



**OCEAN CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY MEETING
Friday, Jan 21st, 2022
09:30 am ONLINE**

Your PAC Committee:

President: Jenny McCormick

Vice President: Grace McDonald

Treasurer: Melissa Christopherson

Secretary: Anna Stradiotti

DPAC: Danica Gallaher

Present: Brian N, Jenny M, Grace M, Amy F, Rebecca, Jasmine B, Laura K, Leah S, Malinda, Melissa C, Anna S.

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: 9:32AM

2. Adoption of Agenda: approved.

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from Nov 19th, 2021: approved.

4. Ongoing Reports

a. President's Message: Jenny McCormick

- Welcome to Ocean Cliff's new principal, Mr. Brian Newbold.

b. Principals Report: Mr. Brian Newbold

- This is Brian's first principalship. He was a Vice Principal at Georges Vanier for three years.
- Staffing update: one day per week added to integration support.
- Kindergarten registration: registration opened on Jan 10th. So far we have received 23 registrations which means we will likely remain at 14 divisions next year.

- Basketball: basketball started up this week for upper intermediate students. The plan is to start with some intramural games. He is hoping to have games with nearby schools toward the end of the season but these will be students only; parent drivers won't be permitted inside the gym.
- Science Fair: the goal this year is to have students focus on core science skills: science demonstrations and experiments (as opposed to research projects). Participating students are Grade 3 or above. Students will first show their experiments/ demonstrations in class; the top projects will be displayed in the gym for all students to see.
- Book Fair: the book fair will be run in February by Ms. Hobkirk. Likely students will go shop during their library block with their class, but it will probably not be open to parents this year.
- Intermediate Choir: Mr. Solis is running choir Thursdays at lunch. They are currently working on a performance for pink shirt day.
- Pink Shirt Day: this year it is on February 23. There will likely be a virtual assembly on the 23rd. Pink Shirts can be ordered through School Cash Online for those families that want them; this is not a fundraiser for the school.
- Grade 7 Camp: the school district has not approved overnight camps so it will likely not be a sleep over camp. The grade 7 teachers are looking at a possible day camp at Camp Jubilee; waiting on Camp Jubilee to confirm if they have staff available.
- Covid-19 Safety Measures
 - Check Up, Back Up, Wash Up, Mask Up
 - During the week before students arrived back in the classroom, teachers implemented strategies to avoid crowding and contact in the classroom.
 - Students are generally wearing their masks properly. Please send backup masks to school.
 - Parents are reminded to complete the daily health check. Do not send students to school if they are sick.
 - Assigned playground zones have been reimplemented to reduce crowding in different parts of the school.

- If parents have questions about whether their child should attend school please refer to the BCCDC website, public health or their family doctor. School administration is not in a position to give medical or public health advice.
- Spring Break international travel: unvaccinated students cannot attend school for 14 days upon return to Canada
- If students are experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 they should not be at school.
- All events will remain virtual up to Spring Break.
- Minimizing visitors in the school.
- There is a supply of gargle tests available at the office but it is diminishing quickly.

c. Treasurer's Report: Melissa Christopherson

- Melissa reviewed the general and gaming accounts
- There is \$37 296 in the General Account + Ocean Cliff Account.
- There is \$1537.19 in the Gaming Account.
- The projected balance at the end of June should be approximately \$10 000; a great position to start the 2022-2023 school year.
- Toward the end of the year we will send an email to families with credits in MunchALunch. They will be given the option to donate their credits to the school or request a refund.

5. Current Business

a. Hot Lunch – Term 2 (Jan – Mar) – Anna

- For the Jan - March 2022 session we have added a vendor to Wednesdays as well as added two Fridays per month.
- The addition of Menchies and Booster Juice has been popular with the students.
- We are grateful to our amazing parent volunteers who take the time to distribute hot lunch. Without them we would not be able to run the program.
- The first two Wednesdays were a bit challenging with the addition of a vendor, but we have a meeting planned with Michelle and Brian later today to iron out the kinks.

6. New Business

a. Grade 7 Graduation – Amy K

- **ACTION: AMY** will talk to Nikki about doing another Menchies order/hot lunch for the grade 7s on the day of their leaving

ceremony. She will act as a liaison between PAC and possibly a grad committee.

- **ACTION AMY:** Amy to ask Carla Bruce and Erin Riggs about any additional fundraisers they would like to do.

b. Purdy's Easter Fundraiser - Jasmine

- We will probably set the order period from March 7 - 25th with delivery between April 5-8. Announcements will be put up on social media and added to the WAG once the dates are confirmed.

c. Spirit Wear – Laura

- The vendor is willing to open the website if parents are interested. We can open it for a short time for those that want to purchase a new size etc.
- **ACTION LAURA:** Laura will request the sample rack from the vendor. If the samples are still available we can have the rack at school on one set day for parents to checkout feel/sizing.
- Laura has approximately 40 small sized black and some white shirts. They have the Champion logo on them only.
- **ACTION LAURA:** Laura to email Andrea Sekhon to look into donating the shirts to our sister school.
- Wine Tumblers: the vendor is sourcing options.

d. Virtual Paint Night – Jenny

- This was popular with the students when we offered it last year.
- Date to be determined but likely a Sunday at around 4:00pm.
- The class is approximately an hour.
- Similar to last year we would look at partnering with a local restaurant for families to purchase take out dinner.

e. Babysitting & Safety Course May 6 – Jenny

- Scheduled on May 6 - ProD day. This event is currently planned as a virtual event, but could possibly be in person depending in COVID-19 restrictions.

f. Spring Event – Casino Night or Golf Event – Danica/Jenny

- We would still like to plan a casino night or golf event in the spring. Details to come depending in COVID-19 restrictions/golf course availability.

g. End of Year Carnival – Jenny

- This would be a fun option potentially the weekend or a couple of weekends before the school year ends. At the moment this is just an idea to be investigated further depending on restrictions.

Other potential fundraising ideas:

- A local preschool had a successful gift basket fundraiser. They assembled themed baskets from donated goods; baskets included a gardening basket, pampering basket, movie night etc. They worked with their local stores including SaveOn, Safeway etc. The parents and their preschoolers would sell raffle tickets to be entered to win the baskets.
- Brian's previous school formed a partnership with Surrey Eagles. Students who sold the most tickets would win a field trip to a daytime Surrey eagles game.

Current Fundraisers

- Indigo: gift cards purchased through our website give 15% back to the school
- Flip Give
- Cobbs
- Natalinos
- Innovative Fitness package offers
- Whitestone Realty: If an OC family lists with them they will donate \$500 to the school

Chinese New Year

- **ACTION BRIAN:** Brian to put a call out in the WAG to anyone who wants to organize Chinese New Year and other cultural events.
- Parents can come after school to decorate.
- **ACTION MALINDA:** Malinda will assemble some materials for teachers to use when talking about and celebrating Chinese New Year.