



REGULAR GENERAL MEETING –FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michele, Michelle, Cintia, Naz, Azadeh, Leila, Krisztina, Toktam, Arissa, Valerie, Maren

9 PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE

ABSENT: Corrine Hewgill, Lyndsay Charles, Kelly Lin

1. Call to Order, Approval of the Minutes and Adoption of the Agenda

- The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.
- At the time, 7 parents in attendance therefore a quorum was not obtained, the members present will constitute quorum and a binding vote will be held.
- Minutes of PAC General Meeting Nov. 16, 2018. It was recommended when doing minutes, to keep names anonymous.

Minutes motioned to approve called by Michele, first by Leila, seconded by Cintia and approved unanimously.

- Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting called by Michele; first by Cintia and seconded by Arissa. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

- **Quebec Trip-** last meeting with parents on January 28th, 2019 as the grade 7's are getting prepared for their trip. PAC will be issuing their contribution to the trip. Pauline Johnson students will be going at the same time but this will not have a negative impact for Cedardale students going. Michelle will be sharing the agenda of the trip in the coming days. The trip is full of activities such as Sugar Shack, Ice Hotel, Carnaval, Museum, Art, snow-shoeing etc. Parents will stay in touch with organizers via Twitter updates and students can take their phones but on airplane mode- Michelle will keep phones in her room at night. Cost per person is slightly higher due to fuel prices and larger number of students requiring more organization to ensure each child's safety is addressed: 2700\$/person.
- **PAC Trustee Liaison meeting** – meeting that took place last week on the purpose of PAC went very well. Michele and Michelle attended and presented specifically about fundraising; why we do it, what it's used for and what are good ways to fundraise. Representative from all schools across the district attended and included presentations from Sentinel, Pauline Johnson, Rockridge, and Bowen Island schools. Michele to share more information on how we can continue to build a strong community at our school with the support of PAC.
- **Winter Sports-** the K, grade 1 and 2 are beginning their skating program. Grade 3 and 4 will do a Grouse Day which includes snow shoeing and an educational component about food cycles, adaptation and meeting the resident owl. Grade 5, 6 & 7 will be skiing at Cypress based on parent

feedback received. Feedback revealed that about 80% of the 75% who responded were in favor to continue with skiing. Intention of the series is to provide our students with an opportunity to learn and participate in a locally accessible sport that promotes healthy physical activity within a social context.

- **Before school and after school activities:** Zen Maker lab, Legoland, Cartwheel (Art Classes Spanish, Yoga, choir, and Tinker Maker club. Tutoring offered by Sentinel students will be starting again Monday's afterschool and there are limited spots, 12 in total. Most of these tutors are former Cedardale graduates who want to give back.
- **Literacy program:** The target this year is our grade 1 & 2 students where they are now doing a walking to read program in the morning. All the grade 1 & 2 students were assessed individually in the Fall/Autumn using a standardized assessment tool to look for strengths and weaknesses. Students were then divided based on their needs into 5 groups: grade 1 & 2 separated. It will run for 8 weeks and re-assessed where students may be switched up again. Soon the older grades will go through the same program.
- **Enrolment:** we are down one student (currently 283 students) with the movement that recently took place in December. Two students left and this opened up a Grade 2 space for a student on the sibling waitlist. Also, this opened up one kindergarten space which has also been filled. There is one more space in Grade 2/3 cohort remaining which will be filled next year. 50 kindergarten students on the waitlist for this year. Lottery format is witnessed, recorded, and taken very seriously.

3. **Treasurer Report:** a Planned Expenditure Committee has been created and is active. This is an independent group from the Executive PAC, and is composed of volunteer parents that work with Michelle L, to find a suitable project for the cumulative fundraised amounts this year and previous years. The Planned Expenditure Committee will submit a proposal to the PAC for review and approval. They are currently working on ideas for projects and budgets.

4. **PAC Business-**

- **Michele motioned to elect Corrine Hewgill for member at large.** First by Valerie and seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously.
- **Michele motioned to elect Toktam Rouhani as DPAC Rep.** First by Krisztina and seconded by Valerie. Approved unanimously.

5. **Traffic & Safety Committee:** How, what, where and when to target traffic violators. Where: Margaree cul de sac and Burley drive. What: double parking, parking on no parking areas, unsafe driving habits compromising student safety. When: mainly after school. How: contact bylaw and police liaisons to come and issue tickets or take a picture of offence and license plate to send to bylaw and they will issue a ticket or have someone issue a fake ticket. Discussion on staggering student dismissal afterschool to control traffic and manage safety.

6. **Parent Education supported by PAC:** brainstormed on educational topics to offer parents. Topics include: Marijuana/vaping, online safety, executive function, sleep/nutrition, study skills, and emotional literacy.

7. **Adjournment**

- Motion by Michele to adjourn the meeting. First by Cintia. Seconded by Leila. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

NEXT GENERAL PAC MEETING: FEBRUARY 28, 2019 @ 6:30 PM