



**École Cedardale Parent Advisory Council Comité Consultatif De Parents De L'École
Cedardale**

PAC MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jasmine, Nathalie, Cintia, Sara, Maren
5 parents in attendance
1 parent in attendance via phone

ABSENT: Arissa, Joanna, Lyndsay, Kristina, Michelle

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately we had issues connecting to wifi which meant that we could not initiate the remote meeting via ZOOM. However, towards the end of the meeting, Nathalie was able to connect using her data and was able to get Deanna to connect. We apologize to any parents who attempted to call in or log in using ZOOM; the wifi issue has since been resolved and there will be no issues with connectivity next time.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

- Approval of the Minutes from the December 1, 2017 PAC meeting. Motion to approve called by Jasmine; first by Candice, seconded by Cintia. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Motion to approve called by Jasmine; first by Maren and seconded by Leila. Approved unanimously.

2. Principal's Report

Due to a teacher's absence, Michelle had to step in to teach a class and unfortunately could not make today's meeting. The Principal's report was therefore deferred.

3. Treasurer's Report

FunLunch payments used to be accepted through PayPal and Sara had to transfer them to the PAC account. Now payments are done via credit cards and Munchalunch automatically deposited the funds into the PAC account once a week and expenses are paid out of the account.

FunLunch ordering is now closed.

Cheques for grade 7 parents have been made out; approximately \$327 was paid to each family.

4. EC PAC Business

Fall Fundraiser Update - The Fall Fundraiser was quite successful; we raised \$6,900. Goal was \$10,000. An issue was brought up about the timing of the Fall Fundraiser - does it have to be around Christmas? Next year, PAC will try to get it up and running for around Thanksgiving.

Gaga Ball Update - Gaga Ball is a great activity for kids. No physical contact so all ages of children can play together regardless of fitness level. A Gaga Ball pit is a large octagon made of lumber and a sand surface (or rubber matt). There is a small, soft ball that the kids have to try to hit one another with. There can be 20 to 25 kids in the pit at the same time. It is an all-inclusive game; all ages, all sizes, any fitness level can participate. Suggested location for the Gaga Ball pit is down along where the tetherball is and the long jump will be moved. Gaga Ball has to be imported from the US. The cost is approximately \$1,500 USD for all the hardware. A parent has offered to have the items brought across the border. Lumber will be donated.

Parent concerns - If we go with the sand, what are the health consequences (animal feces, etc.)? What is the cost of the rubber floor vs the sand?

Motion to adopt the \$1,500 USD expense. Motion to approve the expense called by Jasmine; first by Eva, seconded by Veronica. Approved unanimously.

Soiree Update - The soiree is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 28. PAC has suggested the theme this year be 'come as you are/parents night out'. No need to dress up. It will be decorated beautifully. Or we could do a theme, i.e. 80's or Great Gatsby.

General thoughts - If people dress up a little, then they will open their wallets a little more. Some people lose interest once a theme is brought up. General consensus on non-themed night might draw more people. Majority are into a theme-free night.

We will do a general call for volunteers at the end February, beginning of March.

PAC has decided to keep the budget the same as the previous two years, i.e. \$7,000. Actual spent was just over \$6,000. Number of people attending has remained the same.

Suggestion - Ticket pricing should be set to draw in more guests. For example, sell one ticket for \$75 and two tickets for \$100. Fundraising suggestion, auction off first two rows of the Christmas Concert at the soiree.

Motion to approve budget for \$7,000. Motion to approve called by Jasmine; first by Maren and seconded by Eva. Approved unanimously.

Other business updates - DPAC has given out a \$250 grant to bring in speakers. Idea is to use the \$250 towards an emotional support speaker (someone to come in and speak about bullying, anxiety, depression, emotional well-being, etc.). Still need to apply for the grant and find a speaker.

There may be more money out there in grants; Jasmine has offered to apply for any grants available. Joanna had advised there are other grants available.

PAC Meeting accessibility - The PAC is trying to make the meetings more accessible to all parents and has set up ZOOM call-in or log-in and is willing to have an evening meeting if it allows for more parents to attend.

PAC needs parents to promote the Zoom call-in feature. Info is in the weekly EBulletin. There is a cost associated with this so we need to promote it to all parents, if there is not enough interest, we will cancel ZOOM.

Suggestion for increasing attendance - provide childcare at an evening meeting? Is it possible? Provision of child care is not an option because of licensing and liability.

Deanna attended via phone. Traffic issues - there is a video contest sponsored by Translink. Deanna is to contact the new administrative assistant to put info in the EBulletin. Has there been any info re the speed bumps?

6. Adjournment

Motion by Jasmine to adjourn the meeting; first by Candice and seconded by Eva. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

NOTE: All PAC meeting minutes are available on the EC Website. Quorum in 20 parent members. According to the constitutional change approved by the membership in previous years, if quorum is not obtained, the members present will constitute quorum and a binding vote will be held. Child-minding is not available at the meeting. *** The ECPAC recognizes that General Meetings are not the appropriate place to discuss school personnel, individual students or parents.***

**Next general PAC meeting:
Friday, March 9, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. in the school library**