**KPAC Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 1st , 2021 - 7 pm via ZOOM**

**Attendance**

Krista Ramirez Jeremy Bauman Phyllis Chong

Christie Jones Tiffany Douglas Kim Downey

Laurie Birnie Leanne Cahan

Lynn Bradshaw Caren Grande

Call to order – 7:07pm Krista

Approval of Agenda – Kim/Jeremy

Approval of February 2021 minutes – Lynn/Jeremy

**Executive reports**

President - Krista Ramirez

* Nothing to report

Treasurer - Lynn Bradshaw

* The gaming account currently has $5560.00
* The main chequing account currently has $22 575.44
* The Grade 5 Me N Ed’s fundraiser brought in $925

DPAC Representative - Jeremy Bauman

* The DPAC has issued a 21-day racial equity challenge that runs from March 1 – March 21st. The challenge can be access through the “21-day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge” on the DPAC Facebook group, where an article/challenge will be posted each day. Weeks are themed/ The challenge can also be accessed through Twitter, Instagram, and The Conscious Kid.
* The district has updated its Covid procedures surrounding contact tracing. Communication from schools to BC Health Services is being streamlined, hopefully to the point where if a family hasn’t been contacted within 48 hours of an exposure notice, they are considered in the clear.
* The District wanted to highlight services being offered in and around mental health. The SD43 website has a page with links (click on “mental health,” “organization,” then link to desired organization).
* Sarah Dover from Family Smart (FamilySmart.ca) presented at the last meeting. Family Smart is a group to help support parents with kids who are suffering from various addiction problems or are mental health consumers. The group offers support from PIRs (Parent in Residence) who have all had experience with children with these issues and also offers in-person meetings, phone calls, video chats, etc.
* FamilySmart also hosts a monthly event called “In the Know.” Videos can be found on YouTube.
* Monica Thimmer from FamilySmart also presented about coping strategies for families when the children’s anxiety is expressed as anger.
* There will be no March meeting
* Next meeting will be for the budget and DPAC general election on April 7th.

**Committee Reports**

Fundraising - Krista Ramirez and Tiffany Douglas

* The Meridian Meats fundraiser brought in $392
* Purdy’s – put the word out; Easter is coming! Deadline: March 8th.
* We will hold a Neufeld Farms after spring break (May 5th)
* The Westcoast Seeds fundraiser has brought in $402 so far. It ends March 5th
* Return It has brought in $125 so far (labels help!) Please only return returnables (not garbage!)

Administration Report - Principal, Laurie Birnie

* Related to the racial equity challenge, Ms. Birnie has been talking about social justice with the students and exploring the issue through literature, including a discussion on Black History Month in Canada.
* On International Women’s Day on March 8th, Ms. Birnie will talk about women in Canada, and is continuing to look at a multi-layered narrative in our communities.
* The FSAs are being completed soon. Students are only exempt from the FSA in extenuating circumstances. Parents will have access to their child’s FSA results.
* The MDIs for grade 5s will take place soon.
* Kindergarten enrollment for September is down, possibly b/c of Covid.
* Caretakers are working very hard to keep kids safe
* Ms. Birnie would like to acknowledge school secretary Brittany Leavold for all her hard work in keeping the kids safe as well (signs, sign-in procedures, QR scan for contact tracing, health and safety team).
* It is getting difficult to keep the kids focused and they need regular reminders about Covid protocols.
* Concerning zones in the playground—it is a struggle to keep kids in their zones, especially siblings. It’s hard from them to understand. Ms. Birnie is looking at ways to emphasize the zones (one possibility may be to line the fields).
* Possibilities for KPAC funds: an outdoor volleyball court and a soccer board.
* A work order has been put in for the school to be repainted to cover the most recent graffiti. The school is waiting for workers to come. (There are no obscenities).

New Business

* We have reps for almost all classes. Krista will send out an email to reps explaining that the role will change a bit next year.
* We are still looking for a Vice President. Krista will put out a callout.
* Fruit and veggie day questions – Lynn is going to put together a post for Facebook and newsletter to explain what happens and that there is an option for an alternative, or that parents can opt out, or not opt in in the first place. The opt-in is on a School Cash Online form that is completed in September.
* Ms. Birnie will as Brittany if she can send out an explanation/reminder to parents how to find what they’ve agreed to online.
* KPAC can send out emails from the Gmail account regarding any communication to parents, meeting announcements, etc. If there’s something that needs to go into the newsletter, please send it to Krista at the Gmail account on Thursday so she can send it to Brittany for the Friday newsletter.
* The Purdy’s order can be organized at school. Volunteers will have to do health check. Purdy’s will be delivered on March 15th and be ready for pick up on March 17th.

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:01pm**

**Next meeting Monday, April 12th, 2021 via ZOOM**