1. **In Attendance** Chelsea, Tanya, Cheryl, Angela, Judy, Meghan, Heidi, Carita, Lina.
2. **Meeting called to order at 7pm.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – February by Tanya and Cheryl**
4. **Approval of Agenda by Angela and Tanya**
5. **Principals Report**

* Spring concert Thursday March 9th email your teacher of the oldest child for tickets – child on lap does not need an extra ticket but if they cannot sit on your lap they do.
* April 13th Grade 2 hearing test – also including new to BC, new to the country, or if parents or teachers have a concern.
* Mr Mushen’s should be back after spring break.
* The kids have been very welcoming to our interim principal.

1. **Treasurer Update**
   * + Variety cookie fundraiser – made approx $130. This was a great way for our school to help out Variety Children’s Charity

**Fundraising Information from Sept to December**

* + - Little Caesars made just under $1000 for each one – most profit.
    - Hot Dogs and Boston Pizza are the next largest profit.
    - Next year David has requested for us to only have 2 hot lunches next year per month as the amount we are having now is not going well and is disruptive for the school.
    - Fundraisers – only $3539.85 of PAC donations have been made so far as of last weekend - this is 1/3 of our school. The PAC donations before covid covered our whole budget and then we did not have to plan as many fundraisers.
    - Snowflake ball is the next largest fundraiser.
  + Budget Planning for 2023/2024 School Year
    - The budget over the years have increased from $5000 2017/2018 to $14000 2022/2023
    - The changes for the proposed budget:
      * Increased classroom funds – probably going up 2 divisions, librarian, music, EAs, student services (20 divisions total)
      * Social committee could be decreased if needed.
      * Increased the pumpkin patch budget, snowflake ball, and Haunted Halloween – these are up for discussion as kids can now go to the pumpkin patch and we are considering not hosting a Halloween night.
      * We have had an increase in kids that we support with hot lunch – 14 kids currently, planning for an increase – planning for 20. Currently this year David is helping with this as the district has given extra funds to help school families this year
      * Fill-a-fridge is also a new program that PAC has introduced this year that provides breakfast to certain kids that are in care that have been separated, kids that come with no food. $100 per month to fill-a-fridge, we can decrease that to $50 as we haven’t used the $100 each month.
      * We have also added a monthly strong start allowance for fresh fruit. We may decrease that from $100 to $50. Also, will discuss with the program if there are other options for funds.
      * Social committee line item will be decreased to $250.
      * With these changes our budget can be decreased from $19,155 down to approx. $16 000. This is a proposed budget that will be up for approval at the May PAC meeting.
  + Fundraising Planning for 2023/2024 School Year
    - PAC welcome back to school movie night will possibly be moved to October as September is busy with back to school.
    - Halloween Night will be cut from next year as we need to cut costs.
    - Snowflake Ball may be at the end of November or beginning of December again but will be provided again.
    - Parking spot raffle
    - We will have to decrease the hot lunches to 2 per month – little caesars will be one, the other is still up for discussion.

1. **Grade 5 Update**
   * Next Grade 5 Meeting – March 7th at 6:30pm in the library
   * The 2nd deposit was sent in the amount of $1747.83.
   * The final deposit will be sent in April – Carrie will confirm the amount as we have 2 extra students join our school in grade 5. Should be around $2497.
   * Our account balance is $3795.78.
   * Leaving Ceremony is June 27th.
2. **Chairpersons Report**
   * Hot Lunches/Treat Days for this month:
     + Fruit & Veg / TCBY Frozen Yogurt – Wednesday, March 1st (tomorrow)
     + Boston Pizza – Thursday, March 9th
     + Little Caesar’s – Thursday, March 30th
     + Fruit & Veg / TCBY Frozen Yogurt – Wednesday April 5th
     + Hot Dog Lunch – Thursday, April 6th
   * Signup.com
     + **Still a few spots needed for Volunteering for Hot Lunches**
     + PLEASE adjust your commitments if you cannot make it and find your replacement if it is last minute. We need people to help hand out hot lunches so we can continue to give the school this option for lunch.
     + Hot Dog Day - [https://signup.com/go/WLiFhFY](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsignup.com%2Fgo%2FWLiFhFY%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0rguRqQLjHf_394M4gciD21VQg_Fi8mbTflO9zWUOBL1tj9P8nPmoUHzA&h=AT2IMNo9AUgXumNHImhckmh4meotm6IoVarSodkV2-tMvJGes6P10YfjXOMtqpj8HsiwUfvlUwPu8nnGkjZqdcJ6Maq4kHAV05K7BxIkN0DWsOxtOcYknX8hm_g6MbPsChebkwELzqIZaG7uUSmTNbk&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5B0%5D=AT1wWVIG7wschEsEPACr5Kbiobha0K-4uGtIgkpZov6OtmfOBXHD3K1aeo5SPj5gNR3uApycOxXojN3u8I4S3UgN4LrV2UAyeF-ViujjDwl8bABBO0iRLWx68zMzVAT__9rXlPCt_r84oBJjgpqtsceLqBtGdYmh)
     + Fruit & Veg - [https://signup.com/go/Qcvgfxb](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsignup.com%2Fgo%2FQcvgfxb%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2cg9oYqZED-4ejIt-2RqMZIzy0_btFfdkVlwtMXI-FehQgs51e2wlTp1g&h=AT3GhQZjArQBhJIcBIzw1Gdp0jPRuIqjFN3EwkppQEYDhurWzz8jaI0NKESOS4n5iwFIdIo89HWiOuNmMtsel5oUB9PPgld7x_fjnkZfvnVIB5KgG9YrYYzZL-_G0G9sknIZXZzBD1AmQGimxEXBjZY&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5B0%5D=AT1wWVIG7wschEsEPACr5Kbiobha0K-4uGtIgkpZov6OtmfOBXHD3K1aeo5SPj5gNR3uApycOxXojN3u8I4S3UgN4LrV2UAyeF-ViujjDwl8bABBO0iRLWx68zMzVAT__9rXlPCt_r84oBJjgpqtsceLqBtGdYmh)
     + Boston Pizza - [https://signup.com/go/rGzBTtJ](https://signup.com/go/rGzBTtJ?fbclid=IwAR2eEM7q3VTGABDMfTjt_pcMFsATzXuwQzqF6kSFW2YPbAY3pAVXtxB08y8)
     + Little Caesars - [https://signup.com/go/dOMcmYD](https://signup.com/go/dOMcmYD?fbclid=IwAR2KRXGdZQxQe315nRDSuV4Vp18706TD0AFWjZKCe2doSi2bxG3cWth8YcY)
   * Upcoming Fundraisers / Events
     + **Meridian Meats Gift Cards**
   * Pickup March 7th 2:30-3:00pm at the front of the school and 6:30-7pm in the library – thank you to all of those who purchased.
     + **Clothing Drive**
   * This is a fundraiser that helps you spring clean but also the PAC raises funds depending on the weight of the items collected.
   * March 6-10 before and after school. Pickup March 10th @ 1pm. - We need volunteers to help with loading the truck on March 10th from 12:30 – 1:30pm.
   * All items donated need to be wearable, clean and shoes paired together packaged up in closed bags – clothing, outerwear, footwear, bedding, blankets.
   * Bring your items to the spring concert as we will have a bin there for donations.
     + **Safer Spaces Internet Safety** – April 17th – this is a free program to teach parents and children about internet safety – more info to come.
     + **Photo Fundraiser** – April 29th – Sign up for a time slot with the photographer at a local location. Fee will be $64 for sitting fee and 1 edited photo, then packages are available for more photos to purchase.
     + **Mother’s Day Shopping Night** – Thursday, May 11th – table fee is $30 email [crepacexecutives@gmail.com](mailto:crepacexecutives@gmail.com) if interested. There are kid-preneur tables available for a smaller fee. Emails have been sent out to previous vendors.
     + **Neufeld’s Farm Fundraiser** – May 15th order deadline with pickup May 25th. Flyers will be sent out in the end of April.
     + **Spring Carnaval or Dance** – end of May. – Tanya will gather quotes and we will discuss between the next PAC meeting so that we can have details for a possible carnival next PAC meeting, or we can plan for a spring dance in April.
     + **Movie Night** – June 23rd ($5 per family) – need to still decide on what movie.
   * Ongoing Fundraisers:
     + **Cobbs @ Oxford crossing** – you can donate your points to the school.
     + **Mabel’s Labels –** go to mabelslabels.ca and click “support a fundraiser” search for our school (CRE PAC) and get shopping. There is a wide variety of labels you can create**.**
     + **Return it Depot** - walk up with your bottle returns in a clear or see-through blue plastic bag and put in the school’s phone number (604) 942-0241 into the express return machine – print out your labels and place them on the bags to leave in the express return area for your deposit to go to the fundraising efforts. Don’t forget to scan the bag!!
     + **Provincial Spirits –** We have an ongoing fundraiser for **ONLINE orders ONLY.** When checking out type **CRE** in the coupon section to earn our school **$1 per ORDER.** As we only get $1 per order, please do multiple small orders.
3. **Playground Update**
   * Will be installed in MAY!! YAY!
4. **DPAC**

**DPAC Meeting**

**February 22, 2023**

Follow up Cheryl’s questions about Technology in School:

* The district expects Gr. 6 to 12 students to have their own devices.
* At elementary school level, district is providing 1 laptop for every 2 students at an intermediate level. 6 iPads every 2 classrooms.
* If there is a need more than what the district can provide, it is the PAC’s responsibility to raise those funds.

**Parent Workshop on March 1st via ZOOM.** I posted the sign-up link of CRE Parents Facebook page already. Various presentations are available via dpac43.ca.

**Technology in School presentation**

* very informative
* students and staff personal information is stored under FIPPA.
* The technology is used because the trend of STEAM education.
* The school is upgrading to WIFI 6. Priority is given to secondary school first.
* Digital Literacy and Citizenship
* Other DPAC reps have expressed the Parent Portal is not user friendly. Stephen Whiffin said they are going to use another layout soon. If the parents have difficulties navigating the portal, they should contact the school admins.

**Open Forum**

* Does Coquitlam River Elementary students have the needs of additional academic support? If so, we can partner up with a neighboring high school to set up a learning support group after school or we can use high school students to run some after school playgroups for Early Dismissal.

1. **New Business** 
   * **Staff Appreciation Week**
     + March 6-10th - We are planning to provide goodies each morning for the staff of CRE and a **potluck lunch on March 7th. We need you to sign up to bring items.**
     + Sign up for bringing food items (30 more spots) or volunteering (2 more volunteer spots) -<https://signup.com/go/opeBJwA>
     + Food can be dropped off at 8:50am at the front door.
     + Please label containers so they can be picked up at the end of the school day in the lobby.
     + On the day of the potluck items can be dropped off between 8:50 – 11am all other days of the week they can be dropped off at 8:50am
     + There are small items to sign up for (fruit, veggies, salads, mains, desserts, beverages)
     + **We need people to sign up to show our appreciation for our CRE staff!!**
   * Trial the back-pack program from April – June if funds can be given from the school district’s family fund – although it looks like it could be funded by the rotary or the school district.
   * Carita asked if we are having any performers coming in and had sent an email regarding her sister performing (positive hip-hop who works with kids) at the school during the day. If we want to do it during school hours we can use gaming funds next year, we can check with David/Judy to see if we can fit it in this year or if we can fit in a spring dance in April – if we can plan that. Carita will ask her sister to see what that would cost. Next year for sure would be a possibility.
2. **Next Meeting –** Tuesday, April 4th at 7pm in the library.
3. **Adjournment at 8:57pm.**