

# École Rochester Elementary PAC Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, October 17, 2023, 6:30 PM

Room 208

Attendance: Lucia, Grace, Charmaine, Nadia, Erica, Dan, Jill, Cheryl, Deana, David, Jess

Regrets: Vanessa

## Agenda:

- Call to order
- Adoption of agenda
- Adoption of previous minutes
- Chair's welcome
- Principal's message
- Treasurer's report
- DPAC report
- Grade 5 committee update
- Fundraising
- New business

**Call to order:** 6:35

**Adoption of agenda:** motion to adopt the agenda. Moved: Erica, second: Charmaine, carried.

**Adoption of previous minutes:** Motion to adopt the previous minutes. Moved: Erica, second: Jill, carried.

**Chair's welcome:** Lucia welcomed everyone

## **Principal's message:**

- Cheryl introduced Deena who has been instrumental in her return to work plan.
- Calendar: Interims went out yesterday, parent-teacher interviews will happen during early dismissal next week.
- For November:
  - Excel is coming on 6th-17th,
  - Remembrance Day assembly on 9th,
  - school closure on 10th,
  - statutory holiday on 13th,
  - Vancouver Warriors assembly on 14th

- For December the staff had a vote and discussions about the winter concert. They will do an afternoon and an evening concert. The biggest concern is many kids don't show up for the evening show. Teachers don't need to come in or stay for and when only 1/3 of the class shows up, they ask why. It's for the parents that they put on the evening show. They know how important it is to the parents. They request that parents encourage kids to come in the evening. They are trying to be more culturally sensitive and it is called a Winter Concert
- Date will be December 21 1:15 and 6 PM.
- The PAC thanks the teachers for this Winter Concert
- Question: Would pancake breakfast on the 15th work? That would be great, or the 18th.
- Question: For grade 5 did you choose ceremony day? Not yet. Camp is on the 19th. Yes, Tristan said the ceremony is the last day of school so not its not on the same date.
- The bus was going to be \$40/hour, but Lucia contacted some previous drivers for a better price.
- The spirit squad does Spirit Day, historically holds a bake sale in October, a food drive in November, and a hot chocolate sale in December.
- Grade 5 wants to pick a day for popcorn.
- Question about help for Hazel Trembath. The district has asked schools for furniture inventories, and teachers to make lists of resources. Teachers at Hazel are looking through the lists. The teachers are overwhelmed and can't answer everyone. The district has rallied around them. In 2 weeks when things die down we can check in.
- Question: Is there more security in the district for schools? Vandalism happens in public and schools. Hazel is very secluded. PAC can look at reaching out next meeting.

### **Treasurer's report**

- Teachers, Student Services and EA funds transferred: \$2,550.
- \$639 raised from Neufeld
- over \$2,000 from coupon books. Final numbers to come next week. Pizza still to pay for. Teachers of the winning classes have been emailed to organize this.

### **DPAC report**

- There was a PAC 101 on October 4th. Lots of people attended.
- They have a number of PowerPoints all on the dpac site.
- Oct 25 meeting Nadine Tambelini will attend, subjects for discussion: secondary school report cards, Naloxone presentation.

### **Grade 5 committee update**

- 38 of 62 people have paid for hoodies. A CashKEV reminder was sent to families who haven't, Deana thought maybe a couple fewer (CashKEV). A few kids they want to support.
- A new grade 5 arrived and wasn't sized, can they get a hoodie? Hoodies have already been ordered. They want to get it before Christmas so they already paid.

- Budget: \$314 from freezies, \$399 from popcorn/freezies, \$276 from hot lunch. Should have \$1281.24 before 2189.28 toward sasamat (plus \$1200). Looking to pick a date toward the end of November for popcorn and hot dogs in December or January. November 29th is the date for the popcorn sale.
- Movie night: They have 12 volunteers. Presales are not good, only 18 families, but there will be pizza for sale there. Maybe it's because of how it went last year. They are not doing bluetooth, doing an actual DVD, so it may avoid the issues from last time.

## **Fundraising**

- It's a dance between PAC, grade 5, everyone wants to do. PAC hopes to put in a new sound system. Neufeld was a bit lower, but it could be that prices are higher.
- Red truck, we couldn't get it last year, but stayed in contact with the photographer. She offered it to us first. We only have 2 spots left.
- We have another more economical photographer, maybe for spring. Depending on where the grade 5 is on fundraising, the PAC could maybe offer this to them. Or we could use the photographer next year as an alternative.
- Normally we do Purdies and Flowers usually for pickup on the same day. These have done pretty well in the past, not as well last year, but still pretty good.
- Sound system update: The electrician for the district looked around and thought it's about 2 months out to do the work. Cost will be significantly decreased. He will buy the materials. He did for it for Seaview, and did another elementary school. Possible we would have it by January. Right now everyone is busy with Hazel. It will be a couple of weeks before the end of that.

## **New business**

- Halloween Howl
  - we put out microsoft forms and talked about it at the last PAC meeting. We don't want to repeat last year when it was dropped in our lap. We got 12 responses out of the whole school to the form: 11 yes to volunteers and 1 no, and they don't want it to happen.
  - Charmaine and Lucia have been going through layout and lessons learned, even if not holding it this year.
  - Comment: 2 people at the door is not enough. Response: Game tickets will be available for presale to reduce the bunch of buying at the event.
  - Has to be well-marked. Last year parents dropped off kids. Kids can't be dropped off. It's not babysitting.
  - There are few volunteers from 7:30-8:30, so looking at not doing the last hour and ending at 7:still need adults for first and second shift.
  - We've already said in email it's in danger of being canceled, twice. Since the email this afternoon, more signed up for cleanup.
  - Question: what about liability? It's not necessary for extra-curricular events because of school insurance.

- Suggestion that we run a shorter event - 7:30, cut line off early for plinko. YOUTH volunteers can be line closers.
- Comment: This event needs to be planned in June.
- Breakfast buddies
  - The parent who signed up for Tuesdays and hasn't shown up. We need another volunteer for Tuesdays
  - People are showing up at 8:45 when it's supposed to end.
  - We need to either shorten or not offer breakfast on Tuesday.
  - Comment: Time needs to be consistent across days. Could change to a grab and go format.
  - Cleanup wasn't done well one time - led to pest problem.
  - Cleanup needs to be done before gym time/school start.
  - Is there someone who can come and close door right at 8:45? Yes, Deana could do it. Other solutions discussed: Sign on door with hours - could encourage people to come, Take food away at 8:45 - difficult if serving people who sat down at 8:40. Deana Will monitor and check on Tuesday. Might be possible to change messaging.
  - Comment/suggestion: We ask for volunteers, but don't say why we're doing it. We need to tell people why it exists. They don't understand the importance. Shannon and Deanna could write up something.

**Adjourned** at 8:03 pm.

Next meeting November 21, 6:30 PM