

## PAC Meeting Minutes - Oct 2022

**Date:** October 25, 2022

Meeting began at 6:35pm. Meeting held in-person and online via Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions:

Alaric welcomed all the parents to PAC meeting

### Financials

- As of end of Sep, we are in reasonably strong position
- Overall balance for General Account is \$40,000
- Gaming account, we have around \$8600
- Gift cards we have \$950
- In Sep, we received gaming grant from government; every year we apply for it; provides some money for our school to use for the benefits of the students; this year we got \$4200
- Balance sheet is inflated because when parents pre-order the food, we get the money upfront but some of the money is for purchasing the food day items (i.e., expenses not incurred yet)
  - In Sept, we had 3 food days and have been pretty good revenue and profit from them
    - Sushi days \$200 per sushi day
    - Pizza days \$350 per pizza day
- World Teacher Day
  - PAC provided teachers with treats that day, with coffee and donuts to appreciate teachers and staff
- Food Day Updates
  - Food days are running smoothly, 8 days a month
  - Starting last week, we invited a couple of parents to come to supervise how food is served. They provide extra support during PAC lunch days.
    - Take some work off our noon hour supervisors (only 2 of them)
    - A bit of change from last year as teachers were eating lunch with students supervising
    - Now gone back to normal lunch hour supervision
    - Any parent can volunteer
    - Opening up for first two weeks, and then will open up November sign up at the end of the week

- Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time
- Food Vendor Policies
  - Families are more than welcome to send lunch from home but at this time, we are only open to allowing certain approved vendors
- Fruit, Vegetable and Milk Program
  - Thank Eva and Charmain for heading this program up, and washing and distributing
- Spirit Wear
  - Those orders have been submitted to our vendor who deals with apparels and they are experiencing some issues with supply but have assured us that it is under control
    - Should be coming in the next couple of weeks
- Extracurricular Activities
  - This year we have the opportunity to invite outside teachers and coaches to come to the school
  - We have asked for a few recommendations and have received some proposals
    - e.g. dance programs, art programs
    - We will need to work out the timing of the programs
    - This is for the kids that may otherwise not be able to participate in something like this
    - Stay tuned while we try to iron out how to fit this in to everything else that is going on at the school right now
- General Fundraising (Mr. Cooper's Pies)
  - Fundraising partnership with Mr. Cooper's Pies
  - Link to their website was sent out last week as well as posted to our weekly newsletter
    - Families are invited to purchase pies; quite convenient; come in vacuum seal, frozen state; keeps for months; open packaging and throw in oven
    - Fun way to raise money and also convenient
      - Go onto their website and on checkout, there is a "Jessie Wowk" for selection as delivery format. Delivery to the school is Nov 8.
- Outdoor Ed 2023 Fundraising
  - Last year, outdoor ed did Krispy Kreme twice
  - Brief background: Grade 6 and 7 year end trip (3 nights) at Squamish Camp
  - Comes out to be \$400-\$500 per kid

- Used to do fundraising in terms of hot dog day (once per month)
- Grade 7 Farewell Fundraising
  - Organized by Eva, involving the kids
  - First activity is the Rice Krispies, and already started taking pre-orders
  - There will be one fundraising every month
  - Fundraising will be used to decorate their ceremony, lunch, yearbook, legacy gift, etc.
- Other Items
  - Boosted some of our allocations this year because of food days
    - Classroom allocation is boosted from \$12 to \$14
    - \$300 related to arts-related programs for teachers to apply for
    - Grad allocation boosted from \$40 to \$45 per student
    - We are in good financial shape to continue to support our students
  - Mr. Angman is starting Math Club again and PAC is fully supporting it, est. at \$420
    - PAC had helped school with upgrades, e.g. library renovations, technology upgrades, etc. to benefit our students in terms of their learning journey
- PAC 101 Workshop
  - Sign up by the end of this week

#### Principal's Report

- Land Acknowledgement
  - Gesture to be inclusive and respectful of our first peoples
  - You will hear a few sentences before the start of each PAC meeting
- Halloween Plans
  - Halloween events at the school include: bring in a pumpkin from home and participate in having some fun in their classroom
    - Students welcome to wear costumes, but not a expectation
    - Will have Halloween pumpkin on display
    - Treats are allowed, can open them at home
    - Guidance on items include: prepackaged and nut-free

- FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment)

- For Grade 4 and 7 students just to provide snapshot in how they are doing in numeracy and literacy

- There is online component and in-class component

- Want families to know that this is just a snapshot to check in where the students are with regards to their learning

- Doesn't reflect how they are doing overall

- They will be completing them end of next week, and goes to District on Nov 17, then mid- to late-Nov the parents will get results

- Some students will not write, including ELL and some students have learning considerations, etc.

- Remembrance Day

- Will have school assembly

- Looking at opportunities to engage with families to see how we can come together a little bit more

- Emergency Drills

- Had one today to ensure that our students know what to do

- All learners walked to the field; took 4.5 mins and had all students accounted for

- Each year, we have 6 fire drills, 2 earthquake drills, 1 hold and secure and 1 lockdown

- Will provide updates on when it will happen so that parents can have conversations with kids

- Rainy Days

- Send kids with rain jacket and boots

- Will encourage kids to go out unless weather becomes a safety concern

- Grade 6/7 Volleyball

- Thank you to Mr. Angman and Mr. Woo for taking it on

- Health and Safety

- Shift from COVID 19 to communal disease management

- Thank you to families for doing due diligence when keeping students home when sick

- Learning Update Info Session

- Recorded and will be shared with families

- Will have a transition period
- Do not hesitate to connect with your child's teacher and Mr. Daum with questions
- Winter Celebration
  - Will have some celebration and have green light to do it
  - Possibly bring families to the gym or skating night
  - Ms. Khoo is getting something ready for band

Meeting adjourned 7:30

Next PAC Meeting will be Nov 29th