

PAC Meeting
Wednesday September 19, 2018
6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

Present:

Brenda Radies (Chair, PAC)
Andrea Bradshaw (Co-Chair)
Alexa Bodel (Treasurer, PAC)
Keelin Costello (Secretary, PAC)
Aron Campbell (Principal)
Karyn Jones
John Robb
Lauren Gilchrist
Heather Nelson
Artie Chumpol

Kelly Kerklaan Marie Engelbert Kirstie Simpson Vickey Probert Lindsay Hunter Mitch Currie Nancy Hostetler Shevaun Brown

Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm.

Adjourned at 7:55pm

Adoption of minutes from May 23, 2018: Alexa Bodel, Andrea Bradshaw

Adoption of the Agenda Sept 19, 2018: Karyn Jones, Shevaun Brown

Treasurer's Report: Alexa Bodel

Please find 2018 2019 Sept 19 budget attached Points of note: Our cash position is \$28,722

There are 3 accounts, 2 of which our treasurer can check. The third account is held in a trust fund by the school district, this account contains the checks from Gleneagles cheque drive. We can access these account balances through the district.

We are awaiting the exact numbers from Troller Ale House.

ipad money is not listed on the budget sheet.

The budget is healthy, we can pay our bills for this year. Our fundraising this year will be to replenish the funds so that we can spend with confidence in the 2019/2020 school year.

There were no questions.

Mandatory Bylaws Review: Brenda Radies (PAC Chair)

Vote to increase the permitted term on PAC executive from 2 years to 3 years.

Passed. 10 Yes votes. 3 No votes.

General discussion:

Will a 3 year term discourage people from running for executive positions?

- Because a 3 year term is too long to commit to, or
- Because people will assume when a parent signs up they have committed to 3 years therefore there is no need for others to volunteer.

It was explained that any PAC executive term is for a 1 year period, however if the same person wants to volunteer for the position again they can do so for a maximum period of 3 year. This gives the PAC executive consistency for a longer period.

It is hoped that kindergarten parents who are just starting in the school will volunteer for positions.

Vote to allow a new PAC to pass the budget in Sept/Oct rather than June.

Passed. Unanimous Yes.

General discussion:

Shifting the budget decision period to Sept/Oct means that a new PAC is not locked into budget decisions made by the outgoing PAC. The general budget outline will still be done at the end of the school year in June, but will be voted on in September once the new PAC has had a chance to review the draft budget.

Vote to increase unbudgeted spend to increase from \$200 to \$300

Passed: unanimous Yes.

General discussion:

It has been a while since the \$ amount has been reviewed and since then the cost of sundry items has increased, so for ease of operation it is agreed that an increase in the amount is warranted.

Fundraising: Brenda Radies (PAC Chair)

Last year the fundraising target was \$10,000. The target goal for this coming year is \$12,000. The increase in the amount is due to the expectation that the hot lunch take will be down.

One of the vendors (Foodie Kids) was sold, as a result their prices have increased. The higher prices make it uneconomical for us to use this vendor. As a result hot lunch is now only offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This will result in a decreased revenue.

It is planned to have a Cheque Drive as the main fundraising event. The reason for this is to simplify the fundraising process.

The Cheque Drive will be launched on Thursday September 27th at the Meet The Staff Open House event and will run until Oct 8th (this date is to be confirmed by Brenda.) On this night there will be visual reminders around the school, in the form of dollar amount tags on items the PAC has purchased in the past.

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A fundraising goal thermometer will be in display in the school.

The PAC will give an estimate of the donation amount per child that will be needed. Last year it was approximately \$80 per child.

Donations can be made through School Cash online. When parents donate through the cash online system they will receive a tax receipt.

Donations will be anonymous. For ease of use the suggested amount will be set up as the standard default amount. Parents will also be able to customize the amount they donate.

Cheques will be accepted; however it will not be possible to give a tax receipt for cheque donations.

It will be important to Remind, Remind, Remind parents to make their donation. Class moms will be asked to remind parents in their class. 58% of the school community donated last year. It is hoped to increase the amount of families donating.

An email will be sent out through the School Cash Online with a link.

Parents are also reminded to check if their employers have corporate donation matching schemes that they might like to avail of.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch registration will be open from Sept 17th to Sept 28th. Hot lunch will begin service on October 9th. It will be possible to make changes to your child's menu choices for up to 2 weeks after service starts.

Hot lunch may drop popsicles and replace them with a smaller version popsicle.

There is a good pool of hot lunch volunteers so far.

Social

Shevaun Brown has volunteered to form a committee to organize the parent social. The parent social will not be a fundraising event. This takes the pressure off parents to come up with more money. The event will need to cover its own costs. The parent social will most likely be in Feb 2019, this is to be confirmed. Shevaun will be away in February, this will have to be factored into the planning.

Principal's Report: Aron Campbell

Mr. Campbell would like to extend his gratitude to Ms. Pistilli for all her work. He also thanks Mrs. Hulme the new Vice Principal, it's great to have her on board.

He also thanks the PAC for purchasing Spirit Wear for the staff and for funding Hi-tech Hi-touch. They have already been in with grade 4/5 students.

Thanks also to the Playground Committee. We are one of the few schools to have our playground work complete by September. Grades K to 3 have been given priority in the new playground. Play time on the new structure is being staggered so that everybody has a chance, especially in the early days when everybody wants play on it. Access is balancing out now. The official launch date is to be decided.

Enrollment is 250 students, up 16 students from last year. This is the highest number in 10 years. Families are coming out of district from Squamish and Furry Creek. It is a great reflection on the school. We have 12 new staff members, 3 of whom are EA's.

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The Band is 17 members strong and we are very happy to have a Primary Choir (When Ms. Liu left, there was some concern that we would not have a primary choir).

Summary of School Vision Presentation - Mr. Campbell will provide his PowerPoint file

We are in the second year of our Framework Enhancing Student Learning.

The vision is to prepare the students for a rapidly changing world. We are in the 4th Industrial Revolution. To do this we need to change the way we are teaching, now focusing on skills and competencies. Our children will need to be adaptable, flexible and collaborative.

In his presentation Mr. Campbell referred to the 3 Pillars

Inquiry, self-regulation and Digital access.

The framework enhancing student learning has 2 goals

- 1. Approach to design thinking
- 2. Foundation skills in literacy, numeracy and self-regulation.

The primary grades focus on

- 1. Early literacy
- 2. Self-regulation (we have a calm down room)
- 3. Inquiry and creativity

The intermediate grades focus on

- 1. Digital literacy. We are now signed up to Google Platform.
- 2. Self-regulation such as mindfulness and being present
- 3. Inquiry and creativity. The focus is on creation versus consumption.

Gleneagles is using the LAUNCH cycle to introduce student to design thinking

Grades 6 and 7 there will also be a focus on social/emotional learning, leadership opportunities, POWER values, resilience and social responsibility, growth versus fixed mindset.

In the early part of the year the teachers are building protocols with the students and assessing levels of learning. As the term moves on we will see monthly design challenges such as; the 20 Index card challenge and the Spaghetti tower challenge. Grade 6/7 will have a unit of enquiry and will utilize the design cycle. Grade 3 to 7 will do more robotics.

Other items from Mr. Campbell

- The numbers participating in Cross country running have increased from 25 last year to 41 this year. Well done!
- Gleneagles school has been chosen for redesign and modernization. College students will come to look at our school and generate ideas. The focus will be on modernizing the grade 6/7 wing. Construction will begin during summer 2019.
- Marshalls are need for the Terry Fox run next week. Bring Toonies.
- Google forms need to be complete by next Wednesday Sept 26th.
- Remember parent/teacher meetings October 4 and 5. Book your meeting online.

Other Business

A volunteer is needed for Spirit Wear. This will be Karyn Jones last year. She is happy to train a volunteer up this year. The system is already set up on Munch a Lunch and is very straight forward. Everything is done by mid-October. Please contact Brenda Radies (PAC Chair) or Karyn Jones.

Child care for meetings: Is this something parents would like the PAC to look into? It is a service that parents found useful in the past. The conclusion is, yes, parents with young children would like this service again. Please look into it.