

Tillicum Elementary PAC MEETING Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday February 12th, 2020

In Attendance:

Executive Lisa Connell (Vice-Chair), Mandy Greyling Holmwood (Secretary), Mira MacIver (Treasurer), Nicole Nyvall (VCPAC Rep.)

Administration Jeff Duyndam (Principal), Sue Ottenbreit (Vice-Principal)

Parents Manjit Braich, Deb Azouri, Christine Surridge, Margie Grubb, Alison Jacques, Genevieve Arnold

Regrets:

Executive Travis Rawluk (Chair)

6:30pm - Meeting brought to order by Lisa Connell

Approval of minutes from previous meeting, January 22, 2020.

Motion: Mira M.

2nd: Margie G.

All in favour.

Administration Updates

Principal/Vice-Principal Report:

- Lights Out month is going well - pizza party for the school that saves the most money!
- The Victoria Symphony sent a quartet to play for the school, and the Grade 2's and 4's will be heading to UVic to see the VS later this month.
- Kindergarten Registration: 79 registrants so far - majority are catchment and sibling priority; looking at 22 Divisions in 21 classrooms for the 2020/2021 school year; possibly moving music to the current ELL room to free up the classroom space.
- Student Led Conferences: admin will be trying an online parent sign-up as a trial run for fall
- Black-Top Repainting - our blacktop needs a refurbish, currently a sensory path around the whole school is being considered; the path flow has been reviewed by both OT and PT; possibility for the PAC to help provide funds for this next year
- September/First Day of School - we will be doing grade groups for the first few days (instead of the traditional class lineups with lists that are subject to change)
- February 26th is Pink Shirt Day - Assembly will be held at 1:15pm
- Winter Concert Committee - met to discuss adding concert dates/times to accommodate volume of concert-goers; currently hoping to do a rehearsal day, evening concert, then a 9am and 1pm concert the next day; considering the possibility of using Eventbrite for tickets to control volume.
- Library - Marigold's is completed and we are next in line.
- New Care Buildings being constructed - no sure timeline for registration, although it could be over the spring break. All information will be up on the SD61 website when it goes live. There will be 75 spots for Before and After care.

Treasurer report - Mira MacIver

- Game Night - cost: \$45.25
- Food for Fun January - profit raised: \$737.34
- Confirmed that Gaming Fund can be spent over 3 years from the time of receipt; although if the PAC is saving for something specific they can alert the Gaming Commission for approval to hang onto funds longer.

Overview of Fundraisers / Events - Funds Raised / Key Learnings

- **Games Night:** Did well but not as large a turnout as last time. Idea was raised to have a pizza dinner offered before/at the same time, with slices pre-sold.
- **Food for Fun on March 6th** - Nicole Nyvall is not able to organize for March, Lisa C, Lisa G, Mandy GH and other parent volunteers will be running it.

- **Walk-A-Thon for Rainbow Week** - Lisa C. is still working on this. Jeff and Sue indicated that the one in 2018 did not include any pledge forms, all donations were brought in by students, and the intake was quite high! Organization is in the works.

Old Business

- BCTF Presentations - there was some interest in the Facebook group, so Mandy to book 1 presentation with the BCTF for April, and see how it goes. If attendance is good, we could consider another one.
- PAC Fridge - Lisa C. finally got ahold of the right person to look at the fridge. Lisa moved that we spend \$104.00 for the inspection (and possible fix) of the fridge. Motion approved by Mira M. Seconded by Nicole. All in favour. Motion passed.

New Business

- We Love Tillicum Because.... - Mandy GH set up 2 stations in the school where staff, kids and families could write sticky notes and post them, on all the reasons why we love Tillicum. Everyone loved them, promoted school spirit!
- Needle Safety - Lisa C. & her son found a needle in their driveway (which is close to the school) - Lisa requested information on what the school teaches around needle safety etc? Jeff confirmed that Paul (custodian) sweeps the school grounds every day, and that odds of kids finding anything on school grounds is very low (it hasn't happened in recent memory); there is nothing in the curriculum currently on needle safety.
- Upcoming Presentations - Gary Anaka, Lifelong Eater
- April Fundraiser Ideas? Purdy's for Easter - Mandy GH to follow up with Nicole Nyvall on this
- Parking Situation - Genevieve A. was connected with our liaison police officer, Mr. C. They had a conversation about the frustrations of parents during pickup and drop off about lack of parking spaces, people parking in obvious No Parking zones, double parking, and just generally doing dangerous things. Cory suggested many things (putting sandwich boards/cones up, count the cars on a day or two for an average, if bringing to municipal council we should focus on timing & arriving at school, etc.). Discussion about creating a sub-committee to look at the problem, and come up with long term solutions to present.
- Crossing Guard - it was suggested that as a PAC we could approach local businesses to help sponsor the cost of getting our crossing guards back. More to come on this!
- Mira suggested a 'Did You Know' item for next newsletter; Did you know that food for fun is run by Nicole Nyvall who has done it for 12 years! Food for fun is a great fund generator for the PAC and takes lots of volunteer hours.
- Mira moved that we raise the price of pizza next year by \$0.25, as well as looking at the proper price that milk chocolate should be, now that our cost has gone up.
- Discussion about having Debbie House in the office set up a PAC account, so that we could start taking money online, that gets put into an account for the school that is ONLY for PAC incoming and spending.

7:45pm

Adjournment

Motion: Christine

2nd: Lisa C.

All in favour.