

# École Rochester Elementary PAC Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 PM

Library

## Attendance

Lucia, Grace, Erica, Brenna,

Jennifer, Nadia, Cassie, Kayli

## Agenda

- Call to order
- Adoption of agenda
- Adoption of previous minutes
- Chair's welcome
- Special Guest
- Principal's message
- Treasurer's report
- DPAC report
- Funds for school performance
- Grade 5 committee update
- Breakfast program
- New business
- Door prize

## Call to order 6:36

## Adoption of agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda. Move: Erica, second: Brenna, passed.

## Adoption of previous minutes

- Motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Move: Brenna, Second: Erica, passed.

## Chair's welcome

- Lucia briefly welcomed everyone.

## Special Guest

- Amanda Panahi spoke on SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) education and shared a video on it. She displayed SOGI books from Maillard.
- SOGI is mandated in our curriculum. It is infused into the curriculum in different ways; in elementary, it is primarily by picture books and conversations.
- The school library doesn't have very many SOGI books. We want kids to be able to pull a book off the shelf where they can see themselves.
- Many books are available in both English and French.
- Questions: how much would it cost to stock the library? Can French books be stocked from the French fund? Approximately \$500 for English books. French books can be bought with the French fund.

### **Principal's message**

- Update on RAC week (Real acts of caring). Teachers put hearts on classrooms, kids are sending messages of kindness to each other. There was a pancake breakfast which was a huge success.
- Jump rope for Heart was on Monday. There's still a week or two to donate. Over \$700 raised so far.
- Student-led conferences are coming up.
  - You should have received a general invite. Teachers are reaching out this week with their availability. It looks different for each teacher. Some have appointments, some have open blocks.
  - For the first time, we will borrow stuff from Maillard for coffee/tea at the office during the conferences.
- Sports Day is June 15. It will follow a similar format to last year.
  - Question: do you need parent volunteers? Maybe we will have volunteers from Maillard. It's a good leadership opportunity.
  - Next team leader meeting after spring break, will look over plans
- Lots of field trips are happening
- Marissa is leaving March 10.

### **Treasurer's report**

- Gaming Account Balance to end of January \$8425.60
- Grade 5 Account Balance to end of January \$1,042.34
  - Deposit for camp will be required soon
  - Taco Del Mar Profit still to be calculated Costco receipt required for reimbursement
- Regular Account Balance to end of January \$29,488.00
  - Deposits for Carnival have started to come in
  - Purdy's and Plant sales not included here
  - Special Order Cheque for Taco Del Mar still required
  - Still have to pay out vendors
  - Still includes \$3,000 minus pizza lunch from coupon books

## **DPAC report**

- Main subject was about cross-catchment applications
- Need to do the application even if there are siblings (the exception is kindergarten) but they will get in with older sibling. Sibling status only works for the same school.
- Middle school is based on home address, not feeder school.

## **Funds for school performance**

- In budget, there was funding for a school-wide performance (Will's Jams). Will's Jams was paid for by the School District. Therefore there will be another school-wide performance: Kabam - science & juggling. Performance will be April 6.

## **Grade 5 committee update**

- Thursday is pickup day for doughnuts. It will be mentioned in morning announcements.
- Movie night scheduled for March 3rd. It will be Luck, an Apple TV movie so hopefully good attendance as maybe not many people have seen it. Movie will start at 6:30, doors at 6. Pizza and drinks will be available by preorder. Entrance by donation. There will be a concession.

## **Breakfast program**

- Breakfast buddies ran at least 2 days a week before the pandemic, more if possible. It was a chance for parents to network and build community. It was running Thursdays this year, however it seemed to stop. Not sure of the reason, perhaps parents didn't know.
- No communication about the stoppage.
- Shannon was running it. Shannon needs volunteers, but they need to be consistent. And it needs someone to run it/organize it.
- School has put together baskets with fruit and muffins, everyone is welcome, but intended for kids who need food.
- Need at least 2 parents, 3 is better, between 7:45 and 9:00. It could be as simple as cereal and milk.
- Lucia will send an email.

## **New business**

- Move that the PAC give \$500 to buy English Books for the library to support SOGI.  
Move: Grace, Second Brenna, Passed.

## **Door prize**

- Cassie won a Starbucks card.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:52.

Next meeting April 19th.