



CYPRESS PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Cypress Park Parent Advisory Council

### PAC Meeting Minutes February 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by PAC Chair K. Millius at 10:34 am.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Principal M. Labounty, Vice Principal S. Bell, PAC Chair K. Millius, PAC Fundraising & Community Committee Member J. Calleja, PAC Fundraising & Community Committee Member N. Quilty, PAC Member B. Perez.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

Approval of the Minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 PAC meeting was motioned and approved.

#### **VICE PRINCIPAL REMARKS - S. BELL**

- Artist in residence, Nikki Baxendale, is at the school all day today.
  - We have had wonderful PAC parent participation, on the Tuesdays leading up as well as today. Thank you very much.
  - Lots of learning for everybody, and the kids have had lots of contact with multiple canvases.
  - Hoping to finish the student portion today, with the reveal and pulling the tape off, - teacher brought hair dryers to expedite drying process.
  - This will be documented in video and will be shared in the bulletin.
  - Important to notice that Nikki is donating her time despite being on high demand at the moment. She has a gallery opening on Granville St. So please let your circle know that on March 4<sup>th</sup> she has an opening and would be great to get people out there.
  
- Grade 3 knitting club -
  - It has been going on for the last few weeks. Looking to continue twice a week next term and inviting Grade 2s. Grade 3 would lead the group.
  
- Scholastic book -
  - Thank you to the parents that are purchasing through scholastic using the school code. This allows the school to buy those popular books for the library.
  
- Lunar New year -
  - Was a big success. Thank you to the PAC and organizers. The Lion Dance was great.

- Dance Schools -
  - Sessions finished and staff found this was a very good program, and on top of that it was free.
  - Have already shared with them that the school is very keen to book them again next year. Since they do this for free, we might not be able to get them again, but will try.
- Beaty Box –
  - Again, very well received and staff was able to relate this to the inquiry sessions in Grade 2 and 3: *What questions do you have? What did you actually see? What observations can you see?*
- Cypress Park News -
  - Information was included in the e-bulletin last week.
  - This is run by Grade 3 students, who are independently creating the scripts and running the show.
  - Teachers are impressed with what the kids are doing on their own. It captures in an authentic way what they are thinking and what they feel its important to share with their parents and fellow students.
  - We are going to work on 'on-the-scene' reporting when the weather gets better.
- Banner -
  - We would like to showcase our little school, taking advantage of the better weather.
  - \$1000 in the budget had been allocated to this. The school is in the process of getting quotes.
  - The plan is to get a horizontal banner as well as some flag banners (vertical banners). This will give us flexibility to take these to various events.
  - The school will need help with the designing of the banners.
- PAC support -
  - Another package of the Adrienne Gear subscription has arrived. This is a great gift for the teachers.
  - Per PAC's request, the school has put together a wish list which has been shared with the PAC. These would be very nice items for the school to have and thanks in advance to the parents for their support.
  - Principal M. Labounty is amazed about the depth and thought that goes into all the projects at Cypress Park. Thank you to the PAC for working hard to help make Cypress Park a very special little place. And the word is out there.

## **PAC EXECUTIVE UPDATE**

### **Fundraising/Events Committee Update – Natalie Quilty**

Update on upcoming events:

- Family Movie night – Thursday February 23
  - Posters (below) to be printed out to be shared with the kids, together with some admission tickets.
  - All family invited, doors to open at 4:45 pm and movie to start at 5:00 pm. Snacks will be provided.



- Teachers Appreciation lunch – Thursday March 2
  - The PAC is organizing an Isetta Cater Italian Garden lunch that will include 10 teachers.
  - There will be nice platters, cookies (thanks to Daylyn, Poppis mom from Grade 2) and coffee gift cards.
  - Thanks to Erka for the handmade cards from the kiddos, and Noreen for organizing take away lunches for the 5 teachers that won't be available.
- Sponsorship Campaign - to be launched in March
  - This will include the items added to the wish list by Sara Bell.
  - PAC is looking to get some pricing to include in the catalogue.
  - Catalogue will be available for parents in March. Your support will be appreciated.

## SPONSORSHIP COMING SOON

**IMAGINATION  
CREATIVITY &  
OPEN-ENDED PLAY**

**MAKEDO LAB CARDBOARD TOOLS: \$200**

Kids love boxes! Simple & safe, cardboard construction has never been this easy. These Makedo Lab tool will allow our kids to cut, hot glue & hold safely with cardboard! This is pure imagination, no-tech fun.

**MORE**

GET INSPIRED ABOUT THE WAY A GREAT DAY CAN BE!

**WANDER PLAY STAND:** IT CAN BE A STOVE, THEATRE, HANGAR OR WHATNOT! YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION TAKES IT!  
VALUE: \$400

**TEACH LIGHT TABLE:** LEARNING & PLAY OPTIONS WITH LIGHT AND ENGLES. ENCOURAGE CURIOUSITY & INVESTIGATION!  
VALUE: \$400

**WANDER ART TABLE:** ROOM FOR 2 STUDENTS WITH WHEELS FOR MOVING OR ROTATION! ANY PROJECT & CREATIVITY!  
VALUE: \$400

**WHEELY FOUR WHEELS:** TILING SOON WITH CARD PROTECTS & ANOTHER SHEETS!  
VALUE: \$40

**MAGNETIC TABLE:** STEEL MAGNETIC BUILDING BLOCKS!  
VALUE: \$75

**RECEPTION:** 1 PACK BACKPHONE FOR INTERVIEW, BLOG OR PODCAST!  
Value: \$40

**STOOLS:** GREY METAL STOOLS SET OF 4!  
VALUE: \$160

**WALL DISPLAYS:** FOR STORING BOOKS IN TINY BASKETS!  
VALUE: \$700

**BACKGROUND PAPER:** PAPER FOR BUILDING OBJECTS TO PRACTICE!  
Value: \$700

- Earthbites –
  - The school had the project with Grade 2s and Grade 3s in the fall.
  - Now Grade 1s and Ks students will participate in a Spring and Summer workshops.
  - In the Spring (April 11) they will plant the veggies and in the Summer (June 13) they will learn how to harvest and transplant the summer plants.
  - The team is hoping to bundle some of the winter herbs with recipes and sell them at the Cypress Market.
- Platter Art Project –
  - Planning to run it in May in partnership with Bella Ceramica
  - There will be one platter per grade
  - It will include and hand painted tree, the kids fingerprints as well as the handwritten name.
  - Platters will be auctioned at the fun run. Proceeds to go to the PAC.
  - This will be least disruptive to the classes.



- Fun Run – June 16<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY JUNE 16TH**

- Year-end BBQ. More details to come.
- Plan to include a variety of activities, depending on support/donations and budget available. Some of the items will be also included in the Sponsorship catalogue..
  - Ideas include food truck, bouncy castle, face painting, spirit wear sale, prizes (looking for donations), sponsorship program launch, Bella ceramica art project auction, carnival games.
- Square –
  - Came in this week. It is a great way to take quick cash (at the CP Market) or if we are selling tickets for the food truck.
  - Transaction fees 2.65% - cost of doing business. Big ticket items are expected to go through SchoolCashOnline for people to get tax receipts.
  - M. Labounty brought up that there is the option to have big items go through Square as well but ask parents to pay 3% more. Most parents would be okay as they may rather have travel points.
  - M. Labounty also brought up that auction items in theory are not eligible for a tax receipt. However, there is a workaround, and she will provide instructions to Kristi and Natalie.

- Nellies fundraising is also ongoing –
  - 15% off on cleaning products
  - 15% of proceeds from the sales will go to the school.
  - Free shipping for orders over \$100. Consider ordering as a group to take advantage of this.
  
- Growing Smiles Flower fundraiser –
  - Mothers Day fundraising will be ran by the same team as last year.
  - Details to come out in the e-bulletin.
  - Easy fundraiser, straightforward that brings about \$1000 every year.
  
- Grade 3 Graduation Party –
  - There was a suggestion to bundle it with the Fun Run. This way we would get the Grade 3's to participate of the Fun Run as well.
  - Team agreed it is something to consider, but need to make sure it is not too much for a day.
  - In the past the graduation has included a small ceremony where each student has gone up on stage. This could potentially be something that could be done in front of the whole school.
  
- Nowruz planning –
  - Since this will be happening during Spring Break, the team will be looking to celebrate this after Spring Break.
  - They will be decorating the school and have some special treats for the kids.

### **Treasurer's Update**

Latest update on our bank account balances:

- Gaming Account approx. \$7000 to be spent on non-curriculum items.  
General Checking Account approx. \$19,000 that can be spent in any way.  
Total of \$25,900.
  
- The Trust Account / District account is \$6,275.  
\$1900 in that leftover for the garden committee outdoor classroom enhancement.  
About \$1000 is going to Earthbites.

### **DPAC Update**

Since the group attending today is only PAC members, and all of them have already received the update from the PAC Rep, this section will be skipped for this meeting.

### **After School Program**

- Term 3 will be Sportball – link has gone out, room for 12 kids.
- M. Mohajerani, PAC member, has done quite a lot of research during the year and will be presenting those to the group as options for the year to come.
- The team considers that this program will remain as 1 day / week.
- Given the success with the activities this year, team would also consider repeating same in the coming year.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Next meeting will be April 11, 2023. March meeting is not required given upcoming Spring Break and small attendance today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Noted the next meeting will be on February 14th, 2023, at 11:08 am.