

## Banting PAC meeting - April 20, 2022

**Participants:** Principal Trask, Vice-principal Bain, Noelene Ahern (PAC Chair), Marit Heideman (PAC Secretary), Stan Wylie (PAC Treasurer), Sheila Robertson, Christina Debruyn, Karen Lim, Avita Sharma, , Lori, Celeste Boyce, Israel Minero, D Squeo, Claire Wheeler, Z. Bahrami

6.30pm – Opening of meeting and Traditional territory acknowledgement by Principal Trask

Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting approved by Marit Heideman, seconded by Avita Sharma.

### Principal's and vice-principal's report

- Slowly and cautiously opening up the school for more activities and utilization of indoor space. The 'vibe' in the school is changing positively due to these changes in covid regulations.
- Next year the school will have one extra division (1 extra English division). There is a lot of development in the school catchment.
- Principal Trask has completed school visits to 'Grade 5 –feeder' schools. There will be no open house for incoming students.
- Principal Trask will send out the school code of conduct for annual review.
- School goals – the school has sent out a survey regarding the Indigenous learning goal. The school has already received responses, the survey will be open for a couple of weeks.
- Upcoming school activities:
  - Pilates: June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Terry Fox run: April 26
  - School-wide Playland trip: June 22. Various middle schools have organized either a trip to Playland or Cultus Lake [prior to Covid]. Playland has been deemed the preferred trip as the travel time is much shorter, and thus provides for more 'play' time.
  - Staff appreciation and Grade 8 leaving ceremony are happening this year.
  - Fly-over Canada field trip for EAL (English as an Additional Language) students
  - Various sports activities (e.g., rugby) are up and running
- Lockers for all students are starting up again.
- Quebec trip is on for 2023, and will include Grade 7 and 8 students. Will be organized in collaboration with Montgomery Middle School.
  - Q- Have there been parent chaperones on this trip in the past? There have been occasions in the past (e.g. teacher shortage, specials needs student)
- Pizza lunches can be organized again in the near future if so desired.
- Electronics recycling is happening again. Parents are requested to sign in to the school and can then drop off any used electronics.

### Treasurer's Report

- Account information as of March 31:
  - General Account: \$11,000
  - Gaming account: \$6,000
  - School-based account: \$16,469
- No significant activity in any of the accounts in the past months.
  - Request from school for \$1,500 for an Indigenous speaker still to come in.

- Request for financial contribution for pilates instructor to be sent to the PAC.
- PAC will be able to contribute to staff appreciation lunch, Grade 8 leaving ceremony, and/or the school wish list.

## PAC Activities

- Grade 8 leaving ceremony:
  - School district wants to be cautious and prefers not to have large (all Grade 8's + family) gatherings yet.
  - The school is suggested to split the ceremony into two (e.g., French/English, alphabetically, or by teams).
    - Parents feedback: alphabetically would split up friends.
  - A barbecue should be possible. A photo booth would be allowed too. A dance is not yet possible.
  - In 2019, the PAC spent \$1,600 and asked for a nominal student fee. The PAC has \$800 in the budget and can ask for a nominal fee for hamburgers etc. (~\$5).
  - Claire Wheeler will co-ordinate the event and will ask for volunteers to help out.
- Staff appreciation:
  - Last year's budget was ~\$15 per staff member for a food truck.
  - Q - What would be the preferred option from the staff's perspective?
    - Staff loves both options, but for this year the food truck might be the better option with regard to health concerns.
  - The PAC can send out a request for donations to parents

## New Business

- PAC Executive 2022-2023:
  - Current PAC members' terms are set to expire (i.e., Chair, Treasurer, Secretary). The PAC is looking for new members to fulfill a two-year term. Interested parents/guardians can contact the PAC for more information.
    - The school will send out an invite to incoming Grade 5 parents/guardians as well.
  - PAC AGM is scheduled for May 2022.
- Q regarding two items on School Cash Online:
  - there is an item for 'Gauss Math', which is a math competition.
  - Another item is for 'Dunkin' Donuts or Krispy Cream'. This may be a fundraiser to help send kids to Playland.
- Q- Have there been any Covid cases at school? The school has no data on this as this data is confidential.
- Wish list from the school:
  - Tech Ed equipment needs updating (Table saw) - ~\$2,000-\$4,000
  - \$100 class money
  - Special guest speakers
  - Yoga mats requested by 3 Teams

- Contribution toward an additional basketball court East of the current court - ~\$40,000 (black top court) to \$60,000 (cement court).
- Home Arts supplies (e.g., food processors, ironing boards, etc.)
  - Potentially donations of unused items from parents can be accepted (school will confirm).

Meeting adjourned at 7.25 pm. Next meeting (AGM) May 18, 2022 at 6:30pm.