

James Park PAC Meeting Minutes

January 31st, 2023

6:30 pm at James Park Elementary School

Minutes: Katherine McGill

In Attendance: Sonja Feichtinger, Lyndsay Krause, Katherine McGill, Christine Mackenzie, Cynthia Johnson, Mehdi Maleki, Simon Salavati, Oleksandra Vynaniuk, Luciana Ferro Sardi, Donna Ciarniello, Crystal Craig (arrived 6:55 pm). Non-Voting Attendees: Robert Wright, Cori Kehler, Hannah Macdonald.

Observers (via Zoom): alberth, Shraddha

	Agenda Item	Action Needed
1	Call to Order: 6:30 pm.	
2	MOTION for the approval of the agenda. Motion Lyndsay, 2nd Luciana, CARRIED.	
3	<p>Principal's Report (Rob Wright)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower Learning Commons is set up more as a gathering place with the new couches. - New washer and dryer installed in Room 202. - New stove installed. A big thank you to Elk's for their support! - A fridge with sliding doors has been installed in the staff room. This Fridge was donated by the Port Coquitlam Fire Fighters Charitable Society. - Breakfast with Firefighters right before winter break was a success. They will be coming back on the Friday before the Family Day long weekend. - Breakfast Club serves 200-400 meals each day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This program is funded with community donations, funds from Breakfast Canada, donations from the firefighters, and funds from the Student and Family Affordability Fund. - The cost of food is averaging well over \$1000 a week. - Student and Family Affordability Fund covers things such as fee waivers, supplies for students, and food (Breakfast Program and other nutritional needs). This is a one-time fund. We are waiting to hear if it all needs to be spent this year or if we can carry over some of the money for next year. - Hip Hop is coming next week for the whole school. We used money from the Affordability Fund to cover the cost of this program. In the past, PAC has funded this type of program, but it is not currently in the PAC budget due to inflationary costs, playground fundraising and limited ability to do other fundraising successfully leading up to this year. Each kid gets 3-4 sessions and there will be a performance. The cost is \$12 per student for 	

	<p>the program which will be covered by the Affordability Fund. No cost to families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We were just notified that James Park will be used as a summer learning site. This is a district decision. Summer camps will also be running at the school this summer. - Kindergarten Registration started. With Montessori and regular enrollment, we are at 29 students so far. Programs of choice have closed. Regular enrollment is happening now. Cross Catchment will happen after that. - James Park will be donating \$5,000 to the playground project with money generated through community rentals. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>Teacher’s Report</p> <p>Cori Kehler (Grade 4/5 teacher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Grade 5 Ambassadors have really been stepping up. They have planned spirit days, and a group of them have been helping with hot lunch. We are looking forward to starting freezie sales again. Looking for more fundraising opportunities. - Grade 5 Fun Day - In June, on the last Friday of school. We have bowling reserved, Lions Park is booked, and we’re just waiting to book swimming. We hope parents will be a part of the planning, especially with the picnic at Lions Park. All Grade 5 parents are welcome to come along for the picnic. - We have student teachers in Lafond’s and Kehler’s classrooms. - Walking field trips have been happening, including a couple of skating field trips. I hope parents are ready to step up and get involved. - Side note from Lyndsay: We need more Grade 5 parents for the Grade 5 fundraising and events. <p>Hannah Macdonald (Community Development Facilitator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have after-school programs running, and we have a couple of spring break camps planned. Registration opens on Feb. 6th for the spring break camps. - Six weeks of summer camp are planned for this summer. - Parents can speak to me about grants, subsidies, and community programs. 	
<p>5</p>	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land Acknowledgement (Katherine McGill) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOTION to begin each James Park Elementary School PAC meeting with a land acknowledgement. Motion Katherine, 2nd Lyndsay. - Three options for which land acknowledgment to use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We acknowledge that James Park Elementary School operates on the traditional, ancestral and 	

	<p>unceded territory of the kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation). We thank the kwikwəłəm who continue to live on these lands and care for them, along with the waters and all that is above and below.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We acknowledge we are on the unceded territory of the Kwkwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish, and Sto’lo Nations.” - “We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Coast Salish people, specifically the kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation), sqəciyaʔt təməxw (Katzie), and S’ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō) Nations, upon whose unceded traditional territory James Park Elementary School resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share, and grow on this traditional territory.” - REVISED MOTION to begin each James Park Elementary School PAC meeting with a land acknowledgement that states, “We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Coast Salish people, specifically the kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation), sqəciyaʔt təməxw (Katzie), and S’ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō) Nations, upon whose unceded traditional territory James Park Elementary School resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share, and grow on this traditional territory.” Motion Katherine, 2nd Christine. 8 Votes in Favour, 0 Votes Opposed, 1 Vote Abstained. CARRIED. - Planning For Next Year (Sonja Feichtinger) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I started a full-time job recently. I am PAC President, Facebook Coordinator, and Hot Lunch Coordinator. I also volunteer at the Breakfast Program. I will be stepping back next school year. I plan to be the Grade 5 Coordinator, but I will not be able to coordinate Hot Lunch. We need people to step up for the next school year. It’s a good opportunity to start now because we can help you with getting orientated. Once September rolls around, we will not be able to provide a lot of assistance. - Hot lunch needs two people to coordinate. It’s a lot of fun to do, and the kids love it. We may need to hire a delivery company like Lunch Lady if people don’t step up. - We also need Fundraising Coordinators. The playground needs to be upgraded. You would not be alone with fundraising. If parents don’t step up, we won’t be able to have amazing events like the Kids Shopping Event, Movie Nights, Halloween Dance, and Community Day. - You can start slow. There’s no need to jump into everything. We just need more people to help out. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lyndsay will not be in an executive position next school year and will not be able to continue what she has been doing. - We need to have a PAC with 3 executive members to get our Gaming Grant money (around \$6,000 each year). - Grade 5 Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donna has completed the quilt she was making for the Grade 5's fundraising efforts. Thank you, Donna, for your donation! We will be holding a raffle for this quilt. We need Grade 5 parents to help facilitate this raffle. Rob will find a place to display the quilt so parents can see it before buying tickets. 	
6	<p>DPAC (Katherine McGill)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The District budget consultation process is starting up soon. DPAC is a stakeholder in these discussions. DPAC president, Rosey Manhas, is looking for feedback from PACs to advise on what is important to them in the upcoming Budget Process for the 2023/24 school year. Any feedback can be emailed to office@dpac43.ca. 	
7	<p>Fundraising (Lyndsay Krause and Katherine McGill)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growing Smiles - \$78 profit. We will not be doing a spring Growing Smiles order for this school year. - Cookie Kit Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Profits of \$315. Thanks to Sonja for sourcing the kits, and thanks to Cindy for managing the munchalunch ordering. Bianca from Baking Bee said she was interested in doing the fundraiser again. Next time there will be no paper orders. - Kids Shopping Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Just over \$2000 profit. We donated \$500 to the James Park Christmas Hampers. - Going forward, the Kids Shopping Event will replace the Christmas Market. - The middle school volunteers were excellent. We will be inviting them back next school year. - Upcoming Fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purdy's with delivery before Easter. - Neufelds with early May delivery. Hopefully, it will bring in more revenue this time. If not, we may consider cutting this fundraiser. - Movie Night - We will be having a Movie Night fundraiser on March 3rd. The movie will be viewed in the gym, but there will also be a quiet area with board games in the learning commons. The quiet area is intended for kids with 	

	<p>sensory sensitivities. Pizza and entry tickets will be the only pre-order items on munchalunch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Day - Scheduled for June 3rd, 2023. This event is a smaller-scale version of a Carnival. It will be held entirely outdoors. There will be a garage sale where anyone can buy a table to showcase their items (including community members.) We are looking into booking bouncy castles. We may also have fair games, food trucks, and a concession. The grade 5 ambassadors can help out with this event. The size of this event is entirely dependent on the number of parents/caregivers who volunteer to help out. The first Community Day Committee meeting will be held on February 15th at 6:00 pm at James Park Elementary School. 	
8	<p>Playground Committee (Lyndsay Krause)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We now have the money needed for Phase 1 of the Playground Upgrade Project. The entire project will cost over \$200,000. We have around \$75,000 saved for Phase 1. The main aim of this project is to make our playground more inclusive. - We are hoping to have a big presentation soon that outlines what we have fundraised so far and what Phase 1 will include. Our goal is to get everyone excited about this project as we are getting very close to breaking ground. - The date for the next playground committee meeting is February 28th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. 	
9	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 pm.</p>	
10	<p>Adjournment: 8:13 pm.</p>	