



CYPRESS PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cypress Park Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting June 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by PAC Chair N. Quilty 9:20am.

N. Quilty gave the land acknowledgment.

IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Principal C. Hulme, PAC Chair N. Quilty, Vice Chair C. Antoni-Wilkinson, Treasurer R. Vernon, Member M. Mohajerani, Co-Secretary E. Baldwin, Member B. Campbell

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

N. Quilty reviewed the meeting minutes from May 2024. The approval of the minutes from the May 2024 PAC meeting was motioned by C. Antoni-Wilkinson and seconded by M. Mohajerani. All members were in favour. The May 2024 PAC meeting minutes were approved.

NEW PAC MEMBERS

All parents are members of the PAC. The members voted all in favour of the following positions:

PAC Executive Team (vote):

- PAC Chair: N. Quilty
- Vice Chair: R. Yada
- Treasurer: R. Vernon
- **Co-Treasurer: M. Sichani**
- Communications/Secretary: E. Baldwin
- DPAC Representative: N. Hincks

Thank you to C. Antoni-Wilkinson and J. Calleja who will be leaving Cypress Park.

All executive members were voted in.

Class Representatives:

- Kindergarten: E. Baldwin and S. Stojkovich
- Grade 1: D. Howard and N. Jafari
- Grade 2: R. Cheng and **N. Rekabdar**
- Grade 3: G. Nazeri and M. E. Diaz Barriga

Program Coordinators:

- Experts-in-Residence: R. Baggio
- After School: B. Campbell
- Hot Lunch: M. Mohajerani

- Garden Committee: K. Boyd
- Lunar New Year: R. Cheng
- Nowruz: Open – need to fill this position
- Social Media: D. Howard

Thank you to K. Millius who will be leaving Cypress Park.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The PAC has raised 110% (\$47,406) of their goal of \$43,000. Up from 82% last month. Note that a lot of tables were purchased this year for next year. N. Quilty Reviewed a breakdown of the campaigns that were run this year. Noted that Spirit Wear picked up in term 3 because N. Quilty brought the gear to events for people to purchase and take on the spot. She will do the same with gift cards next year.

PAC PURCHASES

Year to date operating costs are \$68,169. Purchases already made for the 2023/2024 school year include:

- Storage baskets (\$305.53)
- Magnetic letters (\$40.22)
- Bags for storage - literacy (\$30.22)
- Tissue paper for arts & crafts (\$31.34)
- Grade 3 Table (\$695.34)
- Outside recess equipment (x2 \$42.86)
- Foundations Literacy Resource (\$251.79)
- 2024-25 MunchaLunch Online Service (\$168)
- Tether Ball (\$25)
- Recess Skip-its (\$25)
- Grips for pencils: \$8.92
- Lead refills for K pencils: \$15.55
- Twist and write pencils for K: \$18.45
- Disc Golf Basket Target 24 Chain: \$176
- Rainbow SkyBlazer Foam Discs: \$24
- Library Books: \$1304.49
- Library scanner: \$93.92
- Adapter for iPad to projector: \$15.11
- Watercolour paper: \$190.46
- Paint: \$107.07
- Chair bands: \$17.01
- Lacrosse sticks and balls: \$82.68
- Foam Fridays bees: \$77.41
- Crochet hooks: \$14.64
- Yarn: \$17.91
- Sidewalk chalk: \$42.79
- Lunar New Year: -\$421
- Saleema Noon: -\$420
- Beaty Boxes: -\$250.00 Thanks again to Christopher family
- Raffle Ticket Printing: -\$212.80
- Kindergarten Table Purchase: -\$2,105.67 Thanks again to the Antoni and Wan Family

- Dunderave Festival of Lights Tree: -\$300 Thanks to Calleja and Holtby Family
- Jess Dance: -\$1,750.00 Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes and Quilty Families
- Fairmont Chateau Whistler Prize: -\$348
- Bank Fees and Outdoor Classroom: -\$58.75
- Teacher Gifts (\$2,645)
- Hot Lunches (\$8,806)
- Gift Cards (\$2,542)
- 16x Mini Basketballs and Whistles (\$85)
- 8x Every Child Matters Orange Shirts (\$201)
- 8x Spirit Wear – Teachers Uniforms (\$342)
- 4x Pop-up Soccer Nets (\$173)
- 80x Brain Break Bean Bags (\$115)
- Teaching Resources (\$3,850) Thanks to the Hincks, Gouneili, Diaz Barriga, Little, Campbell, Quilty, Vernon, Barrow, Little, Gouneili and Yang families
- Makedo Lab Cardboard tools (\$246.38)
- Primary math shakers (\$127.63)
- Reading whisper phones (\$73.95)
- Wooden number tiles (\$53.96)
- Plus plus baseplates (\$20.06)
- CVC words for Reading (\$35.84)
- Letters for Reading (\$19.03)
- Reading Resource (\$39.19)
- Dolls for playhouse (\$23.51)
- Chair bands for self-reg (\$13.37)
- Ikea baskets/shelving (\$322.46)
- Storytelling puppets (\$250.88)
- Noise cancelling Headphones (\$129)
- Literary Learning Resources (RAZ Kids, Reading Canada, Adrienne Gear - \$3,000) Thanks to Hincks, Baggio, Quilty Families
- 10x iPads, Apple Care and cases (\$8,212) Thanks to the Antoni, Baldwin, Jakovljevic and Quilty Families
- Experts in Residence - Jess Dance (\$1,750)
- Earth Bites (\$550) Thanks to the Baldwin, Holmes and Quilty Families
- 2x Imagine Play stand (\$2,082) Thanks to the Antoni Family
- Health and Safety, First-Aid (\$450)
- Physical Literacy (\$627)
- Management: Gaming License (\$25)
- Stamps (\$19)

FUNDING FUTURES

The PAC has raised 64% (up from 44% last month) of its goal (\$12,795). Our mission: To raise \$20,000 for school resources and equipment, experts-in-residence programs, student-in-need fund, health education, social and cultural enrichment initiatives and so much more. Thank you to the new sponsorships.

CALENDAR

The events and fundraising calendar for the remainder of the school year is as follows:

- June 7 – Early dismissal 12:05 and sports day
- June 14 – Fun Run and Year-End BBQ
- June 25 – Grade 3 leaving ceremony

SPORTS DAY

Was a great success. Students had lots of fun.

PARENT SOCIAL

56 tickets sold - \$1,425.

FUN RUN, YEAR-END BBQ & DUNK TANK

Booked the same bouncy game company for next year. The station that had prizes was a huge hit. Raised \$1,800. Dunk tank raised \$470 (47 tickets).

EXTRA EVENT FUNDRAISING

- Pledge sheets - \$3,260
- Funding futures - \$12,795
- Thumbprint platters - \$1,220
- Farmers Market - \$240
- Jelks Carnivals – (cost \$1,624)
- Thanks for K. Boyd and C. Antoni-Wilkinson for harvesting the vegetables in the rain!

FUN RUN WINNERS

Total \$3,665 raised. The winners were:

- PJ party – Grade 1 \$2,000
- Whitecaps Tickets – H. Hincks and D. Black
- Multisport camp – N. Wilkinson \$500
- Earnest Ice Cream – F. Quilty \$500
- Steamoji membership – A. Gedge \$220
- Over \$200 in pledges – A. Sharifi, F. Hincks, H. Hincks, S. McKenzie, J. Manhas, J. Kim, J. Chung, S. Campbell, J. Hernandez
- Certificate of attendance for consistency – over 20+ children

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

40+ volunteers helped pull together the year-end BBQ, fun run and parent social.

EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE

- Nutrition: Earth bites (Apr 19, May 10 and June 11)
- R. Baggio and C. Hulme reviewed the plans for next year. Determined Stream of Dreams for grade 3, and some ice skating in September should be added. Might add

high tech high touch science. Young Actors might be added every second year. Power of Dance is free.

Thank you to Ms. Hulme, N. Quilty and R. Baggio for running these projects and R. Vernon for running the finances.

NEXT YEAR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- TERM 1 - Tues: Artmania - Nature Art Class
- TERM 1 - Thurs: Saplings (2:30-4:30PM, 2 HR, \$375, 12 Weeks)
- TERM 2 - Tues or Wed: Fencing, Steamoji's, Martial Arts
- TERM 2 - Thurs: Lights up (2:30-4:30, \$365, 9 Weeks)
- TERM 3 - Tues or Wed: Fencing, Steamoji's, Martial Arts
- TERM 3 - Thurs: Multi-Sport (1HR)

NOTE: Fencing only Monday, Term 1 so far

Thank you to M. Mohajerani for coordinating and B. Campbell for taking on the after-school program coordinator for next year.

GRADE 3 WEST BAY TRANSITION

- TERM 3: Leaving Ceremony (Tuesdays, June 25 @ 1:30) Ceremony in the gym, video highlights with voice-over key memories throughout the year, snacks, decorations and photobooth, exchange of fairy door keys to kindergartens and flowers to the grade 3s, yearbook created and printed by parents, picnic at Stearman beach afterwards.

Thank you to Ms. Hulme, Mr. Slater, A. Barrow and R. Baggio for coordinating.

DPAC UPDATE

Budget

- Funding is related to enrolment numbers
- Funding letter from DPAC approved to be sent to the premier
- DPAC will be sending an electronic copy if any parents are interested in forwarding something similar (copy finance minister & premier)
- Will link the letter in the newsletter for all parents to see

Enrolment

- Near max for all schools
- Less out of district (more local) than previous years
- Pulled back international slightly due to more local kids enrolled
- Harry Jerome almost ready for fall!

Cell Phones/Watches Stance

- Elementary: No phone use for full day while at school (includes recess/lunch)
- High school: Class time restriction only (able to use over breaks)
- Working to make this consistent across teachers

AI

- “Magic School” (per Cari Wilson) has walls for some content control (vs. Chat GPT which is open). This is a program that teachers can use. It has been vetted by Cari. Teachers can use it to help with lesson planning etc.
- Teachers need to have the time to teach themselves how to use it.
- Need to be careful with ChatGPT – has an element of creativity. There are a few companies looking at making international libraries, so the AI programs have to pull from evidence.
- Students getting involved in producing/building
- AI in high school - plan is to “get ahead of this” rather than fight it
- In primary our school district was asked if anyone wants to use Magic School. At this time CPP teachers opted not to use it. For us at CPP this is not something we are currently exploring to help with instruction.

A big thank you to N. Hincks.

ADMIN UPDATE

C. Hulme gave the admin update.

The grade 3s recently went on a field trip to West Bay. They took part in a tour of the school. They have made different connections throughout the year with the West Bay grade 3s. Mr. Slater hosted a parent information session. It was very well attended. Students had play time, collaborative activity, and have lunch together. Will continue the transition and connections for the grade 3s next year.

Run club was a success. The only feedback teachers had was to make Fun Run and Run Club very separate.

Sports Day feedback was all positive. Treats, fruit, etc. were all well received. Thanks to the parents for their support.

Earthbites last session was great. Asked teachers if they are interested in 3 more sessions. 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring. There would be Feeding Futures funding for this.

Fun Run was a huge success.

Upcoming events – grade 3 leaving ceremony. The entire school, siblings and families are invited. Rehearsal starts tomorrow.

Stearman beach year end celebration next Wednesday. Hot lunch will deliver to the beach that day. Students will head to the beach around 11:30, then students will return to the school for dismissal.

Last day – early dismissal 12:04pm. No special event that day. There will be something special for the students, but nothing for families.

Snack program has been successful. Next year will be a bit different. BC Fruits and Veggies program is a 24-week program. 1x per week fresh fruit or vegetables. Breakfast baskets – breakfast type food available from office throughout the day. Breakfast basket will be universal

to everyone. No questions asked. Snack program was only available to k-3. Breakfast basket will be available to all grades.

Learning update (report card). Term 3 will be a summary of learning. Not just based on term 3 content. Summary of progress child has made throughout the whole school year. Explanation can be found in the e-bulletin this week. French is blank – at primary site, French is only reported on in grade 5. Reports used to expire – but you can download the past 3 reports. On the 27th the link to download will be available. Seesaw information will be in the bulletin. Seesaw was a program that the 3 IB schools signed on to learn together once the district ended Fresh Grade. The district is now using Spaces edu. Seesaw will no longer be used in September. District will be paying for Spaces edu, and the cost will be covered by the district. If students move schools, all schools in district will be using the platform. Will any of the new platforms have the option to print off a book at the end of the year? Should be a way to download, save as pdf, then print off Seesaw.

WE'RE DONE!

Have a great summer!