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### Ecole Woodward Hill Elementary - PAC Meeting Oct 3, 2024 (6:00 pm)

- 1. Call to order (Land Acknowledgement)
  - Meeting started at 6:01 pm
  - Called to order by Andrea
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
  - Steve Binnag (1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Nirmal Binnag (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 3. Adoption of past meeting minute
  - Farzana Alefi (1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Karen C (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 4. Principal's Message
  - Start of school year
    - Took two weeks to organize classes
    - Classes are well balanced socially and academically
  - First people in residence
    - o Oct 21-25
    - Cultural facilitators will be attending WWH to share information on culture, histories and indigenous stories
  - Truth and Reconciliation Day
    - Was well organized, teachers led most of education about topic
    - Some stories about residential schools were too upsetting for all students to read about. Teachers geared information to students based on grade level
  - Terry Fox Run
    - Raised close to \$1,900 (surpassed goal of \$1,400)
    - Mr Issel and Ms Sharpe dressed up for students
    - Had a fun day after the event, Mr Issel and Ms Sharpe both took 3 pies to the face!
  - Halloween
    - $\circ$   $\,$  Costume parade to take place in gymnasium
    - $\circ$  We scare hunger food drive (Oct 18 Nov 1)
    - Vegetable carving?
      - Need to come up with a way to encourage participation



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• Drop off/ Pick up

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- People are often leaving vehicles
  - Or one parent leaves car to collect child, while other parent remain in car (but not moving, blocking other cars)
  - Too many parents entering lower parking lot to drop off/pick up
    - May need to look at closing gate for lower lot
    - Should strictly be staff/teacher parking only
- Remembrance Day
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Assembly on Nov 8th parents welcome to attend
  - School looking for any photos of family members or friends that are currently serving or have served in the Armed Forces
- Diwali
  - $\circ$  Planned for Nov 4<sup>th</sup> after school
  - o Photo booth booked
  - o DJ tentatively booked @ cost of \$500
  - o Samosas/Tiki sales
  - Henna artist needs to be booked
    - Approximate cost will be \$5 per design
  - Panorama Ridge or Sullivan Heights dance team will be invited again this year
- Early dismissal on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>
  - o @1:28pm
  - o Parents as Partners
    - School and parents work together to learn ways we can improve literacy by reading at home
    - Prioritize early learners
    - Parents are encouraged to submit photos of students reading at home

#### 5. Treasurers Report

#### Technology Funding

- Applied for Best Buy Technology grant
- Led by Ms Stuerle and Mr Issel
  - Unfortunately, WWH was not chosen as a recipient
- Need more technology items
  - School looking to PAC for support
  - Budgeted \$5-7K for support
  - VOTE: all in/ no one apposed to allot \$5k for support
- Proposed Budget 2024/2025 (vote)
  - o All in / no one apposed



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- o Looking for interesting ways to fundraise
  - Movie night was successful in previous years, but too much work required for clean up after event
  - Maybe schedule for Feb 2025(Family day weekend
    - More strict rules on food items allowed in gymnasium
    - Need an aisle down the middle
    - Limit outside chairs and "furniture" that was previously brought in
- Start "Munchie Mondays"
  - Sell snacks on Mondays (candy bags, chips, juice boxes?)
- o Hot Lunches
  - 2023/2024 was successful (\$5,174.70 profit)
- Halloween food sales from potential dance ??
- PAC member Mariam recommended/requested Eid event
  - Maybe end of March/ beginning of April
    - Right after Spring Break
    - Representation needed for Muslim students in community
    - Had approached Mr Issel last year aswell
- o Gaming Grant
  - Estimated to receive \$14,220
  - Funds can only be used for "non-profit" events
    - Cant be used for events such as movie night as we would be charging entrance fee
  - PAC has budgeted \$9,000 for Pickleball/Tennis/Zumba/Hip Hop
    - Hip hop was not deemed successful
    - Pickle ball and Tennis preferred?
  - Mr Johnson approached PAC for two wish list items
    - 6 ft choir riser (estimated cost \$1,200 USD
    - 2 choir microphones and stands
  - EA teachers looking for funds to purchase a bubble machine and a Little Tykes basketball hoop
- New bank signers
  - o Changed banks this year
  - o Lower fees
  - o Small charge for new cheques
- 6. Upcoming Events/Fundraisers



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- Diwali (Monday Nov 4)
- Purdy's Winter Fundraiser
- Saleem Noon
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Ask teachers if they want to invite her in to present to students
  - In past years, some parents have supported inviting Saleema Noon, others found presentation to detailed and not age appropriate
- Winter Theme Days Grinch Day?
  - Plan special days throughout the month
    - Ie: international hot chocolate day
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Grinch Day was well received and successful last year  $\,$
  - $\circ$   $\,$   $\,$  Planned for Monday Dec 16  $^{th}$  this year  $\,$
- 7. Questions/Comments
  - NONE
- 8. Adjournment
  - Meeting adjourned @ 7:15pm