

TILlicum ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING MINUTES ****APPROVED****

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via Zoom

In Attendance:

- Executive: Lisa Connell (Chair), Mandy Greyling Holmwood (Vice Chair), Lauren Blakey (Secretary), Manjit Braich (Treasurer), Lisa Gelling, (VC Pac Rep)
- Admin: Jeff Duyndam (Principal), Rhonda Leduc (Vice Principal)
- Parents: Carli Conolly, Michelle Ellis Keja Lake, Mira MacIver, Nicole Nyvall, Phil Pollock Celeste Slow, Oge Stan-Ihemanma & Nastran

6:30 pm - Meeting brought to order by Lisa Connell, welcome back & introductions.

- Motion: Mandy Greyling Holmwood
- Second: Lisa Gelling

Administration Updates Principal/Vice-Principal Report: Jeff introduced new vice principal Rhonda. Thanks to all new parents for coming out. Discussed policy 11.5. (complaints process), ensuring everyone's concerns are given attention while still upholding the integrity of the education system.

Meet the Teacher & Pizza Night - Discussed how the meet the teacher& Pizza night might look this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Was initially scheduled for September 24th. Everyone agreed we would be able to work out parents and teachers getting that much needed connection while being socially distancing safe. We agreed parents would be able to view their child's new classrooms over zoom.

New Vice Principal: Rhonda Leduc introduced herself.

Office Staff: Jeff thanked our office staff for all their hard work due to the ever-changing pandemic situation.

IT: Jeff passed along thanks to Craig for all his hard work setting up the new office after the floors were ripped up and for setting up all of the new chrome books in the library.

Health & Safety Team: Jeff thanked our health and safety teams for putting in socially distancing protocols and directional arrows.

All Staff: A big thank you from the PAC to Jeff and all the staff for addressing the myriad of various requirements each family has.

Enrollment: Jeff discussed that fact that our current student enrolment sits at 398 (includes in class & hybrid learning students) which is a concern if we do not reach the 400 mark as this can drastically affect our funding and division #'s, staff, etc.

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Staffing Update: Tillicum is looking to hire a new counsellor. All posting rounds will be filled by the third week in September. Min/Max four hybrids. Hybrid class currently full. Children enrolled in hybrids can go in & out at Christmas and spring break.

Service Dog: Exciting news! We have now partnered with The University of Victoria to do a study on how service dogs can potentially help children with anxiety, so we now have access to a service dog at Tillicum that will work in conjunction with our in-school counselling services. Her name is Tilley! She is an Australian Shepherd/ Labradoodle cross. Kate Beaulac is our (contracted through Burnside/Gorge) youth and family counsellor and will also be working closely with our in-house counselling services.

EAs: EAs in the classroom are now assigned to cohorts instead of just grades. We are fortunate to have at least one for every cohort.

Fire Drills: We will still be holding fire drills for the safety of all students however cohorts will be participating in these drills individually.

Canopy Tents: We've acquired 6- **10x10 shelters** so they can head out rain or shine.

Recognition Assemblies: Will not be proceeding due to the current pandemic; however, we will still be continuing to recognize individually through their teachers in their classrooms.

Indigo Grant: This is the last year of our \$70,00 Indigo Grant. Each classroom was given \$600 each to enhance their classroom libraries.

Seaquarium: The Seaquarium lid broke, however it's up& running now.

Carpets: All classroom carpets had to be rolled up and stored due to the current pandemic, and teachers are finding other ways to have students sit on the floor that are easier to clean such as foam mats.

Washrooms: Washrooms are now for everyone, (not gender-specific), and they are a little crowded due to new social distancing regulations, so we are working on this.

Water fountains: Are now open for bottle re-filling and drinking and are being cleaned diligently every half an hour by our amazing custodial staff.

Before & After School Programming: will resume soon, and our program coordinator Dianne Dennis is working hard to make this happen in fun, safe new ways.

Field Trips: are allowed to happen this year if they are within walking distance, however parents will not be allowed to volunteer until further notice.

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Hot Lunch & Toast Program: Hot lunch program is now the cold lunch program. Toast program started this morning and is provided by our many donors as well as community link.

Federal Funding: Discussed Federal funds - What to do with the Covid-19 funds the Federal government is dispensing to our school district (3.4 Million, approximately \$70,000 per school). The three categories provided by the school board for our consideration are:

1. Health& Safety
2. Transportation
3. Learning and supports

We decided it would be prudent to poll the parents on the Tillicum Parents Facebook page and get back to Jeff with a few suggestions in 24 hours so he could pass on our thoughts to the school board.

Announcements: School announcements over the intercom at school will resume tomorrow, and a few students will be invited down to the office to report on the weather, etc.

Cleaning Products: Discussed what cleaning products the custodial staff are using, as well as sanitizers for the children. Students are of course welcome to bring their own sanitizer if they wish, as long as the alcohol content is 70% or higher.

Approval of minutes from the June (last) meeting;

- Motion to approve minutes: Lisa Gelling
- Second: Lauren Blakely

Treasurers Report Manjit: We raised \$137.50 from our Fairways gift card program from April, May, and June. Discussed expiry date on community gaming grants, as they donated some \$ to Tillicum last September. Discussed fundraisers we conduct annually.

Monk School Supplies Orders: Pe Jeff, all students who ordered school supplies through Monks for our fundraising initiatives should have received their supplies by today. We will be looking into alternative suppliers next year as there were quite a few problems this year with the Monks orders.

Emily Press Labels: We have a new fundraiser underway with Emily Press Labels. We've raised almost \$100 so far! It should be fairly lucrative as now every child's school supplies need to be individually labeled.

Market: Discussed the possibility of a Spring Market instead of a Christmas Market.

Food for Fun: Thanks to Nicole for all her hard work with this event over the years. Discussed the possibility of looking at **Kernels Popcorn** as a fundraiser instead of pizza, as it is too risky right now. Also looked at the possibility of a "bagged treats" style food for fun in lieu of pizza

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for now. Perhaps with some healthy options; booster juice? PAC will work on a fun, snacky type food for fun in conjunction with Halloween.

Purdy's: We will be doing our Purdy's Fundraiser at Christmas as normal this year, with an extended effort to really market it widely this Christmas.

Social Media: We talked about a Facebook group called "PACs Helping PACs" that might help us explore new & exciting fundraising options for our school.

8:35 pm – Meeting adjourned

- Motion: Lisa C
- Second: Lisa G