

Parkland Elementary PAC | MINUTES

February 21, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. | Meeting location Zoom

Chair	Carly Weaver	In Attendance: Haley Hodgson, Carly Weaver, Alexandra D'Andrea, Laurie Birnie (Acting Principal), Veronica D'Andrea, Jennifer Bordignon, Nicole Stevens, Lisa Schmidt
Vice-Chairs	Kristin Dueck	
Treasurer	Veronica D'Andrea	
Secretary	Jennifer Bordignon	

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Welcome: Carly Weaver

1.1 Introductions:

1.2 Quorum- not met

1.3 Review previous meeting minutes- 1st - Carly Weaver, 2nd- Alex D'Andrea

1.4 Chair Report

2. Principal's Report: Laurie Birnie

-on Tuesday, February 20 morning around 8 am , when Ms. Birnie arrived at school there were two individuals loitering in front of side entrance

-it appears they had wandered over from the church where the MAT Program is run (overnight program where homeless from Tri-Cities are given shelter, food, and clothes)

-Haley confirmed through Rain City Housing that buses they rely on for transportation broke down and another was being dispatched

-in addition, there was a medical emergency at the church, as there were fire trucks and police

-Ms. Birnie confirmed with RCMP there was no threat/safety issue for the school

-later in the morning, before recess, a neighbor called the school to indicate two adults were on the playground (unsure of their activity or intent)

-Ms. Birnie called the RCMP and alerted the teachers that recess would remain inside for the day and all doors were locked- children were not informed people were on the property

-RCMP had delayed response, and individuals were on the rock and then left

-Ms. Birnie confirmed "hold and secure" drills are practiced at the school- everyone stays in their room, doors are locked- this was not an official "hold and secure"

-it was brought to the attention of the School Board and Ms. Birnie would like to communicate with all involved community groups to ensure there is safety plan in place

- questions and concerns were raised: do parents get notified via email when “hold and secure” is occurring?
- many children were aware of the incident despite not being officially told
- became difficult for parents to talk over the issue with their children when no information was provided
- in future, an email would be appreciated to keep parents in the loop and provided with information to support children with worries and open conversation

3. Committee Reports:

3.1 Hot Lunch –Alexandra D’Andrea:

- 2 sessions remain
- will reach out to vendors for the Spring session
- need to confirm a date for Sports Day for Hot Lunch and look at having ice cream donated again

3.2 DPAC- Haley Hodgson

- next DPAC meeting is February 28, 2024 so no update at this time

4. Finances

4.1/4.2 Bills of Allowance/Current Financial Position- Veronica D’Andrea

- Veronica presented spread sheet and highlights include:
- Scratch books made \$3,149.55 (funds need to be moved into playground account)
- general account: \$35, 979.11
- costs: Sports equipment: \$1,529.11; Art Start \$750 (runs in Spring)
- tennis is coming up (awaiting invoice)
- funds remain in the gaming grant that needs to be spent- possibly end of year dance?

5New Business

5.1 Playground Pivot

- we applied for another grant and were rejected
- not a lot of success from grants written by grant writers
- we’ve contacted Brad at the playground company and will see what we can put in place of the crab trap
- swings with an accessible bucket seat approx \$10,000 and add a topsy-turny spinner
- all prices do not include freight and assembly
- accessibility, function, and inclusivity remains priority

-will set up a meeting to reconfigure plans and present options at the next meeting

5.2 Saleema Noon

-have decided not to run this program this year

-our counselor is running presentations that overlap quite a bit with the topics that will be covered

-if have any other ideas, opinions, please reach out

5.3 Treat Days

-TCBY fundraiser- frozen yogurt fundraiser

-will be ordered online, can choose flavor and options are dairy free, vegan, and gluten free, and will be delivered packaged by division

-will confirm pricing and date (possibly Sports Day?)

5.4 Pizza Night

-Dominos pizza night is booked for April 18

-will need to make a flyer

5.5 Stay at Home Course

-we will be running Stay at Home Alone course on June 7th (Pro-D Day) at cost

-will not run babysitting course as not enough kids reach the age requirement

-limit is 30 kids, will look at registration being either first come or a draw

-need to confirm with new secretary how to set up payment

-meeting ended at 8:51 pm

-next meeting is April 24th at 8 pm (no meeting in March due to Spring Break)