

PAC Meeting Minutes

Nov 10, 2015 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Present

Chair: Erin Schneider

Secretary: Meagan Huculak

Treasurer: Linda Doove

Parent Education: Christy Caza

Social Media: Angela Salehi

Social/Pizza Coordinator: Crestina Amado

Fundraising & Booster Juice/Subway: Barbara Anderson

Milk Program Coordinator: Diane MacSporran

Aspenwood Principal: Sean Della Vedova

Aspenwood Vice-Principal: Jason Giles

Regrets

Fruit and Veg Program: Dawn Johnson

DPAC Rep: Kelly Raabe

School Planning Council: Wendy Werier

School Planning Council: Natalie Branco

Booster Juice/Subway: Taruna Singh

Milk Program Coordinator: Claire Turner

Health & Safety: Jen Cox

Grade 5 Leaving Committee: Felicia Reamsbottom

Parents/Guests: 4

Call to Order

E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Introductions followed.

B. Anderson motioned to accept the October 13th minutes. Motion was seconded by A. Salehi.

School Report

S. Della Vedova and J. Giles provided an update on what is happening at the school:

- Article regarding Student Attendance was provided to PAC
- Mr. Della Vedova will be looking at attendance issues in the school in the coming weeks, particularly getting across the message that attendance matters and looking at proactive solutions. Noting that 10% of the year missed is considered chronic absenteeism. He will be reviewing absentee and lateness reports to identify trends.
- Remembrance Assembly Nov 10 “Went really well.” This is S. Della Vedova’s 21st Remembrance Assembly!
- J. Giles notified PAC to make sure all our Earthquake preparedness supplies are up to date as a full earthquake drill is anticipated this year.
- Mr. Giles reported on his TOP 5 since the last meeting
 - Assemblies: Recognition assemblies will be happening 1xmonth, Superblocks will be happening 1xmonth, these have been “pretty neat” and they work toward our social and emotional goals. Next Superblock is this Friday and will feature student teachers doing Minute To Win It activities.
 - Getting to know the kids and families better has been a highlight of the month
 - Halloween events: Hide and seek with J. Giles and S. DV (aka Chewbacca and Han Solo), Sean and Jason took the kids around for the parade then “Chewie” danced to Thriller.
 - Lots of smiles and laughter in the classrooms!
 - Jason is enjoying working with Sean, it is a good experience, and he’s learning a lot.

Fundraising Update

B. Anderson provided an update on fundraising activities.

- Movie Night: October’s movie night saw 150 attendees with the majority of tickets sold online. This was our biggest turn out yet, raising \$800 after expenses!

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- Next Fundraiser: Pub Night (Nov 19th) Ticket sale are currently slow, but looking to boost sales with some additional marketing including an email to parents.
- Milk is going OK, although smell may become an issue with the recycling bin. More volunteers are still needed, especially for Wednesdays.
- Pizza is going great! The volunteer turnout for pizza delivery is exceptional.
- Note was made that pizza and subway/booster juice orders are ongoing and can be made on Munch-a-Lunch

If you are interested in volunteering, please email our [volunteer coordinator](#).

Treasurer Report

L. Dove provided an update:

- \$7500 in funds raised so far, with previous funds this totals \$16,500 in the bank.
- 42 kindergarten students have submitted funds for the Emergency kits (totalling \$840) follow up is ongoing for the remaining students.
- Expenditures: \$300 for carnival rentals, \$350 Pub Night, \$787 for Boy Smarts Parent Education program.
- \$3,800 has been raised so far for the playground expansion.

Parent Education

C. Caza provided an update:

- Boy Smarts program is booked for Feb 3rd 7-8:30pm. This 1h presentation will be followed by a 30min Book Signing and Q&A
 - Bramblewood & Heritage Mountain Elementary will be splitting the cost, with the event being held in our gym.
 - Deposit has been paid and the next 2 weeks will see plans for ticketing (320-400 ticket max.)
 - Details will be forwarded to E. Schneider, A. Salehi & B. Anderson for various media postings.
- We are looking for a 2nd more general program to be held later in the spring.

Social Media

A. Salehi provided an update:

- 127 likes as of this meeting,
- To promote interest we will be adding a 5@5: 5 questions posted at 5pm. These will include interviews with teachers and administrative staff.
- Look forward to posts highlighting our various fundraisers.
- October saw 9 posts with 3 post so far in November and more to come (Boy Smarts, Pub and Movie Nights)
- It's not that we don't have anything to talk about, it's driving interest!
- Inquiries have been made regarding putting the PAC Facebook link on the Aspenwood web landing page.
- Suggestion: having incentives for following our Facebook page (prizes at Movie Nights)

Grade 5 Leaving

F. Reamsbottom was unable to attend so report was made by E. Schneider and L. Jones (of the Gr.5 committee)

- Gingerbread cookies have been ordered and will be sold at the Christmas concert.
- Students are being sized for sweat shirts and order will close Nov 23rd to ensure that students receive their sweaters before Christmas and with plenty of time left this school year to wear them.

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Pub Night Update

C. Amado provided an update:

- Pub night meeting is scheduled for this Friday (November 13th) at 2pm in Counselor's office to discuss volunteers, prizes silent auction, donations etc.
- Gaming licence for 50/50 has been applied for and will be ready by the event date.

Q&A

- No Date has been set yet for Brandie Buble's book reading
- J. Clement noted that minutes are currently filed in the wrong place on the website.
- Q: Will the last day of school in June be a ½ or full day? A: This will be a full day of school, however parents will be welcome to pick the children up at noon if they choose, the afternoon will likely be an activity in the gym for the remaining students headed by S. Della Vedova or J. Giles, and this will also be the case for the last day before winter break.
- Q: Why aren't kids welcome to wear Halloween costumes in the AM? A: This is to keep the chaos down and encourage an environment of learning in the AM as costumes can be distracting.
- Q How is traffic going? A: S. Della Vedova noted that compared to previous schools the traffic seems to be moving smoothly with few exceptions, those being the larger vans used for after school care programs. He will be looking at a solution for the issue of the larger vans.
- Q: When/how will parents be provided info about the changes to report cards?
 - Changes to reporting are being made mostly to intermediate grades and a mock report card will go out to effected parents likely by email.
 - S. Della Vedova noted that he will be preparing a Survey Monkey survey to go out to parents regarding "Where do you get information" such as report cards, parent/teacher interviews etc.
 - S. Della Vedova would like to communicate with Eagle Mountain Middle school regarding grading practices for continuity (EMMS does not currently use letter grades)
 - Q: Will parents be consulted regarding any move away from letter grades? A: No If we move away from letter grades parents will still have the option to Ask for a letter grade for their child.
- Q: Will FRESHGRADE for intermediate students be expanded for all classes/grades? A: This online portfolio program for students will likely start with intermediate students and filter down over time. This will be dependent on uptake by teachers and on their comfort/familiarity with the technology.
- S. Della Vedova noted that he is considering another Survey Monkey targeted specifically to our 4/5 students using BOYD (Bring Your Own Devices) to get their input on school programs and activities.
- D. MacSporran noted that we should stay tuned for feedback in the Tri City News re: the tech our kids are using . . . obviously we are a 'have' school and we may see push back on this issue.
- Q: Will we be sponsoring families through the food bank at Christmas this year, and how much notice will classes receive on this project? A: Ms. Bird is spearheading this project.

Adjournment

The PAC meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, December 8th @ 6:30pm Free babysitting is provided.