

SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

In attendance: Sherry Basra, Jacquie Bekar, Leanne Botic, Preet Basra, Lily Cheng, Erica Corsetti, Stacey Cruz, Tenille Dang, Terry Denney, Eva Dias, Jenny Do, Jimmy Fung, Tanya Hassard, Lindsay Hooton, Ross Jacobsen, Yunmi Ji, Sabrina Johnston, Jon K, Sonia Lagiglia, Joyce Lawrence, Hao Li, Lin Ma, Anup Manhas, Mariana Marina Rico, Israa Mohammad, Hooria Moradian, Heather Nyberg, Ashley Pozzobon, Jillian Riederer, Stacey Stephen, Rhonda Van Haren, Nicole Villagran, Laina Wightman, Maria Woulfe, Connie Wu, Fei Xu, Junko Yoshimura

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Call to order 7:05pm	
Motion to approve minutes	Moved by Terry Denney Seconded by Maria Woulfe PASSED
Counselling at Smiling Creek Jillian Riederer JRiederer@sd43.bc.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Started working in 2006 as a classroom teacher, then went through counselling training and started as a councillor 11 years ago* Described the “Three tiers of support” where 1-7 percent of students require individualized supports, 5-15 percent require some group supports and the entire school benefits from universal system of school-wide support* Individual session:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Highest concern right now is anxiety* Weekly session for 35-45 minutes with ranging durations throughout the school year* 4 parts of a session:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Check-in (how is the student doing)* Tool time (led by Ms. Riederer)* Free choice (play therapy which is also Ms. Riederer’s focus in her training)* Wishing time* Group session<ul style="list-style-type: none">* focus on social skills and growth (but because of covid there are no cross classroom groups)* Similar format to individual session

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Class wide session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Focus on social emotional learning * Smiling Creek Staff also supplements their teaching with similar techniques * Gives Ms. Riederer a chance to know each student in the school * Term one she worked with 5 classrooms on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * E.A.S.E. (Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators) * Mood Meter * Zones of Regulation * Safe Bodies * Social Thinking * MindUP (mindfulness and meditation) * Restorative circles: build positive relationship within the class * School wide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Help with resolving conflict during recess or lunch time * Any student can also see Ms. Riederer if they are having a bad day and need a space to calm down * There is a student wellness page in the school website (that is in progress and will have more information coming) * Help with the school leadership program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Smile Squad (originally was peace squad): group of grade 4/5 are trained to be peer helpers to help kids in the playground * Spirit squad: students that help come up with spirit wear theme and make posters * Announcement helper with Mr. Jacobsen * Students can be referred for counselling support by teachers, parents or self referral * <i>Q: How many days does Ms. Riederer work at the school?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 3.5 (M, W, Thursday all day, Friday morning) * <i>Q: When do you expect small group class to resume?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Small groups are happening now but only within the same learning groups, mix learning groups are based on PHO orders * <i>Q: Do kids know what their issues are?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yes usually they know what they're working on, and learning about tools * <i>Q: Are there any issues with confidentiality?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We talk about privacy and to let the students know that their privacy is very important, but also let them understand when safety is a concern that some things will be shared. Among teachers, sometimes general terms are shared but never the specifics

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Principal's report (Ross Jacobsen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rocks and rings (curling): rented equipment and started things up for teachers that are unfamiliar with floor curling (this week Schedule A, next week Schedule B) * Tennis: there's an opportunity to bring a tennis instructor that is following all covid protocol (up to 14 days, \$13 a student, 4 sessions per class 40 minutes per session). Fantastic program and have had experience in former school. Sessions will start right after spring break (April 6) * Covid protocol will most likely not change for this school year (including hot lunches which will most likely not be running this school year) * Dog poop: it's a lot better since the email was sent (only a couple incidents since last Thursday). * School was vandalized Sunday morning at 3:30am. All the teenagers involved were caught because of neighbours calling the cops. Unfortunately all kids except one are from Maple Ridge so we couldn't interview them. \$6000 in damage, and will take 6-8 weeks to fix the damages. Any chance you can drive by especially the back of the school after school hours will be much appreciated. I've found broken glass, needles, used fireworks, drug paraphernalia, etc. Any help will be appreciated * Emergency supplies: district had supplied some shovels, picks and extra emergency supply bag and are now in storage and are available in case there's an earthquake. * Portables: we will have 4 portables dropped down and will go on the southwest corner of the school blacktop * SD has given 93 kindergarten spots to accept for 2021-2022. Any parents that have their kids home schooling now but would like to get back into the school in 2021 needs to let him know ASAP * Staffing update: there will be a new caretaker crew (one from Heritage Mountain and one from Irvine). Jennifer, one of noon supervisor's last day was today and we will be getting a new noon supervisor assigned. * Please spread the words: siblings still need to register for kindergarten! Feb 1 will be reserved for new to smiling creek family document verification. Feb 8 is for siblings document verification. SD is working on an electronic way to submit documents for kindergarten registration which will be on Jan 27-Feb 4. Prediction is we can take all the in-catchment kindergarten registration and not go over the 93 spots * District "Self Regulation Fund" can be allocated for river bend benches to be completed and installed near the long jump pit which will accommodate entire class for outdoor learning, and are also looking into log climbers and pogo sticks for more outdoor play structures. Kids can work on balance and gross motor skills. They need a 6' clearance on each side of the log structure, so we might need to modify the sandbox structure. * Additional funds will need to be raised by PAC for these natural outdoor structures. For example \$14000 for a 9 log structure (which doesn't include site prep and installation, which will be about \$5000 more) or \$5000 for 5 Pogo poles. Playground options attached.

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Principal Report (Ross Jacobsen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We will have a design plan to guide costs, fundraising and expectations and overall vision. The plan is to have incremental builds for the outdoor play area since building everything at one time will be too expensive. * If you have feedback about what you would like to see for outdoor space, please email smilingcreekpac@gmail.com * <i>Q: Will the new play structure installation fix the drainage issue?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Drainage shouldn't be an issue. Biggest issue now is kids have nowhere to play</i> * <i>Q: Will portables stay permanently?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * That depends on capital project for the school extension to be approved before portables can be removed (usually 4-6 years) * <i>Q: When will Sheffield Elementary be completed?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Possibly September 2022 but definitely not 2021 * <i>Q: Have we considered a covered outdoor learning space?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We're looking into putting a roof over the exiting pergola but the process is taking a while. We can also consider adding sails that can provide partial shades. Or add vines for some additional shades * <i>Q: Can we do an outdoor popcorn day?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Why not!
New Business (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We're still looking for Teacher Appreciation committee and spirit wear volunteers * We have almost hit the fundraiser target with what's budgeted, as we take on the outdoor play structure project. Here are some upcoming things planned to raise the funds needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Valentine's Day bouquets: Fran's Flower (Rhonda's company) has generously agreed to giving back a substantial kick back * Bottle Drive and family photos in the spring * Possibility of flower basket, Neufeld and/or gift cards for end of May * We were looking into doing something for Easter but didn't work out. If you have any idea for an Easter fundraiser, please let us know. * Community building: CNY in class activities. We were thinking about lion dancers but because of covid restriction and the cost we didn't think it would be a good idea or worth the spend * Rocky Point ice cream treat day in the loop: still working on the logistics * Let us know if you have feedback, questions or ideas!
Crosswalk Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A parent is taking initiative for crosswalk safety * City designates 4/5 areas a year to have RRFB (rectangular rapid flashing beacon) installed for crosswalks. Ross and a parent are both advocating for our school to get them.

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Smiling Creek PAC HUB (Terry Denney)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * https://sites.google.com/view/smiling-creek-pac * We're trying to gather all PAC information into one place. You can find information on fundraisers, volunteer sign-ups, community donations, how fund raised are used, community givebacks, staff/parent feedback, general information and calendars * Please let us know if you want to see anything changed or added on the website!
Exec Update (Jacquie Bekar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Currently working on events/fundraisers summary that we can utilize next year. Please send us any feedback that you have on previous fundraisers or if you have suggestion on what we can do differently. * Purdy's fundraiser: Thank you Nicole and team for taking this on and helping us raise \$1790.
Exec Update (Stacey Cruz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clothing Drive: Currently planned for April 17. We raised \$1800 in our fall clothing/bottle drive. In the mean time you can take any bottles to the return it depot * New Sandwich board: Thank you Sonia and Rebecca for our first sandwich board that has been great so far. And thank you to Rhonda (Fran's Flowers) for her generous donation for our second sign. * Classroom liaison: Thank you very much to all the liaisons for helping us share information. Currently 13 divisions have volunteers signed up for loop traffic spots already. Thank you! A few more dates that still need volunteers - Jan 25, Feb 4, 8 and a few dates in March. Sign up at https://sites.google.com/view/smiling-creek-pac/volunteers
Treasurer's Report (Tanya Hassard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reimbursement forms for classroom support fund, and in-class special project fund are slowly coming in (and will be added to our website under "How We Help" as they come in). * Currently we have teachers opting for the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Gingerbread house building * Duck hatching * Some other ideas teacher have so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Primary: Fantastic Forces via Science World, Butterflies, Animals Online (Science World), Art projects, * Late Primary: Longhouses, Art Projects, High touch, High Tech, virtual field trips (Dinosaurs, Fantastic Forces...), Duck Eggs, personal identity boxes, * Intermediate: Force & Motion via Science world, Gingerbread, STEM/Art activities, Coast Salish Weaving * Givebacks: we donated a lot of toys! \$750 donation for senior meals (100 meals), raised \$200 for bottle returns for Tricity transitions
Exec Update (Ashley Pozzobon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Poinsettia & wreath fundraiser: We made \$797 profit * Working on a map to pinpoint to parents where they can or cannot park, trails they can take to the school, etc. Expect to see that in the next couple weeks.

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Exec update (Jimmy Fung)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Gift card fundraiser: credit to Alex for helping us with the fundraiser. We raised \$940 and we plan on doing another one end of the school year. * Chinese New Year celebration: In-class crafts which will centre around red envelopes that are typically given out for CNY. We will also have a spirit day where students are encouraged to wear red and gold or traditional Chinese dresses. * DPAC: Next meeting is on January 27 and it will be a special presentation about how to keep children safe online (zoom link will be sent closer to the date) * Last DPAC was around anxiety of children around COVID
Poll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We would like your feedback for the following questions (https://forms.gle/8Bb7rEAWUxci3noY8) * Should PAC fund the spring tennis sessions at the school or opt to save for an outdoor play structure? If we decide to fund the play structure, tennis will still happen but at the expense of the parents (\$13). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There was overwhelming support for saving the fund the outdoor play structure. * Should we hold the Saleema Noon session this school year (or postpone it to next year for an in person session) * Would you like to see the Neufeld fundraiser occur again this Spring? * Would you like to see the Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser for Easter?
Upcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Crazy hair day this Friday * Next PAC meeting Feb 23, Tuesday at 7pm
Meeting adjourned	8:18 pm