

ÉCOLE NESTOR ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2018

PAC Executive Present:

Amanda Dishaw	Jennifer Sam	Tracy Roy
Angela Mudie (<i>minutes</i>)	Megan Keller	
Courtney de Boer	Nicole Cavanagh	
Deborah Black	Noelle MacEachern	

Nestor Administration/Staff Present:

Tamara Banks

1. **Call to Order** by Tracy at 7:01 pm.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motioned by Courtney; seconded by Amanda. Motion passed. None opposed.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes from the June executive meeting were adopted. Motioned by Courtney; seconded by Amanda. Motion passed. None opposed.
4. **Business Arising from Minutes and Correspondence:**
 - ❖ The choir riser request is approx. \$8341.13 (before taxes) – Mrs. Kiddie has secured 20% off and will forward the final quote. Tamara suggested 50/50 cost sharing with the school. This was agreed and will be voted on at the next General meeting.
 - ❖ New Movie Coordinator – Angela Mudie
 - ❖ Nestor September BBQ Friday – Postponed to 2019; Terry Fox Run is on September 27th and Orange Shirt Day is on September 28th.
 - ❖ Parent Liaisons – This will add another of layer of communication between parents and the class. Tracy and Tamara to meet before the October meeting to discuss.
5. **Principal's Report (Tamara):**
 - ❖ Wonderful first week! The week was spent rotating through stations working on reviewing the WITS, mood metres, apologizing and making amends, and the difference between tattling and reporting. There was an assembly each day going over practical things like in bounds and out of bounds.
 - ❖ The September 7th Picnic was well received and will be done again next year. Each teacher was responsible for an activity and was done over lunch hour and into the afternoon.
 - ❖ 5 – 6 new staff (Ms. Bower: 4/5 French; Mr. Hoben: 1/2 English; Ms. Pearce: 1/2 Blended; Ms. Vanatko: Student Services; Ms. Huang: ESL)
 - ❖ This year there are 21 divisions. 11 English Divisions & 10 French Divisions.
 - ❖ The kids were placed in their classes on Monday.
 - ❖ Parent Information Night is on September 18th and will talk about school processes, reporting, and curriculum. This night is open to new and returning parents.

- ❖ Welcome conversations will be held on September 19th & 20th
- ❖ The 2018/19 school year will focus on:
 - RULER – there will be an in-service for new staff. Each class will be creating new charters.
 - Attention will be more focused on literacy. Self-regulation will be worked on with brain breaks, physical breaks and meta-moments.
 - There will be a look at specifics to executive functioning. There will be a presentation then workshop addressing challenges with children being organized, staying on task, and how to address difficulty starting or finishing a task.
- ❖ September 21st Pro-D day will be focused on RULER and the resources.
- ❖ There is a new physical break area located in Mrs. Elson's previous room. This will allow for a brain break while completing physical tasks similar to a circuit. This will be teacher and child nominated and will run similar to the Namaste Room.
- ❖ Resources Acquired by the school:
 - Science Kits were purchased for Grade 2.
 - 4 licenses for RAZ List and Reading A – Z were purchased.
- ❖ Resources Requested with PAC funding:
 - Intermediate teachers do not have current novel sets; they have been given a budget of \$1000 to purchase lit kits or sets of novels for the class. It was requested for PAC to match. This was agreed and will be voted on at the next General meeting.
 - PM Benchmarks (reading assessments was priced at \$7500. 50/50 cost sharing was requested. This was agreed and will be voted on at the next General meeting.
- ❖ The District now has a Mental Health Coordinator.

6. DPAC Report (Angela):

- ❖ PAC 101 is on Wednesday, October 3rd. Registration is open on Evenbrite. The Parent Education communication has been forwarded to Deborah.
- ❖ Angela has emailed DPAC in regards to the possibility of a GST reimbursement for the choir risers. She will inform once the DPAC has responded.

7. Treasurer's Report (Amanda):

- ❖ Current balances:
 - Gaming: \$37000
 - General: \$2500
- ❖ Jennifer Sam and Courtney de Boer are approved as signatories for cheques. Motioned by Deborah; seconded by Nicole. Motion passed. None opposed.
- ❖ The use of night deposits is approved. Motioned by Deborah; seconded by Courtney. Motion passed. None opposed.
- ❖ Gaming grant has been applied for but funds do not get allocated until October.
- ❖ Fund Allocation Inquiry:
 - Parents Welcome Coffee – \$25
 - Funds for Year End BBQ from gaming account – \$1000
 - Family Education – \$2000 – Topic Suggestions: Executive Function; Sexual Health; A Series of talks through the school year.
- ❖ NSF cheques to be addressed with a mailed letter from PAC with returned cheque requesting a replacement cheque.

8. Committee Reports:

a) *PPL (Jen)*

PPL will be available every 2 weeks with the possibility of additional weeks. There are 2 Teams working PPL (Meghan & Jen; Courtney & Olivia). This year's vendors are Fresh Slice, Subway and Carl's Jr.

b) *Neufelds (Megan & Nicole)*

September 24th is the order deadline. It was agreed that the date for distribution would be October 3rd at 6:30pm. Meghan & Nicole will help with orders.

c) *Popcornpooza (Noelle)*

The first popcornpooza will be on September 28th.

d) *Movie Night (Angela)*

The first movie night will be on November 30th with a possible Christmas theme.

e) *Halloween Activity Coordinator*

Deborah and Tracy will coordinate the relays again this year. The gym will be closed the night before so PAC can access. It will be discussed whether or not the school will go ahead with the costume parade this year.

f) *Grade 5 Hoodies/ Nestor Spirit Wear (Courtney & Petra)*

Courtney & Petra will coordinate both Grade 5 hoodies and Nestor Spirit Wear. It was agreed that Nestor Spirit Wear will only offer t-shirts this year. Tracy will email Mrs. Torres and Tamara.

g) *FroYo Fridays (Jen)*

The September 14th date will go ahead regardless of the weather.

9. Other Business:

- ❖ Craft Fair – Deferred to the October meeting.
- ❖ Chapters Family Night – Chapters will open for one evening exclusively for Nestor parents and 15 – 20% of all sales will go to the PAC. A mid-November date has been requested. Tracy will confirm the date.

10. New Business

- ❖ Poinsettia Sales – Meghan & Amanda will come to the October meeting with options.
- ❖ Garden Boxes – The garden boxes located in the courtyard were built and maintained by Nestor parent Beverly. The school funded for the materials. Beverly has approached the PAC for additional funding. Tamara will itemize what has been paid for by the school before any commitment from the PAC. This area and the garden boxes are tied to learning and teachers are becoming more interested in using the space but not all teachers have expressed interest.
- ❖ Gym Rental for Soccer Team – Rentals goes through the district through Facility Rentals.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47pm. Motioned by Courtney; seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.
None opposed.

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday, November 6 at 7 pm in the Nestor library Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 2 at 7 pm in the Nestor library
