

TILlicum Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes ****APPROVED****

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via Zoom

In Attendance:

- Executive: Lisa Connell (Chair), Mandy Greyling Holmwood (Vice Chair), Manjit Braich (Treasurer), Lisa Gelling, (VC Pac Rep)
- Admin: Jeff Duyndam (Principal), Rhonda Leduc (Vice Principal)
- Parents: James Allan, Lauren Allan, Keja Lake, Luciane Luthi, Nicole Nyvall
- Regrets: Lauren Blakey (Secretary)

6:30 pm – Meeting brought to order by Lisa C, welcome and introductions.

- Motion: Mandy Greyling Holmwood
- Second: Nicole Nyvall

Meeting Minutes – Review and approval of last meeting’s minutes with the following corrections: Page 2 – Beaulac, Page 2 – Shepherd, Page 2 - \$600 per class for Indigo Grant

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Administration Updates Principal/Vice-Principal Report – Jeff Duyndam and Rhonda Leduc

Provincial Shakeout – scheduled for tomorrow, October 15th, in the am, all classes to participate and learn what to do in the event of an earthquake.

Lockdown Drill – scheduled with Saanich Police for November 24th @ 2:05 pm. Notice will be in the next newsletter to inform families as some have chosen not to participate in the past.

Staffing Update – finished September with under 400 students but the school district let us keep our funding. We do have some students coming back i.e. DL not working for them so good we were able to keep our funding.

Federal Funding – school received a one time allocation from the federal government which was used to get 1 x full time EA (to be staffed tomorrow - October 15th), \$6,953 of flex funding which staff is hoping to use for online literacy tools (Epic, etc.) and remainder on iPads for classrooms that don’t have any.

Love of Reading Grant – last year of our grant and each classroom will be receiving \$600 to purchase books which students had a hand in selecting.

Home Reading – all classes have a home reading program, time reading at home is tracked on a thermometer in the school (which parents can see anymore as they don’t have access – Jeff to take a photo and share with the PAC so we can post on FB group). 5,000 total nights gets the students an extra recess but this is problematic this year, as

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we can't mix cohorts. Currently exploring possible options for the reward i.e. popsicles, etc. School is open to suggestions, hopefully something without a cost associated.

Winter Concert – our traditional winter concert as we know it is off this year but staff would still like to do something and are currently exploring options like having each class come down to the gym to get filmed and then editing something together that will be sent home (kids that aren't able to be filmed would be included but not filmed).

Student Leadership – formerly We Club, school wants to do something this year but not being able to mix cohorts makes this challenging so looking at options to keep this important program alive.

Plexi Barriers – the school has now received a total of 16 plexi barriers that are available to teachers and counsellors to use for individual assessments, etc.

Gym – the gym is currently undergoing a transformation to get a new sound system, ceiling mounted projector, screen and in wall control panel. Put together via grants, facility and IT pieces.

Monthly Spirit Days – a committee has been started to hold a monthly spirit day for some added fun, the first one will be on October 30th (Halloween dress up).

Remembrance Day Assembly – not happening this year but school has assembled a team to make something happen in each classroom.

New Stairs – brand new set of emergency stairs off the parking lot side of the school. Old stairs constantly needed be repaired so they were removed and new stairs installed at emergency exit. Plan is to extend off the side of the stairs to create a staff bike rack to help staff avoid having to store their bikes in their classrooms, etc.

Voting – will take place on Saturdays only in the gym, accessed via the outside door. Elections BC has to hire our custodians to clean before and after. Will also be sprayed.

Treasurer Report – Manjit Braich

Gaming Grant – received approval and funds today of \$8,240 (based on 412 students)

Food for Fun – payments are rolling in, slowly but surely

Account Balances – Gaming Account = \$14,752.82, PAC High Interest Savings Account = \$4,383.17 and PAC Chequing Account = \$7,013.66

VCPAC Update – Mandy Greyling Holmwood

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AGM – Mandy attended the AGM, as Lisa G was double booked. Meeting was painful, they didn't reach quorum, no one was stepping up to fill roles and it felt very disheartening. Nicole mentioned that it used to be great but then became disorganized. The president is stepping down so hopefully the new president will be more organized. Next VCPAC meeting is on October 27th and Lisa G will attend.

Upcoming Fundraisers – All

Food for Fun – is taking place on Friday, October 30th. PAC to have school send out another reminder re forms and payment tomorrow (October 15th), currently have 4 parent volunteer for packing on Monday, October 26th (Keja can be a back up if needed). Lisa G may need help transporting items – Mandy and / or Lisa C can assist as needed. Will gauge how this FFF goes and then determine for next time and try to offer other options (maybe switch every other month). Lisa G to look at expiry dates of products when purchasing and determining offerings. Interest in having pizza again expressed but it is complicated with the protocols from the pizza vendor and school – may explore this again in the new year. On Tuesday, October 20th all FFF shopping will be done by Lisa G so all follow-up on outstanding orders and payments will happen on Monday, October 19th. Lisa C and Mandy to assist Manjit as needed to chase orders and payments.

2020 Walk-a-thon – Lisa C contacted Erica Saniszlo (PE teacher) and Erica happily agreed to take the walk-a-thon stickers and work with the teachers to create their own mini walk-a-thon per class. Each student to receive a We Belong Walk-a-thon sticker for their participation. No funds to be raised but stickers will be enjoyed by the students.

Purdy's – Nicole set due date for late November / early November. PAC will push this fundraiser and encourage families to bring order forms to work, etc. Will distribute order forms after Halloween. Lisa C happy to assist to create email to be sent out.

Spring Market – aiming to have an outdoor, farmer's market in the spring (late May / early June), to be spaced out on the field. Mandy and Lisa G to spearhead.

Other Fundraising Options – recommendation made by James re Bottle Depot. Lisa C to reach out and see if we still have an active account. If not, Lisa C to set one up.

Old Business – All

Earthquake Supplies and Comfort Kits – basically done, Mandy to connect directly with Jeff on final steps (storage)

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Parent Division Reps – would love to institute this but recruitment is hard. Keja developed a FB page for her class and sent the link to the teacher to share. This might be a good option for this. More thought and work to be done on this initiative.

New Business – All

Police Liaison Program – added to agenda following a heated chat on FB group. School and PAC were informed that a committee has been formed and is reviewing this program to determine if it fits within the current strategic plan. Committee will circle back once they have completed this review. Other districts are also reviewing.

Facebook Group – Mandy approved the police liaison post knowing it would be a hot topic but did her best to moderate and keep it positive. She eventually had to turn off the commenting and this resulted in her being personally contacted by a parent. Based on this experience, Mandy has decided to take a step back from moderating the group and Lisa G and Lisa C will continue to moderate. Very manageable at the moment but will ask for another volunteer if needed. PAC is using this as a learning opportunity and Lisa C and Mandy are working on creating a code of conduct for this group to keep the group a positive, information and connection hub for parents. In the future, PAC will try to contact members before their post is approved to see if we can offer guidance.

7:35 pm – Meeting adjourned

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