

## TILlicum Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

November 12th, via Microsoft Teams

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### In Attendance

Executive: Shae Mellors (Chair), Cheryl Ferreria (Vice-Chair), Colleen McDavid (Treasurer), Karma Cuning (Secretary) Lisa Gelling (VPAC Member)

Admin: Aaron Parker (Principal), Karen Higginbotham (Vice Principal),

- Parents: Shaun Sinclair, Shannon Karner, Lauralee Wood,

### Regrets:

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

- Motion: Cheryl Ferreria
- Second: Colleen McDavid

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

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

- Motion: Cheryl Ferreria
- Second: Shae Mellors
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Summary of amendments from September meeting minutes:

The spelling of Lisa's last name was corrected.

New Business: Karli Reeves resigned Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> from the Vice-Chair role. We wish her the best of luck, and she is still planning to be active in the PAC.

The PAC appoints Cheryl Ferreria as the Vice-Chair.

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

Remembrance Day assembly was an excellent, beautiful production. The kids were phenomenal and very respectful. The senior choir was amazing, presentations hit all the right marks, and it was overall very inspiring.

FFF feedback- the staff wants to first thank the PAC for all their hard work, (an extra slice of pizza fixes all problems). The delivery timing during the eating break is problematic (supervision free lunch hours) as teachers usually leave at this time. Asking that all the pizza is at the classes by 11:40 with the younger grades being served first. More parent helpers to dole out the pizza would be welcome. Some orders are too large for some kids (they ask that parents order what is reasonable as for what can be eaten for a lunch).

Accessible playground follow up- There are 5 schools with accessible playgrounds in the district right now. A very rough pricing to adapt a playground is \$200,000. The feedback received is that going cheaper doesn't pay off in the end—the goal is not just for kids to be able to get to the playground but to actually be able to play there. Check out Oak Bay's Public Playground (as an example of an excellent accessible playground)

Karen- There are new staff members coming in: Nancy Marie in Ms. Fraser's class (continuing) and a new ECE, Miss Miranda, in Ms. O'Malley's class. As of November

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there will be stable staffing.

The Pancake Breakfast has a date change. It is now December 2<sup>nd</sup> and is in need of parent volunteers.

There was a question proposed about why Tillicum School doesn't have the Strings Program and Mr. Parker will investigate and fol

7:00pm - Treasurer Report – Colleen McDavid

### **Account Balances**

Chequing: \$17,383.92

Savings: \$91.70

PAC Gen: \$18,943.35

Gaming: \$8,802.83

### **Revenue**

\$1335.20 (\$2552.91 - \$1217.71 need Calling All Cows)

\$1486 apples

\$1040.67 Rifflandia

\$10 bottle drive donation

Winter Market:

\$3520 in vendor fees

### **Other Expenses**

- \$1700 for Library (\$1500), Rainbow club (\$100), Sports Day (\$100)

- \$34.72 market posters

Gaming Expenses:

-\$1000 Salish Sea

- \$1375 Skating

- \$100 BCCPAC fee

- \$120 market float

Gaming News:

\$75 Bambora refunded

Discussion about asking for \$10,000 cheque from the PAC General account to streamline purchases and not need the office to write cheques.

7:25pm - VCPAC Update – Lisa Gelling

Subcommittees are looking for volunteers. There will be meet and greets and public forums with more information for interested parents.

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7:30pm - Upcoming Events/Fundraisers review:

Review:

- Bottle Drive- No exact earnings known yet. We are planning to have a spring bottle drive. There were many new parent volunteers which was lovely to see.
- Halloween Dance - feedback (Karma) It was well attended with no shenanigans. There were requests for a concession, a little bit of lighting preferred for next time, and the music turned down a little. Burnside Gorge was very happy with the donations.
- Winter Plant Fundraiser – just closed on Friday. Pickup will be the 26<sup>th</sup> to streamline pick up, they will cut slips and stick them to plants. 2 volunteers for morning and afternoon are needed (put it out to volunteers).
- Apples- feedback It was a little chaotic and 11 boxes were not crossed off, moving forward there will be one person responsible for the master list.
- Winter Market - Market Team update: The gaming license hasn't come in yet, there are great raffle prizes, shifts are being covered, 51 vendors, 2-3 food trucks, and admission will be by donation,
- Purdy's Winter Sale - Closes November 23<sup>rd</sup> with pick up around Dec 5th Shaun is coordinating and pick up will be at Shae's
- December 5th Food for Fun - Portal opens November 10<sup>th</sup> and closes November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11am. They will try to follow up with the staff requests.
- Gift Sale - December 9th - Donation drop off starts next week. A volunteer sign up will be made and sent out. Memos were sent out to families and posted on social media.
- Soup- Karma is following up re: a campaign in the new year.

A big thank you to Megan and Lori in the office for being such a phenomenal support to the PAC!

7:35 pm New Business

- Construction: Drive to Five-may revisit an event or campaign in the spring. Talk of a possible letter from the PAC to Saanich re: signage and difficulties in traffic during pick up and drop off.
- Parent Education Ideas- Katie Jamieson-a BC mother of 5, who speaks from her personal experience re: inclusion in schools. She was a key note speaker at a presentation in Manitoba and a disability advocate (one of her twins has down syndrome and ASD). Her presentation is 45-90 mins (approx. \$750) and highlights her family's story navigating the barriers in today's education system. There was talk of collaborating in the new year with other PACs for parent information sessions

Art cards- fundraiser to run before Valentines Day. Shannon to coordinate

- February Games Night- Lauralee to coordinate and Shae to help with concessions.
  - Royals Game- Will follow up re: securing tickets for a community building event.
  - Walking school bus [update](#)

Next Meeting scheduled for: January 14th

8:15pm – Meeting adjourned

- Motion: Cheryl Ferreria
- Second: Shannon Karner