

PAC Minutes

March 5, 2024



McMillan
Elementary School

Attendees:

President: Paula Hamilton

Vice President: Braylee de Blicck

Secretary: Shawn Davids

Fraser Liaison: Jackie Sovick

Treasurer: Caitlyn Wilson

Fundraising Coordinator: Cora Giles

Fun Fair Coordinator: Stephanie Pankratz

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Natasha MacLeay (absent)

Principal: Christine Jordan (Absent)

Vice Principal: Suzi McClelland

Other Attendees: Cathy Quiton, Rayne Balaz-Carlson, Deanna Findlay

Meeting Called to order: 6:35

Approval – minutes reviewed and approved by Cora first Stephanie second

Principal's Report – Christine Jordan and Suzi McClelland

- Thank Yous
 - Supporting T shirt contest
 - Three winners are excited to get their shirt
 - About 80 kids entered
 - We combined three designs (hence the three winners)
 - Paying for the dancer to come and work with the students
 - Art Starts – Metaphor coming Friday afternoon
 - Grade 5 Waterslides
 - Thank you for putting \$1500 towards that
- Joy and Kindness Club
 - They are planning lots of things
 - Not for the Canucks though 😞
 - PJ Day this Friday

- Surprise Freezie Day coming in June
- Abbotsford Canuck Jermaine Loewen
 - Wrote a book about kindness and perspective
 - Coming to read it to the grade 5s
 - Happening next Monday
- Track and Field
 - Coming June 4th for the grade 4s and 5s
- Emergency Kits
 - David Elliot ordered water and granola bars
 - Joy and Kindness Club helped replenish the kits
 - We are short one emergency kit somewhere (Mrs Erickson)
 - We'd like to order one more
- Husky Wear has been inventoried
 - Joy and Kindness club helped out
 - Paula H has a list of what's there
- Class Photos
 - Eyes were squinty
 - Next year we will tell them to do it inside
 - Recommended to use Darby Photos
 - Admin will follow up
- Dates to set for next year
 - Santa breakfast – November 30th
 - Fun Fair 2025 – May 30th
 - Movie Night – February 28th
 - Meet The Teacher/Carnival Night – September 18th
- Grade 5 Farewell Assembly
 - Monday June 24th after recess
 - Kids and parents invited
 - Kids get certificates and awards
 - Pizza and ice cream in multipurpose room
 - Pizza donated by Panago
 - Last year PAC purchased juice, chips and sundae ingredients as well as balloons (ones with numbers)
 - Hoping PAC can pay for that again this year
 - They leave the gym wearing sunglasses
 - \$200 to get them on Amazon
 - Parent could make them for cheaper
 - This is a surprise for the grade 5s
- 2024 – 2025 Preliminary Budget
 - Aligns with Strategic Plan
 - Student success is most important
 - Shared breakdown of Provincial Operating Grant
 - Basic allocation is \$8915 / student
 - Most of the money goes to staffing

- Shared some of the assumptions
 - Teacher raise will be funded by government
 - Will align with new strategic plan
- Budget Pressures
 - Inflation (3-6%)
 - Recruitment challenges
 - Demand for spaces
 - Student transportation
- Preliminary Estimates
 - Most is on salary and benefits
- Allocating the Budget to Schools
 - Part 1 ... follow collective agreement
 - Part 2 Allocations based on the size and level of the school
- Operation of Schools
 - Learning Support Services
 - Indigenous Education Department
 - Facilities Department
 - Information Technology Department
- Budget Allocations
 - 68% goes to schools
 - 17% Centralized Education Services
 - 12% Operations and Transportation
 - 3% District Business Administration
- School Budget
 - \$146,000 for McMillan
 - About \$93,000 goes to clerical and noon hour services
 - Rest is given to classes and grades (about \$30 per student)
 - We try to keep \$40,000 in the school bank account (separate from district allocation)
- Questions?
 - none

Fraser Liaison – Jackie

- Community programs running out of Fraser are not at capacity
 - Looking to offer them to other people (not just those who attend Fraser)
 - Leadership, Volleyball, Basketball, Crocheting, Optical Illusions,
 - Grade 5s can look at joining
 - Suzi can promote to grade 5s if there is still space
 - Jackie will clarify at the meeting next week at the Fraser PAC meeting
- Grade 8 leaving ceremony going on June 26th in the morning (pizza lunch)
- Vancouver Bandits basketball fundraiser for June 29th
 - Paula can share the Fraser post (after Fun Fair)
- They have Skateboarding coming with Replay for the whole school

Financial Report - Caitlyn

- See attached budget report
- Gaming Account \$11,050.89
- General Account \$27,766.93
 - Speaker we purchased still needs to come out (~\$1600)
- Gaming Grant Application is in process
- Fun Fair ... Need about \$4300 for the day of
- Shared a breakdown of the hot lunch profits by month (for January – April)

Fundraising – Cora

- Next popcorn day ... June 13th
- Need times for the Santa Claus Breakfast
 - 9:00am and 11:00am sitting of Santa
 - Contact Lions club to do the pancakes
 - Set up tables, etc, the night before

Hot Lunch - Natasha

- Upcoming Hot Lunches
 - June 19: Costco pizza/Cobs
- When kids think they have ordered but haven't, please don't send them down with "puppy dog eyes" asking about lunch
 - We will be saying no and sending them to the office if they need food.
 - We will have the school send an email to families as well to remind them about hot lunch orders
- For September can we get a list of families who cannot afford to purchase a lunch
 - There are 10 kids each day we have on a lunch program
 - Suzi will contact Natasha with the order

Fun Fair – Stephanie

- Biggest problem is volunteers
 - Hoping by the end of this week we'll send out another reminder
 - We're hoping to have some Yale leadership students to help out
 - Looking for volunteers who can access the square
 - 50/50 draw and the raffle
- Will talk to the teachers to help out with money things
 - Christine and Suzi will be available to help out wherever people need help
 - Student teachers might help out as well
- Notices went home last week asking for cakes for the cake walk
 - Two different categories (adult and kids)
- Music – we got the speaker from Long and McQuade
 - Just need Bluetooth to hook up to it
- Developing a back-up plan (forecast is rain)
 - We can bring it all inside (use classrooms, etc)

- We need reptiles in the MPR (they can't be outside in the rain)
- We would like to invite the families that can't afford to come
 - Christine/Suzi will contact families
- Fun Fair was mentioned at Ready Set Learn for incoming K students
 - There were notices in the bag
- Have six more spots for middle schoolers to run stations
- Dunk tank is full
 - Some of the fire fighters are doing it
- Volunteer List
 - Will send an email out this weekend to say we need more
 - Will be outside during pick up and drop off to recruit people
- Raffle boxes are ordered from Amazon
- We ordered another square and it has arrived
- Currently revenue is at \$4300
 - That is close to covering all our costs
 - Should be a good profit for the event
- If anyone has a garbage can, we need as many as we can get here
 - Suzi found some extra ones

Budget Asks

- Grade 5 Farewell (ice cream sundaes, sunglasses, number balloons) - \$500
- Year end Staff gifts – 40 x \$25; 3 x \$50 (clerical and admin) = \$1150.00

Voting

- Motion is to approve \$300 for the grade 5 farewell
 - Passed unanimously
- Motion is to approve up to \$1500 for year end staff gift cards
 - Passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17

Next PAC Meeting is June 11, 2024, at 6:30pm