

TILlicum Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes **APPROVED**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 via Zoom

In Attendance:

- Executive: Lisa Connell (Chair), Mandy Greyling Holmwood (Vice Chair), Manjit Braich (Treasurer), Cathy Hanan (Secretary) & Lisa Gelling (VCPAC Rep)
- Admin: Jeff Duyndam (Principal) & Rhonda Leduc (Vice Principal)
- Parents: Amy Brownhill, Sara Cannon, Carli Conolly, Michelle D, Michelle Ellis, Melissa Erletz, Virginia Espinosa, Keja Lake, Lauralee Wood & Jennifer Wright

6:32 pm – Meeting brought to order by Lisa C, welcome and introductions.

- Motion: Lisa Gelling
- Second: Virginia Espinosa

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

- Motion: Lisa Gelling
- Second: Mandy Greyling Holmwood

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

- Birthday pencils are still available from the office to all students on their birthday
- Chek News visited the school today and commented on the cleanliness and welcoming environment
- Update on the new reporting system for K–9 beginning next school year (2022/23). No letter grades for grades 4 & 5, 4-point proficiency scale.
- November 25 lockdown drill with Saanich Police
- Saanich Project – \$1.6 million to make improvements to roads, cross walks and sidewalks. Jeff has plans in his office for anyone who would like to see them. Project is scheduled to begin this summer to avoid school disruption.
- Granola bar drive with Jody Dagg starts next week (19th year!!)
- Remembrance Day ceremonies held on 9th and 10th. A piper attended the two outdoor services held on the 10th
- December 1 – pajama day for the entire school
- School Secretary Debbie House is retiring in December
- Review of Covid protocols with the staff including hand washing - especially before eating, no buddy classes at this time. Island Health advises most cases are coming from sleepovers and outdoor hotdog parties where condiments are being shared.
- Question about possible vaccine mandate for teachers. Jeff reported there is no mandate at this time due primarily to staffing issues.
 - Lisa Connell encouraged parents to join the PAC Facebook page so we can continue to track and monitor COVID cases in our school. Encouraged all parents to contact any local, municipal, provincial representatives we can about our current situation/experience.

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Treasurer Report – Manjit Braich

- High-interest Savings Acct = \$87.40
- Chequing = \$4,548.9
- Gaming Chequing = \$19,262.32
- School Cash Online = \$448.00 (approx.)
- Received confirmation of \$250 education grant and \$40 personal donation from Mayor Fred Haynes and his wife Cathy

VCPAC Update – Lisa Gelling

- Currently an interim superintendent in the district. New superintendent to be confirmed in June.
- Learning through Lunch K – 5 pilot project where instructional time happens during eating time. Waiting to hear when feedback will be requested from parents and staff.
- School district 61 has tabled discussion about vaccine mandates indefinitely

MLA Meeting – Lisa Gelling

- Meeting with MLA Rob Fleming held on November 9th - Lisa G and Elise attended on behalf of Tillicum PAC. He had spoken with Island Health and the School District about the current rate of exposure and time it takes to get notifications to school families. He is proposing an information session about vaccines and vaccine rollout for children. Learned the school district does have COVID exposure numbers, but are not releasing them at this time. There have been 100 cases in elementary school and only 5 cases in high school. Asked about having rapid tests available to schools. Tests are not to be made available because of accuracy. His office is looking into the statistics behind the accuracy claims and will follow up.

Upcoming Fundraisers – All

- Food for Fun – next date is December 10th. Portal will open on November 16th, close November 29th, shopping on December 1st and packing on December 6th. Lisa G to spearhead.
- Hillside Nurseries Poinsettia fundraiser - raised \$974. Lisa Connell needs helpers on November 25 and November 26 for plant arrival and pick up. Keja, Mandy, Carli, Cathy (26th pm) Michelle E & Lauralee (26th) volunteered to help.
- Purdy's – in full swing. Genevieve Arnold is spearheading. Deadline is November 27th for orders and delivery takes place around December 8th. Volunteers for order sorting include Keja, Carli, Cathy, Sara, and Lisa C.
- UVic Vikes Basketball team – offered a basketball ticket fundraiser. Similar to Royals hockey – not a great moneymaker for the effort required.

Old Business – All

- Disc Golf - Keja updated on disc golf research. Had an assessment at the school and created proposals for up to 4 disc golf baskets on the Maddock field. We can provide a

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plan or proposal to the district for a quote on the costs to install the baskets. Once we know the labour costs then we can better decide on the scope of the project. Keja to work with Jeff on submitting a proposal to the district. Lisa C to assist as needed.

New Business – All

- Debbie House - school secretary is retiring in December. Lisa Connell will work on the gift allocating up to \$75 from the gift budget.

7:30 – Meeting adjourned

- Motion: Carly Connolly
- Second: Lisa Gelling