

# TILlicum ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING MINUTES **\*\*APPROVED\*\***

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020 via Zoom**

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## **In Attendance:**

- Executive: Lisa Connell (Chair), Mandy Greyling Holmwood (Vice Chair), Manjit Braich (Treasurer), Lauren Blakely (Secretary) & Lisa Gelling, (VCPAC Rep)
- Admin: Jeff Duyndam (Principal) & Rhonda Leduc (Vice Principal)
- Parents: Carli Connolly, Elise Cote, Sarah Galuska, Alison Jacques, Thomas Kizik, Keja Lake, Nicole Nyvall & Lauralee Wood

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

- Motion: Lauren Blakely
- Second: Nicole Nyvall

**Meeting Minutes** – Review and approval of last meeting's minutes

- Motion: Nicole Nyvall
- Second: Mandy Greyling Holmwood

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

**Monthly Staff Meeting** - Discussed monthly staff meeting; 260 Covid-19 exposures at schools in BC so far this school year,  $\frac{3}{4}$  were elementary schools so staff reviewed our protocols to make sure we're on top of things. About 40 Tillicum students have been tested so far (that we know of) and none have tested positive.

**Remembrance Day** - Jeff received lots of thank yous for how well Remembrance Day celebrations went, even though they looked a lot different this year.

**New EA** - Tillicum has welcomed a new EA, Melissa Smith. She comes to us from Eagle View and has been placed in Mrs. Grubb's class. She is also now in charge of the nutritional snack program. Trisha has been training her on this.

**EAGs** - Our school district is currently experiencing a shortage of EAGs (EAG – general EA, EAP – physical EA, DEA- district EA, etc.). If anyone knows someone who might be interested in being an EAG, please apply to the school district directly.

**Facility Update** - The gym upgrades are finished! Tillicum's gym now has a new sound system, controls in the walls, new speakers, new projector, blue tooth, Apple TV pad on the wall for controls and counterweight on the curtain so it can come down now. We've repainted the blue line on Orillia Street as it was chipping and flaking. We've also filled the hole on Orillia side with cement. The weights we ordered for the outdoor tents finally arrived. They had a very strong tar-like odour. They were originally put in the boiler room but had to be moved outside.

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**Lunch Protocols** - Students are now eating lunches in their classrooms with their teachers. Last year there were typically 15-20 behaviour related referrals during the lunch hour, this year there have been none. Teachers have mixed feelings on these new lunch protocols. Some are using the lunch hour to do other activities as well such as extra study time. The teachers now determine their own lunch schedule. The PAC brought up the info and concerns that were shared on this topic in the FB group with Jeff & Rhonda.

**Chrome Book Purchases** - With the new Federal funding, Tillicum was able to purchase ten more Chrome books and the school added two more. They are all on their way. Rhonda proposed purchasing 10 additional Chrome books for inclusive education students to take home @ \$300/piece x 10 = \$3000. We decided to table this discussion until later in the meeting, during the finance portion.

**Letter Grades** - The District has proposed eliminating letter grades for grades 4 & 5, as many educators believe it is ineffective assigning letter grades in the younger years. District teachers will be making this happen.

**Lock Down Drill** - There will be a lock down drill November 24<sup>th</sup> so all staff and students now know how to proceed if there was a lock down. Saanich Police have a new policy of using air horns during emergencies to alert staff and students that may be outside during an emergency - 1 x blast means get off the property and 3 x short blasts means get inside the building to hold and secure.

**Recess** - It is very hard to call an indoor day. Jeff now leaves this up to the teachers as all of the breaks are staggered and the weather changes so quickly. He encourages all parents to ensure their children are outfitted properly for the elements.

**Granola Bar Drive** - Jodi Dagg is collecting granola bars outside of her class for her annual holiday granola bar train to help the homeless 😊

**Christmas Concert** - For the Christmas concert this year, each class will be preparing a song, which will be performed and filmed in the music room and then edited into a school wide collaboration. This video will then be emailed to the parents and families of students to enjoy in a socially distanced way. Each class will be making their own decorations for the music room. The school will be diligently double-checking with any parents that signed the form to NOT have their child videotaped at the beginning of the year and ask them if they wish to have their child in the video. If they still do not their child filmed, the school will ensure the child is still a part of the performance just not captured on film.

**Drop Off & Pick-ups** - We discussed drop offs and pick-ups and Lauralee brought up the traffic and safety concerns around the school. The PAC has decided to form a

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committee to help with these ongoing traffic, parking and safety during these times. Lauralee, Mandy, Keja, Elise and Lisa C expressed interest. An offline conversation will be started to get this group formed. One of the things we will tackle is trying to get a proper drop off zone allocated for our school and having Cory Volk, our police liaison officer, police the school to help monitor our concerns. Lauralee also expressed interest in having the school participate in the CRD's Walk & Wheel event, which takes place in October. Lauralee will spearhead getting Tillicum involved. Lastly, we discussed reminding parents to wear masks for drop offs and pick-ups whenever possible and to remember to be cognisant of social distancing especially adults playing with other children that are not their own.

### **Treasurer Report – Manjit Braich**

**Banking Update** - Account update as follows: \$14,752.82 in gaming fund, \$959.39 in PAC chequing account and \$3,383.64 in PAC savings account.

**FFF** - October Food For Fun profits were \$338.35.

**Monks** - Monks School Supply fundraiser profits were \$651.13 and cheque is en route to the school per Monks.

**Fairway** - July, August and September Fairways cards fundraiser profits were \$162.50.

**Chrome Book Purchase Request** – Revisited Rhonda's request for 10 x additional Chrome Books for inclusive Ed students. Unfortunately we can't use gaming funds, as these have to be non-curriculum items. The PAC has already purchased a cart of Chrome books for the school and we don't feel PAC funds should be used for something only a few students will use off campus. Mandy suggested we fundraise specifically for these next year. The PAC agreed and will revisit in the new year.

### **VCPAC Update – Lisa Gelling**

**Update** – Lisa G attended the VCPAC meeting. At the meeting, the VCPAC voted in some new members. They're still looking for some new ones as well. They extensively discussed covid-19 "hot lunch" options - some are doing it, some are not. It was also mentioned at the meeting that View Royal's playground recently got condemned.

### **Upcoming Fundraisers – All**

**Purdy's** - Nicole provided us with an update on this fundraiser. We have sold \$3,877 to date with \$724 in pending sales. We have a confirmed profit of just under \$1000. We have set a Purdy's fundraising goal of \$5,000. Deadline to order is November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**December Food for Fun** – Our next FFF (a.k.a. snack attack) is on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We discussed some of the feedback received to date re selections, healthier options, etc. The PAC has changed out some of the snack items and focused on keeping the more popular items that were purchased during the October FFF. The PAC will continue to revisit items each time and select things accordingly. We have also moved to school cash online for payment so no forms will be sent home. The PAC will work directly with any families that are unable to do school cash online. Jeff is to let all teachers know that on FFF day, there will be extra snacks in the office for any mistakes or emergencies. Mandy, Lisa G, Lauren, Laura Lee, Alison, Keja, and Carli have all volunteered to help pack the next Food for Fun on December 7<sup>th</sup>. A FB messenger group will be created to correspond on the FFF details for volunteers. Lisa G will handle the shopping and Lauren has offered to assist if needed. The PAC would like to try and coordinate at least one pizza FFF this year so Lauren has offered to call around and look into individually boxed pizza etc. Lisa to provide any PAC pizza contacts to Lauren.

**Gifts Sale** - The annual holiday gift sale has been tabled until next year due to logistics and protocols around Covid-19. The PAC tried to explore other options, but none were really feasible. Lisa C to craft an email for the teachers that Jeff will forward to advise them that the gift sale is cancelled and remind them to try and have kids make some crafts to take home.

**Spring Market** – Nothing new to report here. We will discuss the Spring Market next meeting.

**Mother's Day Plant Sale** – As we missed the deadline to do a poinsettia fundraiser this year, we are looking into doing a Mother's Day Plant Sale. Lisa C. to contact Hilltop Nurseries and circle back with info

### **Old Business – All**

No old business.

### **New Business – All**

No new business.

### **8:35 pm – Meeting adjourned**

- Motion: Lauren Blakely
- Second: Carli Connolly

**\*\*There will be no December PAC meeting. Happy Holidays!!**