



Walnut Road Elementary School PAC

PAC Minutes – January 20, 2022

Executive Council in Attendance

Susan Légaré, Chair
Amanda Widdes, Treasurer
Kirsten Harms, Vice Chair
Vicki Hunter, Secretary
Heather Horwood, Volunteer Coordinator

School Representatives

John Horstead, Principal
Ron Gerbrandt, Vice Principal
Sarah Baxter, Teacher/Parent

Others in Attendance

Sunhee Gooding, Member-at-Large
Jessica Beggs
Neil Beggs
Julie Hinshaw
Candy Li
Susan Matthews
Ashley Patel

Alice Simbaya
Virginia So
Christy Townshend
Nicole Welsford
Tracy Zhao

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

1. Welcome

Susan welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. PAC encourages all parents and caregivers to take an active part as automatic PAC members by attending a meeting, volunteering and just introducing themselves to another person they see. This will form invaluable relationships.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 26, 2021

It was motioned by Kirsten Harms and seconded by Heather Horwood to approve the minutes of the last PAC Meeting of November 26, 2021.

3. Principal's Report

- Mr. Horstead introduced Ron Gerbrandt, acting Vice-Principal of Walnut Road Elementary. Surrey School District will be distributing two rapid Covid tests per teacher and staff member. At this time, students will not be receiving the rapid Covid tests. The funding for this is coming from the Federal Government.

- Mr. Horstead explained what Functional Closures are. This will occur when there is an insufficient number of staff to provide instruction and supervision. The school liaises with the Superintendent and Fraser Health. When it is deemed necessary, learning will move online for 5 to 7 days.
- There is a higher than normal absenteeism for this time of year
- Funding for improved ventilation has also been announced federally.
- WRE is continuing to work on the Traffic Safety Committee. The Committee focus is on the traffic congestion in front of the school and students' safety. The Safety Committee is looking for parent volunteers.
- Mr. Horstead introduced the new Walnut Road app. The app is available on the Apple Store and the Google Play Store. Search for Walnut Road. On the app, you will receive the school's messages and calendar.
- Mr. Gerbrandt spoke about the school's focus with the intermediate teachers on writing this term. The goal is for students to become proficient writers. More information will be coming to the teachers in the near future.
- The school and parents expressed interest in purchasing Spirit Wear. It has been looked into repeatedly by the Fundraising Committee. Supply chain issues have hindered the process but the search will continue.

4. P.A.C. Updates

- **Treasurer's Report**

In the Organizational Account, the current balance is \$15,113.63 with no outstanding cheques to be cashed.

In the Gaming Account, the current balance is \$36,270.21 with no outstanding cheques to be cashed.

Total balance of all accounts \$51,383.84

Paid out:

Deck the Halls: \$397.20 (waiting on one more receipt)

Hot Lunch: \$6,216.05 to FUEL + misc expenses approximately \$23

PAC also topped up classroom funds for the extra students who enrolled before 2022.

- **Hip Hop/Field Studies**

Hip Hop classes will be from February 14 - 18. All divisions will participate. There will be two divisions at one time in the gym but it has been noted the classes paired up will be classes who already have been sharing their gym blocks since September. The instructors will be wearing masks as will the students. There will be no parents indoors however the final performance will be recorded and shared with the parents via a link online.

The Grade 7 classes will be going to Mount Seymour for their Grade 7 field trip this year.

- It was motioned by Sunhee Gooding and seconded by Susan Matthews that PAC pay \$400 towards the cost for the buses. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

- **Fundraising Committee Update**

Vicki Hunter and Sarah Baxter discussed the *Created by Kids* fundraiser that is underway at the school. Students are creating artwork in class or at home that can be produced into cards, key chains, mugs, puzzles, coasters, calendars, face masks. Students will bring their artwork home so parents can go online and order these various items with their child's artwork. Students are to bring their artwork back to the school. The products that the parents order will be delivered to the school. The original artwork will be returned with the order.

- **Event Summaries/News**

- Hot Lunches are currently on hold.
- HT Photography/Family Photos raised approximately \$500. The final total will be available once HT has finished their December/year end accounting.
- Growing Smiles raised \$111.09
- Deck the Halls - PAC safely assembled packages (wrapped hot chocolate, wrapped candy cane, jingle bell necklace craft) for each student in the school.

5. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm

Next P.A.C. meeting is February 17, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

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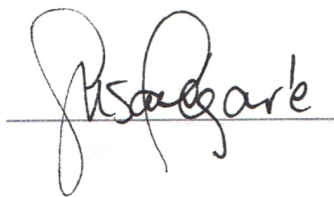
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Minutes Approved and Verified by:



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