

**OCEAN CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
MEETING MINUTES**



**Friday, 5th February, 2021
09:30 am
ONLINE via ZOOM**

Type of Meeting: Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Topic: February PAC Meeting

Time: Feb 5th, 2021 09:30 AM Vancouver

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Meeting ID: 952 4208 5435

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Your PAC Committee:

President: Charlotte Douglas

Vice President: Jenny McCormick

Treasurer: Melissa Christopherson

Secretary: Julie Ward

Present:

Principle Andrew Zadeiks, President Charlotte Douglas, Vice President Jenny McCormick, Treasurer Melissa Christopherson, Secretary Julie Ward.

Additionally: Ash, H. Smith, Harold, Laura Kalenuik, Suzanne Brunke, Bryan Imrie, Rebecca, Danica Galleher, Amy, Nikii Meyer, Jessica.

Regrets: None

Agenda Items

1. **Call to Order:** Charlotte Douglas 09:30

2. Adoption of Agenda:

No issues with the Agenda, agenda was approved (No Motion necessary)

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from December 4th, 2020

No issues with the Minutes, agenda was approved (No Motion necessary)

4. Amendments:

- Addendum from Rebecca regarding munch n lunch: 4.3a - to clarify amount after closed at the end of the school year - \$6,400.96, not \$11,000... Melissa clarified correct amount
- Addendum from Rebecca regarding 6.1a regarding playground: to correct for Students and Community with challenges: goal to raise 10,000\$ is not correct. Requested it be removed as there was no goal at that point.

5. Ongoing Reports

- a. Principals Report: Mr. Andrew Zadeiks: 09:37 – 09:51
4a1: It's been a while since our last meeting. It's a different year and feel about the building. We don't have parents around and we miss you. We have had 5 new kids come and perhaps we will be getting one more. There is not a lot of room for more at this point. It's pretty quiet. We do have kids playing basketball during lunch. Some of the things going forward this month:
 - Valentine's Day next week
 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Acts of Kindness: also adding things to do to be kind and stay positive amidst covid-19. For example we had post-its go up in the bathrooms with positive messages. One thing we can do to be kind is to be safe: wear a mask while at school, wash hands, etc. Kids are brainstorming in class ways we can be kind to each other.
 - Also thanks to PAC because one of the initiatives will be to have Saleema Noon, Sexual Educator coming to the school, talking to the kids about their bodies. Presentations will be via zoom over two days. There will also be a parent evening that we as parents will be invited to.
 - Another thing starting next week is FSAs. This is something that is happening across the province. It reflects reading, writing and numeracy. It's a bit of a political hot button. We are doing it, but parents have the option to opt out. So that means kids can opt out.

- You may have also noticed the scaffolding outside our building. It's simply an update for our school. Cladding, gutters and roofing is getting work. In the summer our roof will have additional work done. Our district is also working on shutters this and next week switching from crank to powered shutters.
- We have these hand held virtual reality devices so that kids can go around the world on tour with a 3-D virtual tour and get field trips this way. The only thing is for these, for each of these we need to have a device to go into them. We will be asking parents if they have any old cell phones, we will need them wiped clean, and we just need the phone and cord to connect them to the internet. A notice will come out for this.
- Also I want to apologize. I don't get to all the emails in time and they pile up. Amy I know you asked about Kids in regard to staying after school – as we have been asking kids to leave after school and you asked about this. We only have supervision until 2:30. If they are hanging around we don't know where they are. They can come back after that. We are asking them to leave the school but can come back after they have been handed back into your care as parents. This way there is no confusion as to where your children are. That there is a proper good hand off back into your care.
- Also asked – will there be track this year? Andy: not at this point; we have not got permission so probably not at this point. I am not optimistic. We have talked about if we can continue also sports day, but we can't also compete with other schools. So we can't go to Bear Creek Park etc when there are other groups to compete with.
- Any other questions from Parents at this time? NO

b. President's Report: Charlotte Douglas: 09:51

- We had paint night Dec 15th and breakfast with Santa Dec 19th. Both were a massive hit with families.
- One of our goals is to increase engagement with Families. While we anticipate a slow progress, it looks like we are on the way there. We got feedback from parents who want to get involved and looking at other ways to move ahead and create more fun events. We are at the planning stages right now. Talking about a virtual magic show and online yoga. If you have any of your own ideas, please let us know. We would like to do more for the kids.

- For fund raising we are looking at more ways to do more for our Kids. We have started to look at show-casing local businesses and in return we are getting a little commission from this. We had one parent who is a realtor who offered to give us commission from one of her sales. We thought this might be an amazing opportunity for our school. We are really having to think outside the box at different ways we can fundraise especially without hot lunch. I know you haven't heard much from me lately - we have had a lot on the go behind the scenes – fundraising and making the most of our time to support our school the best we can.

c. Treasurer's Report: Melissa Christopherson 09:54 (Attached)

See attachment for Budget brake down:



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6. Other/ New Agenda Items

a. Inclusive Playground Initiative – Rebecca: 10:18



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Charlotte read out memo in regards to the Inclusive Playground Initiative. Two motions were passed, one to change the wording from Promissory Note, and the other to Accept the Memo into historical record. Both Motions were passed by secret electronic ballot unanimously. It was noted that since people and priorities do change, motions that are created by current executives do not bind future executives. This memo is simply to form historical record and is not binding in any way.

- b. The Secret Garden: 10:38 Charlotte: it was recently brought to my attention benches were rotten and needed attention. It made me enquire and I ended up having a wonderful discussion with a former teacher. The name is the secret garden. It has a really great story along with a really great reason why it is so important. I have taken it upon myself to fundraise personally to get it back to what it was and I think it will be covid-friendly. You will be getting a newsletter with photos from the past. Next steps and why it is important. I will ask 5,000\$ raised completely outside of scope of PAC budget. If

anyone would like to come and join my party of one please come and let me know.

Andy: when I asked the district to repair them they said they were not installed by the district. The fencing etc is not done by the district. We will have to work with the district. I would love to hear the story.

Charlotte: The cost of 5,000 is the cost of the district to revitalize.

Rebecca: can we make sure they are accessible?

Charlotte: We will look at that and see if we can do that.

Rebecca: I would be happy to be an advisor.

Jess: I LOVE coming with my kids and am a member of Dunsmuir. I will look to see how we can help.

- c. British Columbia Teachers Federation (i.e. BCTF) Communication/
Discussion: Bryan Imrie: 10:08: Andy I am excited about the virtual head-sets. I had written in the PAC when the letter came home, my concern that there is no corresponding view point as to whether it was from school, ministry district etc.. Especially for grade 7s they will read it before their parents get home. They might think these tests are awful etc.. without any real investigation as to why they are there. This is how I feel as a parent, and would like to see your view point. Andy: the BCTF – we were supposed to do FSAs in the fall, then January. It was delayed. I find that they will put it out they have permission. Bryan I just seem to see that FSAs I don't want to be going back and forth about it. I think it has become so common place and I forget that no everyone knows all the background on it. I appreciate you are hearing that but nobody else has said anything but I will try to send something out today to let people know that there is a different point of view.

Jenny: this is new to me. Can I ask? When something comes to this group – does it have to go out?

Andy: this is a snapshot for learning. But some are exempt from it due to anxiety or disabilities. We can exempt a child and so can a parent. From ministry point of view it helps them to direct learning. They want to know how kids are doing. There is a value to it, but there are other ways we could get it without the testing. Also how the information is used as well. For a while we got a ranking of schools based on it. Does that mean the teachers are better etc...? it has been a source of conflict from ministry and BCTF.

Parent: it does make you feel like you have to side with the teachers... I felt lucky because she does have anxiety so I had no problem saying we will opt out this year... but it would be helpful to know both points of view.

Andy: noted and I will point it out in the future.

Charlotte: I have never seen any communication before. It was confusing. Also clarifying who CAN opt out.

- d. Parent Online Community Engagement Forum: 10:47 Julie Ward. We have received an email from a parent saying that it would be great to have a way to increase parent involvement and it's tricky to have meetings when a lot of parents are working. So we are working on other ways to get that information out to parents and exploring ways we can increasing engagement. If you have any ideas please let us know. We currently have FB, etc..
- Jenny asked: have PAC meetings always been during the day? Are some during the night? Should we alternate days and nights?
- Parent: it has been tried and has not been successful. But that doesn't mean it might not be great this year. My only recommendation would be to do a survey first.

E: Niki: 10:25: We discussed helping out the teachers with the board games so we reached out to parents seeing if they had any they didn't need. Andy got together a wish list. About 3 games each. 51 games. Personally I have collected 25 games. But it has come to my attention parents have also donated directly to the school. So I think we must be close to our goal. I think there might be a newsletter going to the school I will send you a link. I do believe there is a spreadsheet to see what's left and then you can drop off at my hose and I can drop off on Monday. Laura added for the kindergarten class – the list is so overwhelming. It felt like, the list was not being fulfilled. So I took the initiative to see what was missing. I spoke to the kindergarten teacher and got specific with regard to the list. This way I would buying games that MY kid would benefit from. Nikki: in the future we can hold at the library in non covid way and maybe signed out so it might be easier. 604 816 4955 text me and I will text you where to go to the link. If we could get 10-15 more games this weekend that would be great.

Spirit wear: 10:36: We last did spirit wear in the fall. We would like to open it up again. I have Suzanne and Laura. With that said, next year is my last year at Ocean Cliff. I proposed that it be open for two weeks in March and then we can deliver orders. If there is anyone else who would like to be part of the spirit wear 604 816 4195 to let me know or email me.

6. Parent Check in: Q&A with Andy

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Friday Feb 5 - 9:30am
Friday Mar 5 - 9:30am
Friday Apr 9 - 9:30am
Friday May 7 - 9:30am
Friday Jun 4 - 9:30am

Please forward any agenda items: Your ideas and / or your concerns to Julie Ward at julie_ward79@hotmail.com no later than the Monday prior to the meeting. We welcome any new people to attend our meetings. Bring your ideas, enthusiasm and positive vibes!

PAC Mission Statement

The PAC is dedicated to the education and well-being of our children. The PAC's primary mandate is to promote effective communication between the home and school. The PAC shall encourage parents to participate in meaningful educational activities and decision making, to strengthen the role of families in education and schooling and to foster meaningful parent participation.

Meeting adjourned (time): 10:54