say is that the current playground is not failing or unsafe, it is old.

Dirk V – If it were unsafe, we would have taken it out. It is old, but all things must be removed at some point, no it is not unsafe.

Rebekah P – What you are saying is it is not unsafe yet, we are hitting it before it becomes unsafe.

Dirk V – Yes, that is correct.

Teri P – I also heard Dirk say, if there is anything that needs fixing with this playground, or if anything was to go wrong, that there is no manufacturer that can replace these parts, so the only option is to replace the whole thing.

Dirk V – That is correct yes, when parts are not available, we typically do not modify equipment, so the only option left for us is to remove it.

Joe P – But you can modify equipment.

Dirk V – We do not modify equipment.

**Question #1:**

Unknown - Would install happen during the school year?

Anne S – We have already put in the work order to have the equipment removed, but of course the District prioritizes this and has a number of schools with equipment that they need to look at, so they put that into a priority order, I am hoping sooner rather than later.

Dirk V - Yes, we would prefer to remove it during the first couple weeks of July and then the installation can happen in the remaining 7 weeks of summer break.

**Question #3:**

Cassandra P – It appears both options would leave the PAC account empty, obviously the PAC is unanimous...

Farid S – If we go with proposal #1, we will still have at end of payment \$16,376.74. If we go with proposal #2, we will still have \$7,182.17. So, neither proposal will empty the accounts completely. What you have to understand is that this is the number at this point in time, this does not include Treat Tuesdays we still have coming and potential grants. But it is a large portion of the account and that is why we are having this meeting.

Rebekah P – Even with putting the playgrounds in, to have \$16,000.00 or \$7,000.00, some PACs operate out of that nest egg on a regular basis. We have been growing our accounts to get to where they are in anticipation of these playgrounds. That is why we have been doing the phenomenal fundraising we have been doing, particularly in the last year and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our accounts are a lot larger than I would say the average, would that be accurate Lakbir.

Lakhbir J – (DPAC President) Some schools have to go a year or two before they can raise enough funds to pay for the playground, your school is in a very fortunate position to have funds even prior to having the old pieces be removed.

Rebekah – We have grants that will be sent out once we have established which playground we are going for. The grants require knowing what it is they will be putting the money towards. So, until we have the proposal voted on and voted in, we are in a holding pattern waiting to send some of those grants out. Potentially there is a lot more money coming in if we get any of these grants.

**Question #4:**

Carrie L – How was it determined that we need another intermediate playground when we have the red one already designated to them?

Anne S – We have the blue equipment, that is the equipment that needs to come out, replacing that is ideal, rather than just leaving a space available. One thing we do notice is this year we have more students than we were projected to have by over 30. Not all of the intermediate students can play on the playground at once and they do tend to spread out. Obviously, they have the field that can spread out on, but they need to spread out into the new playground area as well.

Carrie L - Yes, I understand that part, but my consideration is that I mostly see the grade 2,3,4 playing on the equipment other than the rainbow equipment which is primarily the Kinders and more of the 5,6,7 are out on the field, in their groups and hanging out, so I am just trying to understand why it was determined that that site needs to be for intermediate because that is more a 5,6, maybe even an adult style playground, vs friendly for maybe the grade 2,3,4,5,6.

Anne S – Right now the students in their learning cohorts are rotating through all of the playgrounds because of COVID-19 times. But prior, last year, that would have been an intermediate playground, so when the

primary students play, they play on the primary playground and the first set of swings. That blue area was the intermediates, students did enjoy it when they were playing on it.

**Question #5:**

Cassandra P – I would like to ask if the PAC will apply for the Provincial Playground Equipment Program.

Teri P – There is many programs and grants that we are going after. One is the BC Government Playground Equipment Program, so if that is the one you are referring to, yes, we are.

**Question #6:**

Trevor H – Does the pea gravel get removed by the District before the mulch goes in? Is the 20-yard estimate covering the existing swing area?

Dave W – If it is the drainage layer below the existing wood fibre that you are referring to, we will remove the existing engineered wood fibre and the existing drainage layer, then install the equipment. We will reinstall the drainage layer, the landscape fabric that goes on top of that, the existing engineered wood fibre and then a top up to the district requirements of 12 inches in that area. I have personally done detailed measurements for both the depth of the existing surfacing and the area and my foreman has been to the site as well. We are confident this is all that is needed. If our estimate of 20 yards is not enough and additional surfacing is required, it is Habitats responsibility to leave the site to District standards which is 12 inches of surfacing in the areas that we are working in.

**Question #7:**

Cassandra P – Is there a way for parents to look over other quotes from other companies who supplied quotes?

Rebekah P – When we initially started the process of looking at what was going to be available to us, we went directly to the District. The District has specific approved vendors, they provided us with 3 separate vendors to go through. We met with all 3 vendors and received all 3 quotes with various styles and types of equipment. And through the process of meeting with the 3 separate vendors we deemed Habitat to be the best bang for our buck in terms of what they are offering. What Dave did not say is they are going to be doing some tree planting for us. The other quotes that we received were substantially more. I do not see any reason why we cannot share if anyone would like to see those quotes and have that be very transparent.

**Question #8:**

Anissa L – Besides possible grants, do we know how much the District has to contribute? I understand it is up to \$15,000.00 first come first serve.

Anne S – I think that is not quite accurate, I have been in touch with the District and they are kicking in some substantial \$ for us, but we have not finalized that. If we get enough money from other grants, they will hold this money for other schools who are less fortunate with not as enthusiastic PACs.

**Question #9:**

Joe P – If we get the Provincial Playground Program Grant in 2022, will the PAC money be refunded?

Teri P – I do not believe that we can receive grant money post construction, in my research, grants need to be applied for first.

Dave W – No, I cannot think of one school that has gotten a grant post installation.

Lakhbir J – In my experience having come from a school that did a playground replacement, it is usually the schools that do not have a playground who are considered for the Provincial grant. You apply for the grant when you have chosen a playground, then you need to secure the grant money before you start the work. The grant will not be awarded after you start the work because they know you already have the funding.  
Rebekah P – Just to clarify, we will put this to the District in writing to find out for sure.

**Rebekah P motioned to approve the Replacement of 2 Playground pieces, Farid S 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favour of Proposal #1, please click Yes - 8 members in favour, 3 opposed. All in favor of Proposal #2, please click Yes - 4 members in favour, 4 opposed. The motion has been passed to approve Proposal #1, Rochelle A 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.**

Rebekah P - A big thank you to Dave and Dirk for being here tonight. We are so excited! We will now move onto our regular meeting. Anne Smith will now give the Principal's report.

### **Principal's Report** – given by Anne Smith

Congratulations! The students will be happy with whatever playground we get, but I think they will be thrilled knowing the one they voted on has been passed.

**Spirit Days** – Running every 2 weeks. This is one ways PAC is supporting us desperately trying to come together, when we are not supposed to be together. February 24<sup>th</sup> will be Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying day). The Pink Shirts should be delivered any day now, so thank you to PAC. February 26<sup>th</sup> will be triplet day.

**Covid-19** – Safety continues to be our #1 priority. We have very clear protocols. Our day custodian looks after high touch surfaces and disinfecting regularly. Our night custodian takes over with fogging and continues to disinfect. All surfaces are disinfected regularly throughout the day. Teachers are vigilant with students wearing masks in hallways and common areas and in fact, most classes are wearing masks in the classroom. If there are any questions about protocols, please contact me. We sincerely appreciate all families and staff for doing daily health checks and staying home when they are experiencing any of the listed symptoms.

It is definitely a different kind of school year! It is a bit quieter, but we are making the best of it.

Rebekah P - Thank you, Anne. I will now give the president's report.

### **Presidents Report:** – given by Rebekah Paul

**Thank You** - Teachers, faculty and all our volunteers. I am over the moon right now obviously. Thank you everyone for all you have done to make this happen today, we are so excited.

**Spirit Days** - Nearly two years ago Rochelle A, our PAC Vice President promoted the idea to focus on raising school spirit and particularly the 2 school spirit days per month. This has been a phenomenal success in all regards. Grade 7 leadership picks the themes, PAC promotes, and the students, teachers and faculty all participate. Participating students are eligible to win a small prize, one for the Primaries and one for the Intermediates. To finish this year out and to reward student participation, PAC would like to put together \$10-15 prize baskets - an expense of approx. \$200. I (Rebekah) will personally execute this task.

Anne S – Just a note, in order to keep things fair, we have always randomly drawn each student’s name.

**Rebekah P motioned to approve the Prize Baskets using \$200.00 in PAC funds, Farid S 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favour click Yes, all opposed click No - 6 members in favour, none opposed, motion approved.**

**Spirit Raiser** - For Easter, PAC would like to execute a school wide coloring contest. Primaries will have one coloring page and Intermediates another. PAC has been storing x 5 \$20 gift cards earned over the past two years from Purdy’s fundraisers. We would like to use the gift cards plus \$50 in PAC funds to create two amazing Easter basket prizes. Coloring pages would go home 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March and need to be returned by March 29 to be eligible. Winners will be announced Wed March 31 and prizes will go home in time for Easter long weekend! I (Rebekah) will personally execute the shopping & prepare the baskets.

Rochelle A – I would suggest we consider adding a small \$5.00 prize for each grade, on top of the bigger prizes. This will create enthusiasm and hopefully a yearly contest.

Anne S – I love it, I think it is another opportunity to be together without being together. I am envisioning the foyer covered in artwork.

Rebekah P – We could give out Purdy’s Easter chocolate lollies, they are around the \$5.00 mark.

Rochelle A – I will write up a donation request letter and ask Purdy’s to donate these lollies.

**Rebekah P motioned to approve the Coloring Contest, use the Purdy’s gift cards as well as up to \$300.00 in PAC funds, Rochelle A 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favour click Yes, all opposed click No - 5 members in favour, none opposed, motion approved.**

**Playground** - Now that the playground discussion and voting is complete, we will begin executing the work involved in bringing this project to life. We may need volunteers for certain tasks. As we dive into the work, we will advise the parent community of any additional volunteering available.

**Corporate/Community Donations** - We’ve been working hard to reach out to the community and submit grants for our playground. I must note, this is no easy task. A lot of time and energy goes into submitting each unique application. Anissa & Teri have been working hard to prepare and submit our grant applications. We thank them for their hard work & dedication. We haven’t received any grant dollars yet, but fingers crossed we’ll have good news soon.

To date our playground has received a corporate donation from Mike Marfori for \$500.00 and a Surrey School District donation of \$4,000.00. These funds are being held by the Surrey School District until the purchase order for the playground has been deemed in compliance and approved by District representatives. Additionally, we’ve received multiple cash lump sum donations from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and faculty that have wanted to go the extra mile to ensure our playground goal come to reality. It has really been a community effort. Thank you to these amazing folks that have supported our students and believe in William Watson.

Rebekah P - Farid will now give the Treasurers report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** given by Farid Salji **Update on Financial Statements**

**FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT** (as of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, PAC has **\$40,092.58**)

**Expenses Fund Raising Account –**

Munch-a-Lunch Deficit	\$ 5,201.50	
School Garden Space	\$ 500.00	(need \$ early 2021) <b>Approved</b>
Playground Equipment & Labour	\$15,000.00	(need \$ early 2021) <b>Approved</b>
Spirit Day Prizes	\$ 200.00	<b>Approved</b>
Coloring Contest Prizes	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$21,201.50</b>	

**Income Fund Raising Account –**

GIC (cashed in)	\$20,000.00
GIC Interest (cashed in)	\$ 191.10
Treat Tuesday	\$ 1,156.40
Return It Express	\$ 424.95
Pink Shirts	\$ 531.50
Donations	<u>\$ 501.00</u>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$22,804.95</b>

**GAMING ACCOUNT** (as of February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, PAC has **\$15,206.05**)

(\*Must be used by October 2022)

**Expenses Gaming Account –**

Playground Equipment	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	(need \$ early 2021) <b>Approved</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	

**Income Gaming Account –**

Gaming Grant (once yearly)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Total cash \$55,298.63****Vice President-Fundraising Report:** Rebekah P to head for Rochelle

**Treat Tuesdays** – Is growing in interest and sales every month. December’s Treat Tuesdays had 107 orders for a total of \$857.00 gross sales. We did not run Treat Tuesdays in January. February was also a hit with 167 items sold for a total of \$1407.00 in gross sales.

**Express Bottle Depot** – This is a huge hit. Giving out the labels and bags to parents for free really helped encourage this fundraiser. To date we have \$424.95 sitting in this account. This is an ongoing fundraiser; it can keep going for the rest of time and make money for the school.

**Pink Shirt Fundraiser** - We made Anti Bullying Pink Shirt day our February fundraiser. In just one week we sold 124 youth and 25 adult shirts for a total of \$1,863.00 in sales & \$596.50 in profit. This was really a group effort, thank you especially to Marsha Pike for her help. The shirts were expected to go home tomorrow, unfortunately distribution is in lag, so we are looking into this.

**March Fundraiser: Donate your Munch-a-lunch Credits** - Given hot lunch restrictions, we've pivoted to try and recover the devastating hot lunch credit situation that happened last year where we were saddled with over \$8,000.00 in deficit due to COVID and school closures. With only \$5,201.50 left and March including Spring break, we will run a 'Donate your Credits' Munch-a-Lunch fundraiser instead of Treat Tuesdays to try to dissolve the remaining credit balance.

## Old Business:

**Outdoor Garden Project** – given by Teri Parker

This project was initiated by Mrs. Syms and Principal Anne S 2 years ago. They received grant money for 6 containers and a large donation of soil. Most recently they received a donation for all gardening gloves and small cultivating tools from a William Watson grandparent – Thank you! The outstanding list of equipment, plants, bulbs, and seeds still needs to be purchased. Altogether, this project would have cost a minimum of \$2,000.00, but thanks to community support, three quarters has been paid for. This is going to be an amazing space that all William Watson students will enjoy and help grow for years to come. Now, let's get the kids in the soil and planting. We are actively looking for garden centres donations.

Anne S – 13 teachers just started a book club - book called the Garden Curriculum. I won a prize at my last Principles meeting and the School District is going to cover the cost of these 13 books. This is going to build even more enthusiasm amongst teachers for the Outdoor Garden Space. On a sour note, we had some vandals dump over our containers about a week ago. I have put a work order in and brainstorming some idea how to solve this situation.

**Teri Parker motioned to approve the \$500.00 for the Outdoor Garden Space, Rebekah Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favour click Yes, all opposed click No - 5 members in favour, none opposed. The motion has been passed.**

Rebekah P - The meeting is now open for new business.

## New Business:

**Volunteers** – given by Rebekah P.

We are always looking for Volunteers. Next GM is our AGM and we will be voting in a new PAC Executive. If this is something you want to get involved in, please come out and learn the ropes. Our kids' education and public education is something that always needs volunteers.

## Announcements:

**PAC Kitchen Renovation** – given by Rochelle A.

The next big project that I would like to see the new PAC Exec take on is a new PAC kitchen, At William Watson we have a huge Hot Lunch program. To start with, in the immediate future we are going to need 2 large refrigerators to house the fruit and veggies, the milk and all perishables. I am willing to help guide and support this project in any way possible.

Rebekah P - The next GM will be our 4<sup>th</sup> general meeting and our annual meeting. It will include voting in a new PAC Executive.

Next Annual General Meeting: Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:30 – 8:00 – Likely Via Zoom

Adjournment: Rebekah P motioned to adjourn the meeting, Teri P 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favour click Yes, all opposed click No - 5 members in favour, none opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Teri Parker (WWE PAC Secretary)