

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

April 13, 2022 via Zoom

In Attendance:

- Executive: Lisa Connell (Chair), Mandy Greyling Holmwood (Vice Chair), Lisa Gelling (VCPAC Rep) & Cathy Hanan (Secretary)
- Admin: Jeff Duyndam (Principal) & Rhonda Leduc (Vice Principal)
- Parents: Sara Cannon, Shannon Galley, Keja Lake, Alice Shaughnessy & Lauralee Wood
- Regrets: Manjit Braich (Treasurer)

6:35 pm – Meeting brought to order by Lisa Connell, welcome and introductions.

- Motion: Keja Lake
- Second: Cathy Hanan

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

- Motion: Lisa Gelling
- Second: Keja Lake

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

- Class photo day: May 11
- Rainbow Week: May 16 – 20
- New IEA (Indigenous Education Assistant) was introduced to the teachers. She will be in school twice weekly until the end of the school year to help teachers and students
- Student Led Conferences – April 20/21. Early dismissal April 20. Teachers have freedom to make their own schedule this year to accommodate schedules and should have already reached out to families.
- Debbie House stopped by to say hello and is doing well
- Visit from Dion Birtwistle, our school liaison officer. He brought donations from Cobbs for school breakfast program and he and his wife have committed to picking up and dropping off as they can.
- Tractors are back on the field to mow the fields. Hoping to have the track lines on the field next week
- School budgets approved by the board – operating budget cut of approximately 33%. This is for art supplies, paper etc. Daytime custodial cut by 50% which means staff and admin will have to deal with all messes in addition to their main duties.
- Staffing review for next year in process over the next 2 weeks. Overall EA hours will be down 55 per week from current year. Funded for 399 students which meets expected our numbers - losing library and some office staff time because we are under 400 students. Will be getting a .5 Early Literacy Teacher, which will replace reading recovery program.
- Start and finish times to be streamlined across the province. Parents are to be surveyed as to preferred start and finish times but looking at 8:50 am to 2:42 pm with a 45-minute lunch (to be confirmed).

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- Teachers at Tillicum are embracing learning through lunch pilot program. They find it's keeping the classrooms cleaner and kids more focussed on eating. Kids will get 45 minutes outside and leaves time for lunch break activities
- Nutritional Snack Program has been updated. We are expecting 20 – 30 to sign up for the subsidized portion and currently 20 have done so.
- Donation received from the Rotary Club of \$6000 to help fund the lunchtime nutritional snack program and assist with Kate's hours.
- Track and Field zone meet at UVic is on May 27th for grades 3, 4 & 5.
- Welcome to Kindergarten is on May 19 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
- Chess club, choir, track & field are back up and running
- June 13 beach day for the entire school at Gyro Beach in Cadboro Bay. PAC is funding the transportation.
- Grade 5 teachers are planning year-end celebration. Events day and year end assembly
- Rainbow club has formed to work on events for Rainbow Week
- Lauralee asked about Bike to School Week and will connect directly with Rhonda on this.
- Lisa C will send requested gym block off dates for PAC events directly to Jeff (CC to Megan)
- Lisa C asked if gym classes and clubs would be using the new disc baskets. Jeff says they will be used.

Treasurer Report – Lisa Connell for Manjit Braich

- Account Balances:
 - Tillicum PAC High-interest Savings Account = \$87.45
 - Tillicum PAC Chequing Account = \$3,535.49
 - Tillicum Gaming Chequing Account = \$17,282.32
 - General PAC Account in Office = \$5819.67
- Manjit working on Gaming Application – hopes to have it in by the end of the month.
- Lisa C to follow up with Megan re Salish Sea invoice
- Ms. Mowat has requested \$400 to support the Rainbow Club with snacks and tie-dye t-shirts. Currently our budget is maxed out for the year. Discussion about how we could help in non-monetary ways. Jeff to advise Carol that we cannot grant this request.
- PAC executive will be presenting the budget next month. Jeff to ask teachers to forward any specific requests they know about for next year to the PAC by the first week of May.

VCPAC Update – from Lisa Gelling

- No recent meeting
- Budget protests occurred, but the budget has now been passed. Nobody is happy about it.

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Upcoming Fundraisers – All

- Food for Fun – April 29, deadline is 11:00 am on April 19. Volunteers needed for shopping and packing. Lisa G to do the shopping. Sara Cannon, Lauralee Wood, Alice Shaughnessy to help with packing on April 25. Need to check with Carli if she can help. Final FFF is on June 10.
- Mother’s Day Plant Sale – raised about \$1100. Delivery to the school on May 3, pick up on May 4 from 8:30 am – 9:15 am & 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Cathy can assist Lisa with delivery day. Alice, Keja and Lisa G might be able to help with pick up days.
- Bottle Drive – May 7, 9am start. Lots of volunteers have come forward so far. Collection bags will be dropped off on Friday afternoon. Posters have been sent to all families and info is being shared on social media. Lauralee to confirm final details directly with Bottle Depot. Jeff or Rhonda will need to unlock gate.
- Monk Office Supply – promises from Monks that issues from the last years have been resolved. Lisa asking for someone to help her this year – Alice and Lauralee may be able to share the work on this one. Lisa C to reach out to Monk to see if we can do individual supplies in addition to kits. Megan is working on supply lists.
- Sun-Oka Fruit Farms – family orchard in the Okanagan is offering a healthy fundraiser for next year. 10 lb boxes of apples – 2 varieties: \$29.50/box for honey crisp or \$23.95 for ambrosia. We will try it in the fall. Lisa C to confirm with Sun-Oka.
- Created by Kids – students make the art in class and parents can buy cards, gifts etc. Lisa C asked what the teachers felt about having it added to their classes. Generally the teachers enjoy it, but need plenty of notice to work it into classroom plans. May consider this again for the 23/24 school year.

Old Business – All

- BCCPAC Parent Ed Conference – April 29 & 30 and AGM moved online. \$35 to attend conference on the 29th. AGM on April 30. Currently nobody has volunteered to attend or take our proxy. Proxy forms are due on April 20th.

New Business – All

- Proposed school food guidelines - new voluntary guidelines essentially divides food into 2 categories - unhealthy (not to be served to children!) and healthy food. The current 2013 guidelines have nutritional information, recipes, substitutions etc. It divides into 3 categories allowing for variation and choices
 - The new program will make food programs very expensive and regimented
 - Lisa C suggested we all read the document and reply to the survey before April 30
 - Jeff does not foresee the district mandating the new guidelines
- Ms. Mowat is retiring this year. We have about \$75 in the budget for a retirement gift. Mandy will look into some gift options. Alice to ask her cousin who knows Ms. Mowat professionally.

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- A parent reached out to Lisa to let her know about a mom in our school community who is undergoing cancer treatment and struggling financially. Jeff suggested checking with Kate about resources available.
- PAC elections will be coming up in June. Lisa C asked all current executives to consider whether they would like to maintain their position and if not to try and find a replacement. Elections will be at the June PAC meeting/AGM.

8:00 – Meeting adjourned

- Motion: Mandy Greyling-Holmwood
- Second: Keja Lake