

SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)
 Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, Nov 5, 2019

In attendance: Joanne Chng, Remi Collins, Stacy Cruz, Eva Dias, Praj Dias, Terry Denney, Mery Naveh Fraiman, Ali Hamkar, Shermineh Hamkar, Tanya Hassard, Joyce Lawrence, Rosey Manhas, Crystal McVeigh, Shora Niaboli-Tulumello, Heather Nyberg, Damian Stanley, Stacey Stephen, Maria Woulfe

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to order 7:01pm	
Introduction (Rosey Manhas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Huge thank you for the Halloween party * Paint night * Voted and picked option 1 for artwork * We want to get roughly the right amount of alcohol * Suggestion: sell beer ticket through Munchalunch * Limit 2 alcoholic drinks per participant * Include alcoholic drinks and pizza tickets on Munchalunch * Small concerns about a couple bounced cheques for entertainment book
Principal's update (Remi Collins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Book Fair (Dec 2 - 4) * Dec 4 is parents only * Looking for volunteers * Significant fundraiser for the library * Remembrance Day assembly (Nov 7): parents are welcome * Christmas concert (Dec 18 1:15pm & 5:30pm) * Will be sending out an email that parents should bring their kids to the concert. It's very hard for the kids that are there with missing classmates in their performance * Ms. Rieder will be starting a peace squad * Grade 5 kids will be trained in peer mediation * Name calling, small problems can be handled by the squad, but bigger issues will be brought to the supervisor and support staff * Teach kids to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Learn to walk away from a problem, if you can't walk away from it how do we deal with it? * Also learn to give other person space if they're not ready to talk yet * Christmas hampers will be happening again this year. Different target items will be assigned to different classes * Mental Health vs. Mental Illness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Looking at key components of mental health * Study shows that if parents don't allow kids to work through stress, they don't develop the coping mechanism to deal with stress. Each time this happens the stress level gets higher and takes longer to calm down Report cards will be going home in about a month * Will be sending out guidelines of how to resolve conflicts and stress to parents so we can all use the same language as the staff

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Report cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Format will be similar across grades but with different wording * All public schools are using similar report card formats * Next step will be making report card available online, which helps when families move and report cards can easily transfer to new schools * Grade 4/5 will be going grade-less, an email will be sent to the parents with further explanation. Minnekhada and Kwayhquitlam are also moving towards grade-less reporting * The criteria will guide students to learn what they need to work on and what they do well now, and is more inline with performance review at work * Parent asked if there's a chess club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There will most likely be a chess club as Ms. Bischoff is planning on doing similar activities as last year * GymSense seems very popular! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PAC will look into continuing this next year * Dance and gymnastics are the area that are best to be done by someone that specializes in the areas * School photo retake is on Nov 15
<p>Financial Report (Tanya Hassard)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Entertainment book: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Not quite done but will be making around \$4000 * Hot lunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Going well and sale is higher than last year so far * Halloween Party: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Made \$1150 after all the expenses * We have \$18k in the bank. We need to get a wish list from the school and parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Remi has asked all the teachers to submit their wish list, then the ranked list will be send to PAC in the next week or so * PAC can then discuss which items we would like support * Last meeting we have given over \$22k to the school * Parents please also let us know if there are anything you would like to see the PAC use their money for * Last year it seems like some classes did not go on field trips, but brought in presenters, and sometimes the field trips just didn't work out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Possibility of funding 2 buses per class next year? * Or we dedicate a certain amount per kid, and teachers can choose to use it for buses or for the activity for field trips * Buses could also be hard to book depending on the dates and times

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<p>DPAC (Joanne Chng)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Presentation about vaping * 4 people suspended from 2017-18 jumped to 134 in 2018-2019 * BM middle/secondary school presentation * School board trustees and executive director were present * No timeline given for when the project will start * Shared plans for the school with capacity for 1000 students * Craig Woods (school board trustees) suggested writing to MLA/ Minister of Education, and to gather with other PACs to write a group letter. He is also open to come to one of our PAC meetings. * One of the highest priorities for Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam * Looking to make it the greenest school in Canada by fundraising for an additional \$10 million for the green initiatives (Ministry funding for the base school is pending approval) * Remi updated that Sheffield funding is all done already, and looking like it should open on time * Special education funding presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Prevalence funding model: rather than funding based on the needs of individual children it would be based on the prevalence of their condition or disability across the student population. Students' needs will no longer have to be diagnosed for funding, therefore there may be less evidence that they deserve services. And without the designation of special needs, there may be less incentive to provide the money to meet them. The school will be sending out more information on this to parents before the end of the school term.
<p>Hot Lunch (Eva Dias)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * only have 10-12 volunteers for hot lunch for tomorrow (11am - 2:30pm) * Reminder that order for hot lunch and popcorn days is done per term * Refunds when kids couldn't make it to a hot lunch are unfortunately not possible. You're welcome to pick up the lunch instead. * Ordering for the winter term (Jan - March) will start in mid December before the winter break
<p>Playground Fundraiser (Rosey Manhas)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Donation is still coming in and we're up to \$1200
<p>Family Photo Night (Tanya Hassard)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We are supposed to have received the proofs Nov 4-6, but we still haven't received them. We have been emailing them daily but no information is given to us. We are looking into using another company next year.
<p>Card Project (Tanya Hassard)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Almost made \$800 and we've only done the priority orders and 2 more weeks of ordering still to come
<p>Neufeld Fundraising (Rosey Manhas)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deadline is Nov 18 * Pick up is Nov 28 4:30pm only

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<p>Movie Night (Damian Stanley)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tickets are sold out (only 200 tickets because of capacity) * Pizzas will be from a different vendor than previous movie nights * Volunteer slots still open: 4-5 popcorn 2/3, Family combo distribution 6-6:30, Concession 6-7 & 7-8
<p>Lunchbox Theatre (Damian Stanley)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Performance Nov 29 around 11am at the assembly * Kids will be performing Toy Story * Spring session is booked after spring break in April * We had 26/30 filled for the fall session
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Movie night Nov 15 * Paint Night Nov 29 and go on sale on Nov 8
<p>Motion to approve October meeting minutes</p>	<p>Moved: Tanya Hassard Seconded: Joanne Chng</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>8:09pm</p>