



PAC Meeting
Wednesday Jan 28, 2020
8:45 am in the Learning Commons

Present:

Shevaun Brown (Secretary, PAC)
Rachel Clearwater
Lisa Fairburn (Chair, PAC)
Joel Hammond
Christine Hulme, Vice-Principal
Wendy Human (DPAC rep, PAC)

Kelly Kerklaan (Treasurer, PAC)
Heather Nelson
Kelly Richter (Vice-Chair, PAC)
Allison Schatz (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)
Kirstie Simpson

Meeting called to order @ 8:43 am.

Adoption of minutes from Nov 27th meeting.

Wendy, Kelly R

Adoption of the Agenda

Shevaun, Kirstie

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Kerklaan):

- Kelly preseted updated budget.
- Bank balances: with adjustments for Hot Lunch expenses still to be paid, we have approx. 53K in the bank
- Changes to Revenues and Expenses from last month:
 - Hot Lunch ~ estimated \$7700 profit in Term 2 (based on orders submitted)
 - Babysitting/Stay Safe course ~ \$844 profit
 - Troy M ~ \$1365 paid
 - Saleema Noon ~ \$1522.50 paid
- Without further fundraising this year, we will be operating at approx. 10K deficit (though our bank balance supports this).
- Cheques written recently were issued from the wrong bank account, causing extra work/headaches.

DPAC Report (Wendy Human):

- Wendy gave an overview of presentations from the DPAC Trustee Liaison Meeting on Jan 8th which included representatives from School Board, School Administrators, Union reps, DPAC reps; Kim Martin (WVS) & Renee

Willcock (WVTA) gave an update on the bargaining process and explained the salary discrepancies between SD45 and other districts.

- WVSD doesn't actually have limits on class compositions, though it doesn't usually exceed the limits that are present in other districts. WVSD has imposed limits, but it is not written into the language of contracts (where language has not changed for a long time); WV union wants to ensure the language is updated to ensure the Districts policy cannot be changed in the future.
- 2nd presentation focused on Digital Literacy: As parents we need to embrace the world that is coming at us as opposed to hiding from it; children need to be prepared for the careers that will be relevant for their generation. The presentation focused on what the schools are doing to embrace digital learning and how this can be supported at home.
- iDEC presentation by Caulfield
- Curriculum emphasis on using technology to allow for the creation of new tasks.

Circles Presentation, North Shore Restorative Justice Society*

**Circles Program (running in Div. 6 & 4 this year)*

- Trained facilitators sit in Circle with students, teachers, administrators, and support staff, and lead a series of developmentally-appropriate activities and discussions that result in a greater awareness of themselves and others. Topics include identity, diversity and stereotyping, empathy, peer pressure, mediation and conflict-resolution, self-inquiry, self-awareness, self-regulation, community building, and communication, as well as distinguishing between needs, rights, and responsibilities. These issues reinforce the core competencies of the new BC curriculum, particularly the Personal & Social, and Communication competencies. Our program works within social-emotional learning frameworks being used in individual classrooms and in alignment with our School District partners.
- Anne-Marie Parent, Schools Initiative Program Manager with the NS Restorative Justice Society explained the underlying rationale of 'restorative justice' and shared a brief overview of the Circles Program by taking meeting attendees through an abbreviated circle exercise.

Principal/Vice-Principal's Report (presented by Christine Hulme):

- Thanks to GEC PAC for funding Troy's Bop Shop; very well received as evidenced by well attended Grand Finale assembly.
- Welcome to Beverly-Ann Lehman (replacing Corinna Jones in Learning Support role); working Mon-Thurs.
- Welcome to Rachel Trask who is assuming the School Counsellor role; working Mondays & Thursdays.
- Retirement celebration for Corinna Jones on Thursday, February 6th @ 3:30pm ~ send out RSVP to parent community? It was noted that the PAC would like to contribute to her gift.
- Student-Led Conferences coming up on Friday February 21st, 8:45-10:00 with a similar format to previous years; this is considered an informal reporting opportunity (1 of 5 during the school year). PAC to provide coffee in the Learning Commons first thing? At 10am, parents will be invited to the gym for a musical showcase featuring intermediate students.
- Lunar New Year celebrations came together very well thanks to support of Chinese parent group; all primary classes + 1 intermediate class got to go through stations. More parent involvement to be encouraged next year.
- Aim to recognise Narooz (Persian New Year) in the Spring with a table by the office.
- Winter Concert follow up: more involvement from Primary classes due to heavy involvement of intermediate classes in Spring musical. GEC administration polled other schools to see what is happening around the District. Parent involvement will be sought to support the Spring Musical; date tentatively set for June 4th. Lisa suggested the idea of involving an Artist in Residence in the Winter Concert.

- Zen Maker Overview shared; administration required provision of lesson plans this year which was a useful addition. In class support being provided by AC and KY.
- Primary Skating today as well as Brainwaves Neuroscience and Concussion Awareness for Divs 1/2.
- Body Science presentations for parents and children with Dr Brandy Wiebe; thanks to PAC for their support.
- Portable Planetarium for Div 4/5/6 on Monday, Feb 3rd.
- Green Thumb Theatre presentation to K-7 (+ Lions Bay) provided by Arts Starts funding ~ Wednesday, Feb 5th.
- Grade 6/7 Ski Trip ~ Feb 28th; PAC/Admin providing cooperative financial support (Admin Discretionary Fund) for 2 families thus far.
- Field Hockey in service for Div 8-10 (missed earlier) on Jan 31st.
- Discovery Ed Educational Facilitator joining teachers in Div 1/2/3 teachers in class to introduce and refine use of Math Tech Book Resource (a digital text book accessible to all students in grades 6 & 7; paid for by WVSD.
- Volleyball teams organised for upcoming 4-week season (Grade 7s only).

Hot Lunch Report (Allison Schatz):

- Term 3 coming up; tighter ordering window needed for Term 2 in future.
- Lots of feedback from parents about pizza day; pieces have been smaller, delayed delivery and quality. Pizza provider will be on site this Friday.
- Allison would like someone else to be trained up to help with the role in some capacity next year. It has been a lot of work and significant time commitment. How could we split up the role? Dropbox to be updated with relevant paperwork for reference going forward.
- Difficult to please everyone's opinions and requests!
- Planning for next year needs to start early to give vendors adequate notice; let's set up a Hot Lunch meeting to review data from Term 2 orders (and eventually look at initial orders for Term 3).

Chair's Report (Lisa Fairburn):

- Traffic signs to be replaced following vandalism.
- Lots of successful PAC funded events recently:
 - Great turnout for the In-School Dance Presentation from Troy's Bopshop
 - Golden Pearl Ensemble for Lunar New Year Festivities
 - Zen Maker Labs (Grades 3-7)
 - Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators; Parent presentation Jan. 27th 6:30-8pm and students during school Jan. 30th-31st
 - Babysitting and Stay Safe Course; Jan. 24th (Pro-D Day)
- Discussion about distribution of information to parents: *Can we set up a School based Whatsapp group for all parents that is separate from the social (non-school sanctioned) groups already circulating? We need to check with AC for admin support.*
- It was suggested that we could include a calendar link in the PAC eNews.
- Upcoming events:
 - Fundraisers??

Adjourned; 10:50 am

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 26th @ 6:30pm