

Hello Parents,

We had a great year of fundraising last year and have just had the opportunity to spend it! We approached the teachers last year and asked them to let us know what some of their needs and wants were for creating a better learning environment for our kids. They came back to us with a list of things that they felt would best suit the growing needs of our school. At the September PAC meeting we discussed these ideas and then voted on the spending at the October meeting. This is a general breakdown

PAC General Account:

- > Aboriginal Resources - \$2000
- > 1 bundle of 10 ipads - \$5297.60
- > Tech and Art Supplies: \$700
- > Total: \$7997.60

Rationale: The new curriculum has a focus on Aboriginal perspectives and understandings at all grade levels. This is helping students learn about the world and how Aboriginal people have contributed to a strong society. Our resources are limited in this area and we would like to support student learning by increasing the resources available in this content area. We have a new system of assessment and reporting where students are actively involved in capturing their learning, reflecting on their growth and setting goals for future development. This involves the use of laptops and ipads. The 6 laptops would be “teacher” laptops that would support the FreshGrade reporting format. We currently have one set of ipads for students but they are consistently in use. As students expand their knowledge and skills in using ipads as a learning tool, the demand for their use is increasing. We currently do not have enough ipads in the school to meet the demand. This addition of these ipads would improve the learning opportunities of our students tremendously. We have many students using our 3D printer and participating in art clubs. With their participation, we use up a great deal of consumable materials such as filament spools (3D printer) and water colour paper, oil pastels and more. We would like to support our 3D printer with \$200 for filament spools and the art consumable supplies with \$500. We feel that these are wonderful opportunities for students to learn and would like them to continue.

PAC Gaming Account:

- > 6 Mac laptops = \$7553.28
- > 2 bundles of 10 ipads = \$10,595. 20
- > Ipad Cart = \$3276.00
- > Total: \$21, 424. 48

Rationale: We have a student tech team and a student technology club as well as a student Art Club. Developing these clubs gives students the opportunity to learn new technologies and expand their artistic expression. Within both of these clubs, students are using ipads for learning, creating and exploring. Students in the art club are doing animation using the App iMotion and the tech club is going to be exploring coding. Although there is a lot of cost involved in creating

the base for these clubs the opportunities for students to develop new skills in this type of environment is very exciting!

> Total Cost of all items: \$29422.08

We are very excited to have been a part of raising the funds to support our amazing teachers and staff. If you have any ideas for fundraising or have any ideas on how you would like to see money being spent by the PAC please attend our PAC meetings. We welcome everyone's ideas. Thanks so much and we are excited about the new opportunities we have to raise money this year. Hawkwear will be rolling out next week as well as Poinsettia orders and Digital Entertainment Books! Remember your orders benefit the students at Ray Shepherd Elementary School. Thanks so much for your amazing support!