

Pac Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, virtual meeting via Zoom

In Attendance:

Linda Piroddi, Carol DeFehr, Melanie Dumas, Rachel Griffith, Tanya Riggs, Alex Armstrong, Christine Richards, Jayne MacKinlay, Kristen McKay, Rachel Lagroix, Carly Filipic, Kerriane Ellis, Vanessa Worthington, Meiling Brain.

Minutes by: Rachel Griffith

Meeting called to order by Linda @9:30am

Adopting of September 2021 minutes, 1st. Tanya, 2nd. Linda, **PASSED**

Administration Report:

- Covid 19 update, all students K-7 are now wearing masks.
- In-school Volleyball league runs now until November 26.
- Thank you to the PAC for fundraising efforts.
- Staff members took a 'knowing our learners' survey. Staff communicated they would like to see more classroom iPads, alternate seating, the computer lab converted into LART/sensory room, and outdoor classroom supplies.
- iPads are needed for the Fresh Grade online portfolios.
- KEV cash online student fees deadline extended to Nov.15.
- Oct 18-22 is Waste Reduction week.
- Halloween costume day is Friday Oct. 29.
- PBIS (positive behaviour intervention system) bulletin board is in the long hallway. Right now focus is on staying safe in the hallways, and wearing a mask properly.
- Politeness Campaign in November, featuring how to greet someone politely, and how to be a classroom greater.
- Parent-teacher interviews are Nov.10. from 1:30-5:00. Parents can also ask for interviews anytime throughout the school year.
- SOGI update: on Oct. 21, 6 Lloyd George students participated in SOGI lead sessions. Oct. 20 is International Pronoun Day.

Treasurer's Report:

- Linda presented the September 2021 bank account transactions.

Fundraising Report:

- Art Cards will be completed by Oct. 29.
- Penguin Meat orders due Nov. 2, delivery is Nov. 18/21
- Growing Smiles orders due Nov.16, delivery is Nov. 30/21

- Looking into TRU EARTH laundry fundraiser for the future

New/Tabled Items:

- No update on the Legacy Grant application.
- New library shelves have arrived and are being assembled.
- Revisit the annual allowance for teachers; currently, divisional teachers get \$150 per year plus \$100 per year for bussing. Non-divisional teachers (LART, Music, Aboriginal Educator do not receive annual funding from PAC). Currently, there is little criteria to how the teachers spend the money, as long as it is used for their students/classroom.
 - Linda put forth a motion to increase the annual divisional teacher PAC allowance to \$300, by allocating the \$100 bus funding to the allowance, and increasing it by \$50 to equal \$300. Teachers can choose to spend those funds on bus field trips or not. The motion is carried over to the November meeting.
Discussion included:
 - What is an appropriate amount - PAC's from other schools listed by Mme DeFehr give \$300+ for the annual allowance; but do not offer bus funding.
 - Requiring the money be spent annually and not able to be carried forward to ensure today's students benefit from the funds; there are some teachers that have not been spending the money; unsure of what they are saving for.
 - If teachers are saving for something, perhaps ask PAC for additional financial help. Currently, PAC prioritizes funding requests based on the entire school, intermediate/primary, grade, then classroom.
 - Admin may be asking PAC for help with big, ongoing projects including a sensory room, outdoor classroom.
 - Does PAC want to save money to support potential big, ongoing projects, or continue to help with funding requests throughout the year?
 - Concern that the amalgamation of allowance and bus funds will discourage field trips;
 - Linda will send some questions (what is the money used for, is it spent every year, if not what are you saving for, etc.) to the teachers via Mme DeFehr so we have more information when this discussion continues at the November meeting.

Correspondence/Clubs:

- **Canadian Parents For French (CPF)**
 - www.cpf.ca
 - No update this month
- **DPAC**
 - Sept. 2021 minutes are available to read on the DPAC website DPAC.sd73.bc.ca
 - DPAC AGM this evening
 - BCCPAC presenting PAC 101 information session this evening
 - Board invited all PAC's to participate in District Strategic Planning Session

Funding Requests:

- Approximately \$1500 to record Remembrance Day ceremony, Band concerts, Winter Christmas concert
 - tabled until next month's PAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:07am

Next meeting Tuesday, Nov.16, 2021 @9:30am via Zoom