

TILlicum Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

October 8th, via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance

Executive: Shae Mellors (Chair), Karli Reeve (Vice-Chair), Colleen McDavid (Treasurer), Karma Cuning (Secretary)

Admin: Aaron Parker (Principal),

- Parents: Celeste Slow, Cheryl Ferreira, Virginia Espinoza, Loveline Iगत, Aneil Haere, Shannon Karner, Virginia Espinoza

Regrets: Karen Higginbotham (Vice Principal), Lisa Gelling (VPAC Member)

6:30pm – Open Meeting - Brought to order by Shae Mellors

- Motion: Colleen McDavid
- Second: Cheryl Ferreira

Introduction – Please clearly state your first and last name for the secretary.

6:40 pm - Meeting Minutes – Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Motion: Karli Reeve
- Second: Cheryl Ferreira
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Summary of amendments from September meeting minutes:

The spelling of Shae's name was corrected.

6:45pm - Administration Updates Principal/Vice-Principal Report – Aaron Parker

Mr. Parker reported that it has been a busy start to the year:

- The Terry Fox Run and CFC, raised over \$1400 from student and donations (the funds are split between both organizations).
- On Orange shirt Day, Elder Maryann Thomas addressed all the "little flowers" at a traditional blessing ceremony.
- The school grounds are coming along nicely. Trees are being planted, and many more trees and shrubs will be planted on Friday (the focus is on local indigenous plants that will survive in this climate and beautify the school).
- Feedback was given from students and part of the boundaries were shifted to make sure the soccer area is preserved for the kids and not encroached on
- Basketball in the morning – the SOUTH EAST court (the area closest to the gym on the Orillia Street) will be opened for students to play basketball in the morning before the bell. Cones will be set up to set appropriate boundaries.
- Messaging regarding Birthday celebrations for children in the classroom: While the staff appreciates the generosity of parents bringing in treats to celebrate their child's birthday, they ask to please check in with them beforehand to ensure allergies etc. are being accounted for. Please keep treats small and reasonable (ex. Cupcakes).
- Request from teachers for funding for author Debbie Ridpath Ohi to come in and talk to the grade 3 and 4 students about being an author. She will do it for \$200 (reduced from her regular \$500 fee). Mr. Parker to send the PAC information about the beforementioned author. Decision ongoing.

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7:00pm - Treasurer Report – Colleen McDavid

- Account Balances:

Chequing: \$16,182.67

Savings: \$91.59

Gaming: \$11,203.33

PAC Gen: \$17,343.08

Correction needed for Meet the Teacher: Revenue was \$1515.90, expenses \$1053.94, for net profit of \$461.96

CHEQUING UPDATES:

- \$6600 paid out for Classroom supplies (\$2100) and Flexible Fieldtrip Fund (\$4200)
- FFF Oct Revenue: \$2539.91 (\$2533.61 SchoolCash + \$6.30 cash)
- \$30 paid out for childcare during last meeting
- \$2904 for hockey nets approved and paid from PACGen over the summer.
- Winter Market: \$3140 from 44 vendors

GAMING UPDATES:

- Gaming Grant deposited: \$9160 (\$20 x 458 students) (Predicted \$9300)
- \$25 was taken out by Bambora on Sept 15 as predicted. No refunds have been made yet although Jeff said the account is closed and refunds should be in progress.
- Skating invoice of \$1375.50 comes in under budget (\$1500)
- \$100 BCCPAC membership — Colleen paid for this, will be reimbursed by a Gaming Cheque which should then be reimbursed by VCPAC

7:25pm - VCPAC Update – Lisa Gelling

They have been approved for their working budget of 2025/2026

7:30pm - Upcoming Events/Fundraisers review:

- Meet the Teacher & Pizza Night – The event went well. For next year, the pizza needs to come sooner and selling should start sooner. A new table configuration would streamline the service. We had good numbers for pizzas and drinks and lots of people loved being outside. Total profit of \$461.96.
- Comfort Kits - Cheryl & Colleen- Everything is ready to go and another message will be sent to parents reminding them of the deadline.
- Sun-Oka Fruit Farm Apple Fundraiser - (Sold 161 boxes and raised \$1486) Pick up is the 22nd. Megan, Karma and Cheryl will volunteer 8:20-9:00 in the morning and Megan and Shae will volunteer 2:37-4:30 in the afternoon.

Upcoming:

- Food for Fun (Lisa) - First FFF will be on October 17th. The portal has closed (late orders cannot be accommodated). Tallying and Shopping will be done this week.
The next FFF will be December 5th. The portal will open on November 10th and close on November 25th.
- Halloween Dance (Karma & Karli) – The dance will be October 23rd (6:00 - 7:30 pm). There will be a DJ, student decorations, and a non-perishable donation set up. Volunteers are needed (set up, clean up, door management). 3 teachers have

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confirmed they will monitor, and Karma will set up a sign up genius for volunteers.

- Winter Market (Shannon & Shae) – The market will be November 15th. Over 50 vendors have applied and 44 have paid. The raffle prizes coming along nicely, posters will be printed soon, and the Times Colonist winter event insert will advertise the market. The team will be sending a survey to vendors regarding promotion. Gorge Tillicum Community Association has agreed to do a coffee and craft area again this year.
- Gift Sale (Karma) - December 9th - Planning has begun, volunteer sign-u to be created soon. We plan to have a lot more supplies for wrapping this year and hopefully fill in the gaps for specific demographics (males, teenagers) for the donation items. Gift tags will be used to keep track of student's "lists."
- Poinsettia Sale (Karli) - The fundraiser will open October 24th. Orders will be due November 7th; delivery will be November 25th and pick up on the 26th. Volunteers are needed
- Purdy's Winter Sale (Shaun) - orders due November 23rd and pick up will be December 5th.
- Art Cards (Coordinator needed) – Teacher led art assignment that will be printed and made into cards. An email will be sent out to teachers to gauge interest after the holidays.
- No Sort Bottle Drive #1 (Lauralee) - Nov 1st from 9:00-3:00 on the Orilla side of the school. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon for volunteers. An admin is needed to open the gate that morning or Friday afternoon.

7:35 pm New Business

- Interactive Sensory Pathways- were discussed. The pricing is approx. \$2000. There are reservations around the painting regarding another school who did it in the past so the board may be reluctant to do it again. The necessity to re-asphalt the playing surfaces in general was also discussed.
- Gaga Ball pit- was discussed. The pricing is approx. \$14,000 facilities estimate. It was discussed that it's also a necessity to redo the black tops and make the playgrounds more accessible and inclusive for all students. Pricing for inclusive features will be done and for the playground, and a consultation regarding inclusive playground needs will be discussed.

8:00 pm Adjourn Meeting

- Motion / Second

Next Meeting scheduled for: November 12th, 2025, at 6:30 pm

8:15pm – Meeting adjourned

- Motion: Colleen McDavid
- Second: Cheryl Ferreria