



Walnut Road Elementary School PAC PAC Minutes – November 26, 2021

Executive Council in Attendance

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

School Representatives

John Horstead, Principal
Brette Barreiros, Teacher/Parent
Sarah Baxter, Teacher/Parent
Jacqueline Reyes, Teacher/Parent

Others in Attendance

Reema Aggarwal, DPAC Representative
Sunhee Gooding, Member-at-Large
Meriely Arias
Alanuth Asan Mohamed
Jessica Beggs
Susan Matthews
Ashley Patel
Bobby Sahota

Virginia So
Nicole Welsford
Gavin Wong
Candice Yeung
Ann Young
Grace Zhang
Emily

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

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 October 28, 2021

It was motioned by Saakshi Khanna and seconded by Amanda Widdes to approve the minutes of the last PAC Meeting of October 28, 2021.

3. Principal's Report

- The weekly school newsletter will now be electronically delivered on Sway.

- WRE is forming a Safety Committee that will be working on the traffic congestion in front of the school. The school will be working with the RCMP and By-Law Officers to improve the situation. The Safety Committee is looking for parent volunteers.
- Intermediate teachers will be focusing on Writing in January.
- Mr. Horstead is deeply committed to helping PAC with promoting Hot Lunches.

4. Treasurer's Report

In the Organizational Account, the current balance is \$17,509.07 with no outstanding cheques to be cashed.

In the Gaming Account, the current balance is \$36,380.21 with no outstanding cheques to be cashed.

Total balance of all accounts \$53,889.28

Paid out:

Hot Dog Day: \$1,613.82

Original Garden Broom: \$882.00

Total: \$2,495.82

Funds In: \$5,732.49 includes upcoming hot lunches.

Money in the organization account comes from our many fundraisers including hot lunch. P.A.C. is able to use the money in the organization account as they see fit.

Money in the Gaming account comes mainly from Government grants. Because of this we must use the money for non-curricular items and activities only. In the past this money has been used to fund activities such as Zumba and new gym equipment. This year P.A.C. has used Gaming grant money on individual classroom sports equipment and a digital art display for the hallway near the office.

5. P.A.C. Updates

- Fundraising Committee - The first meeting of the Fundraising Committee was on November 10. The committee consists of:

Vicki Hunter, Chair

Sandi Sawatzky

Jessica Beggs

Sarah Baxter

Shona Oyono

- Hot Dog Day Wrap-Up

Hot Dog Day is on Friday, November 5. This is a Spirit Event for the students rather than a full hot lunch. PAC is using the vendor for the first time and ensuring there is positive feedback. *F.U.E.L. Catering* is Covid-friendly with food items individually wrapped and sorted by class divisions. In all, just over \$200 was raised.

- Broom Fundraiser

This was an amazing fundraiser. PAC sold 84 brooms and made \$798. A special shout out to Jenny Aberdeen for making 14 sales to family, friends and neighbours.

- Hot Lunches

PAC has decided to go with F.U.E.L. Catering for the majority of the future hot lunches. Unfortunately, they do not provide pizza on their menu. PAC is looking for a pizza vendor and any other types of cuisine F.U.E.L. does not offer.

- HT Photography/Family Photos

HT Photography will be at the school on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 to take photos. To book a session, please go to <https://htphoto.com/booking-calendar/> HT Photography will deliver the pictures to the school. We need a minimum of 15 families per day. This would make an excellent Christmas present.

- Growing Smiles

We are selling poinsettias, wreaths and planters. All orders can be placed online at <https://walnutroadelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com> Orders are due Monday, November 29. Orders can be picked up on Monday, December 13. Our goal this year is to cover all costs for primary student holiday fun.

- Incentive for Sales

PAC is considering setting up an incentive for future sales with class challenges.

- P.A.C. Teacher Representative (Sarah Baxter)

Ms. Baxter is acting as a liaison between P.A.C. and Teachers and Admin at the school to make sure all ideas are heard and communication is as good as it can be. During a question and answer session it was suggested the students at the school may benefit from a fitness activity - with Covid 19 measures in place - that can become a presentation for families.

- Motion by Heather Horwood to set aside \$1200 for a WRE primary and intermediate fitness activity for the 2021-22 school year.
- Motioned seconded by Vicki Hunter
- **Motion passed**

6. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Next P.A.C. meeting is January 20, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

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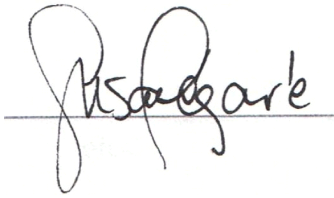
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Minutes Approved and Verified by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Park", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

*** Special thank you to all who took part in our Icebreaker Game! It was rocky but laughs were had.
Congratulations to Jacqueline Reyes for the win!***