**William F. Davidson Parent Advisory Council**

**PAC meeting minutes**

**Tuesday October 19th, 2021 @ 6:30**

**Attendees**: Ashlene Buksh, Michael Buksh, Donnafe Arabe, Zahara Rawji, Vaani Thillainathan, Shannon Chronoplous

1. **Welcome and Call to Order/ Territorial Acknowledgment**

Meeting called to order by Michael Buksh @ 6:30, “I would like to acknowledge the shared, unceded traditional territory of the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and other Coastal Salish Peoples on which land I have the privilege to work, play and learn.”

1. **Adoption of Agenda** – Passed as presented
2. **Adoption of Previous Minutes** – Passed as presented
3. **Reports**

4.1 **Principals Report**

Zahara Rawji reported that the school is following all the mandatory COVID protocols such as hand washing, sanitizing and wearing masks by all. Visitors used a sign in/sign out sheet to keep a record of those who are coming and leaving.

* There have been 55 new registrations and possibly go up to 60. 385 students enrolled in total.

The Terry Fox run was successfully held in September. The assembly was held at 50% capacity by dividing it into Primary and Intermediate sessions.

The school had a picture day.

The Soccer Team had a playdate with another school.

Meet the teacher night had an amazing turnout. It was done with social distancing and with individual appointments/ small groups.

Pro D Day – Focus was on Aboriginal representation. A speaker was invited to talk about history and how staff can be mindful about giving equal representation.

Orange Shirt Day – there was an assembly where the choir performed

Kids worked on a Cardboard Challenge, where they built different objects out of cardboard.

Volleyball – there is a girls and boys volleyball team.

Gravity Track – 33 feet track to be created and the entire school will be participating in the creation.

Grade 5 and Grade 6 classes are working on a woodworking project.

Remembrance Day gathering is on Nov 10th.

Hot lunch happened and it went well.

4.2 **Teacher’s Report** – None to Report

4.3 **Treasurer’s Report** –

Donnafe Arabe didn’t have anything to report for September.

Hot lunch that happened in October brought in a Profit of $133.00. $281.00 was the revenue.

There have been 386 orders for the Halloween Treats. The profit has not been calculated yet.

William F. Davidson has received a gaming grant of $7500.00 which will be deposited at the end of October and it has to be used within 3 years – reported by Ashlene Buksh.

**4.4 DPAC Report** –

Ashlene Buksh reported that in the DPAC they discussed what a PAC is and how it runs. About how to vote. There is a new group of parents formed to assist parents if they need help with filling out forms or other concerns, they can receive additional help through DPAC.

1. **Old Business** – none presented
2. **New Business** – Pink Shirt Day is coming up in February. Donnafe Arabe suggested that we can run a contest and have students design the T-shirt. The winner’s design will be printed on the t-shirt. Would be a good way to get the students to get involved.

Ashlene Buksh motioned that the PAC will give a Pink Shirt as gifts for all the students. Cost will be approximately $4.00

Seconded by Vaani Thillainathan and 3rd by Donnafe Arabe. All in Favor, passed that kids and staff will receive a pink t-shirt as a gift from PAC.

Zahara Rawji suggested that we give a criteria/idea of things that can go on the t-shirt.

Spirit Wear is already in motion.

Shannon Chronoplous, suggested if we can do Hot lunch for 5 weeks in a row. Ashlene Buksh suggested that if there are enough people to help on the day, then it is doable. Zahara Rawji added that she is working on cash online where families can do the payments online.

Discussed a few possible ways of delivering the pizza.

Michael Buksh suggested doing a Sushi Lunch. Zahara Rawji suggested Indian Lunch.

**Wish List**

Zahara Rawji mentioned that the kids are loving the 3D printers and that it is getting a lot of use. The school needs gym equipment. She is also applying for a grant through Freshslice. She will be meeting with the primary and the intermediate team to see what they would need.

**7.0 Open Forum**

Shannon Chronoplous asked about a new playground for the kids. Zahara Rawji mentioned that the school is due for a new playground. A person from the district has come to talk about it pre covid. He hasn’t come back yet. She said that we will be given about 6 months. The district will remove the playground, the parents will have to fundraise to build a new playground. Shannon Chronoplous asked if the gaming money can go into it and Ashlene Buksh said that it can go towards it but in order to save the gaming money we must apply. In order to do that we have to have all the documentation ready and we need to submit all of that to gaming. She also suggested that until we get the approval, we have to spend that money before it expires, which is 3 years.

Shannon Chronoplous asked how much it would cost? Zahara Rawji suggested that it will be over $125,000 and the existing playground will be removed when it expires. Donnafe Arabe questioned whether the cost included the installation and Zahara Rawji said that the parents were the ones who installed it and it reduced the cost by about $7000.00.

Zahara Rawji suggested that we can go to different playground companies that the district recommends, and we can see the work that they have done. She also said that we have about a year. The company will give us a plan and the PAC can vote on the design. Vaani Thillainathan asked if we can create awareness to let the parents know that we need a new playground and Ashlene Buksh suggested that we hold on until we have a plan in place.

Ashlene suggested that once we have a plan in place, we should open a separate account and deposit all the funds that are raised for this purpose into the account. She also mentioned that large donations must go to the district and make it. The district will have a separate account of that as well.

Zahara Rawji also mentioned that the donations will receive tax receipts for their donations. She also suggested that in her last school there was a developer and the rotary who donated money – and that might be something that we can look out for as well.

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Next General Meeting – TBD

“Respectfully Submitted by Vaani Thillainathan”