**KPAC Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 - 7 pm via ZOOM**

**Attendance**

Lynn Bradshaw Jeremy Bauman

Kim Downey Christie Jones

Krista Ramirez Leanne Cahan

Laurie Birnie Caren Grande

Lisa Bertsch

**Call to order: 7:05pm Krista**

**Approval of Agenda: Kim/Jeremy**

**Approval of January 2021 minutes: Lynn/Lisa**

**Executive Reports**

1. **President: Krista Ramirez**

* Northing to report

1. **Treasurer: Lynn Bradshaw**

* Balances: chequing $22659.90; gaming: $5560.57
* We made some money from our last Purdy’s fundraiser
* We had only a few orders for the Provincial Spirits fundraiser; Provincial is going to donate $50 to the PAC

1. **DPAC Representative: Jeremy Bauman**

* At the last DPAC meeting, Stephen Whiffin gave an update on the district’s Covid response, and reported the following:
* Safety protocols review
* The gradual transition back to school program & full year at home program:
  + **:**The district wants kids and parents to feel safe, so there are no hard and fast deadlines.
  + In September 2020, 2700 kids from K to grade 8 were transitioning back into school
  + As of January 24th, 2021, 900 kids are in the transition program; the numbers getting lower each week.
  + The district expects everyone back by spring break.
  + Regarding the full year at home program, the district wants parents to feel that they have options and is working to minimize the gap between in-class material and the online material and is tailoring the online program to the needs of students still in it. It is flexible with an emphasis on giving parents/students options and maximizing their comfort level.
  + Dave Sands & Rob Heindrichs presented on Digital Awareness for Parents, giving an introduction of what the school district is wanting parents to be aware of, especially involving “bring your own technology” schools:
  + They pointed out thatmuch of what kids do online fills the same needs we had as kids – e.g. social needs, risk-taking.
  + If the development is there, parents shouldn’t be too worried about how it’s happening (i.e. online versus in real life).
  + The presentation’s purpose was to increase awareness of issues and challenges and introduce practical ways to support kids with technology.
  + Parents won’t be experts, but it is important that they try to pay attention to what kids are doing online and be involved.
  + It is recommended that schoolwork done on computers does not count towards daily allotted screen time (there is a distinction between this and “consumption” screen time).
  + Parents should not be too hard on themselves, as it is hard to keep kids off screens when they want to see their friends. Screen time is on the increase because of Covid, with an average of three hours of consumption screen time for grade 8 and up students, but of course, every family is different.
  + Parents should be mindful of their own behaviour and what they are modelling.
  + The presentation highlighted different challenges with online content (inappropriate, predation, cyberbully, health problems caused by too much time in front of screen, addictions).
  + It is important to remember that if there has been an infraction of a family’s rules, the parental kneejerk reaction to remove device/Wifi can cause more problems as this could result in kids not talking to parents about problems they may have online. Kids will likely find a way to get online anyway, so it is important to generate expectations and engage and communicate with kids, respond to what the kids are needing a response to, and support and model appropriate behaviours.

**Committee Reports**

* Fundrasing for ReturnIt: $86 has been raised so far. Labels went out to parents, so this seems to be working.
* The seeds fundraiser just started - no update.
* The next Purdy’s fundraiser will begin the week before spring break so we’ll have it for Easter. Krista will send out info in a week’s time so people can place orders. Ms. Birine will find a way to store the chocolate at the school.
* Neufeld Farms – set up for delivery for May 5th. Orders will start after spring break
* Meridian Meats gift card fundraiser (Lisa Bertsch) – gift cards can be purchased at Meridian Meats (in five denominations), and they will give 30% back to the school. We will figure out a way to accept payments (perhaps Lisa and Krista can meet parents at the school, or perhaps it can go through School Cash Online).

**Administration Report: Principal, Laurie Birnie**

* We will return from spring break on April 5th, so this is a shortened month for fundraising.
* Grade 4 surveys-- parents of Grade 4s will receive with information and directions they can help their children log onto the survey
* Carnival will go ahead; modified for Covid. Natalie Malakoff has formed a committee.
* Drive in: The drive-in movie can not go ahead, gathering in that number is against the provincial health order.
* Frisbees and targets – frisbees are a bit brittle and breaking easily, but kids are enjoying them. Staff had to stop pulling the targets out at recess and lunch as the wheels don’t stand up to being moved across the gravel field. Ms. Birnie will purchase casters for them so they are moveable and is hoping to put them out in the form of a course so kids can play Frisbee golf.
* Ms. Birnie has noticed the same trend with gradual transition students as mentioned above. Eight divisions are impacted by gradual transition students; 13 children in school are on gradual return to school. Three transition students have come back full time this month
* We now have permission to use 181/284 students’ photos (maybe class reps can do last push). Teachers are taking more photos for the yearbook. list of parents who have already agreed to allow KPAC to have their contact information has been provided by the school to the KPAC already. Reminders will be given from the school. Krista has a list that she can give to reps; Krista can use this list for communication for PAC.
* Valentine’s Day – staff has a project for school that will be done as whole school. School mural – theme is “All You Need is Love.” Every child will get a printout of hearts – each child will decorate two hearts (front and back), then glue together for a mural by the office. English and French.
* Special event days have been planned for March dates will be posted on the school website
* Kilmer welcomesMme Eng to the school community. Mme Eng will be taking over for Mme Watts, the Kindergarten French teacher, who is now on mat leave

**New Business**

* -Classroom Rep Update – updated list of reps to be sent to teachers; class reps should work with PAC (not “for” teacher). Class rep should be link to PAC. Role of class rep can be more formalized and used to PAC’s advantage. We can write an email to send to reps about what we hope the position can become?
* -Still looking for a Vice President! Here is a description of the role of VP:
* **\* shall assume the responsibilities of the President, as per Bylaw Section X, Section A, in the President’s absence or upon request**
* **\* shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties**
* **\* may be a signing authority on behalf of the Council**
* **\* may organize volunteer committees.**
* -Yearbook – Lisa will ask Brittany to send another email for parent permission.

**Adjournment: 8:10pm**

**Next meeting Monday, March 1st, 2021 via ZOOM**