

SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)  
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, November 23, 2021

In attendance: Farnaz Alavi, Yosra Alkhansa, Ryan Alty, Jacquie Bekar, Lily C., Christina Chen, Stacey Cruz, Terry Denney, Eva Dias, Jimmy Fung, Tanya Hassard, Ross Racobsen, Sabrina Johnston, Joyce Lawrence, Kim Novak, Raman Randhawa, Damian Stanley, Mike Toporowski, Stacey Toporowski, Laina Wightman

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to order 7:05pm	
Motion to approve minutes and agenda	Moved by Tanya Hassard Seconded by Jacquie Bekar  PASSED
HEPA filter (Mike & Stacey Toporowski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* children are at a lower risk of COVID-19, but can still result in serious outcomes or long-term symptoms</li> <li>* Main way of transmission is through aerosol (small particle that can stay in air and spread like smoke)</li> <li>* ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) is a gold standard of indoor air quality. They recommend that schools should have               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 6 ACH (air change per hour - outside air or MERV 13 filtered air)</li> <li>* At least MERV 13 air filter</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Smiling Creek has MERV 9A dual filter and only about 3-4 ACH</li> <li>* What can we do?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Better masks for the kids (CA-N95 or KN95) or double mask with different material</li> <li>* Donating HEPA filter to classroom. Suggested HPEA filtration unit based on size of rooms: Medify MA-112 which will add about 3.1 ACH at a cost of \$719.95</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Stacey and Mike can set up a package with links from the presentation that we will distribute along with the minutes</li> <li>* Q: Can we get info about if municipal/provincial/federal or big organizations have installed MERV 13 or higher? A: We don't have stat on municipal/provincial, but SD40, SD41 and SD42 have MERV 13 installed</li> <li>* Q: Which classrooms currently have the Medify HEPA filter? Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Shin's classes</li> </ul>
Treasurer's Report (Tanya Hassard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Neufeld raised \$1526</li> <li>* Me &amp; Ed's made \$475</li> <li>* Spirit wear made \$100</li> <li>* Card Project \$1600</li> <li>* 2 more classroom support reimbursements were submitted for Ms. Klassen and Ms. Leighs classes</li> <li>* \$15k set aside for playground</li> <li>* \$13k for other budgeted expenses</li> <li>* Gaming grant came in and got \$8200 (based on 410 students)</li> </ul>

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Principal's Report (Ross Jacobsen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Address changes: seeing some grade 5 address changes. We require 2 pieces of identity to change address. Grade 5-6 requires 3 pieces of ID. We are dealing with 25-30 address changes request which seems unusually high.</li> <li>* School cash online: only certain things can be required and other things are optional. Things like tennis always go into optional. At one point we have over 100 families that didn't pay and now down to under 20 after some additional communications. Please watch out for these activities and pay them online.</li> <li>* Do what you love partnership: inner ninja program on Wednesdays and inner jujitsu starting in January</li> <li>* Big shout out to Les Lau on helping with coaching volleyball and running some awesome drills</li> <li>* Toy drive: Ms Debowski and Ms. McGuinness' classes have started a toy drive initiative coming in December</li> <li>* Winter concert: All grades in both schedule A and B will participate in a virtual winter concert which will including singing this year</li> <li>* <i>Q: Would you like to see the Christmas trees set up?</i> <i>A: Let's set up the Christmas trees but let the teachers run the arts and crafts programs</i></li> <li>* <i>Q: Who will the toy drive be supporting?</i> <i>Share</i></li> </ul>
Playground Update (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Initially we had playground proposal from Habitat (5-9 log wood climbers, interpretive forest) would be around \$39k at 5 logs and \$2000 per additional log</li> <li>* Had a secondary quote from a separate company. Installed for \$45k</li> <li>* Currently we have approximately \$25k for fundraising effort, so still \$20k short right now</li> <li>* Stacey Cruz has reached out to some local developers: Foxridge, Noura, Townline, Wesbild, Gardenia, Polygon, Mosaic, Wallmark with a letter stressing that the initial playground that our school built was based on 270 students in 11 classrooms. We have heard back from 4 developers.</li> <li>* If anyone has any connection to the local developers, or any local businesses looking to sponsor someone, please contact the PAC.</li> <li>* Gotten feedback from the current playground maintainer that wood structures might not last as long as the traditional playground</li> <li>* Monkey bar can cause a lot of wrist injuries. We should try to target them to be lower if the playground will be located on the primary side of the school</li> <li>* Ross is also exploring the idea to turn the existing pergola structure into a mud kitchen (add counter top and pots and pans and storage). He is waiting to see how much the cost will be and whether it is feasible.</li> <li>* <i>Q: Would sandbox stay with either options?</i> <i>A: It has not been finalized for either option. But if sandbox is removed we do have some red box on wheels that we can turn into multiple smaller sandboxes that can be used for the kids</i></li> </ul>

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Crosswalk Safeties (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* No update at this time</li> <li>* Still waiting for the city to install the flashing beacons</li> </ul>
Holiday Giveback (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Since there will be a toy drive initiated by 2 of the classes, PAC will not organize a holiday giveback this year.</li> </ul>
Hot Lunch/Treat Days (Eva Dias & Connie Wu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Term 2 hot lunch/treat day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Order will be Dec 13 - Jan 7 which should give parents plenty of time to order. There will be no ordering after the closing date until term 3 order starts around spring break</li> <li>* Hot lunch vendors: Dominos, Subway, White Spot, Happy Chinese and still looking for a sushi vendor</li> <li>* We will try to offer as much gluten free option with each vendor as possible</li> <li>* Treat day options: popcorn, cookie, Cobb's for treat days</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Had an issue with Ninja BBT and they were short blueberry drinks so we had to reach out to families that ordered that option to switch to the mango drink</li> <li>* Popcorn machine has been working very hard to pump out 400 bags of popcorns for last popcorn day. If there is anyone that is willing to donate another popcorn machine, please let us know!</li> </ul>
DPAC Update (Jimmy Fung)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Last presentation was around university application and website resource</li> <li>* There will be a meeting tomorrow (last Wednesday of the month but not in December)</li> <li>* Mentioned COVID protocol but everything is staying the same</li> </ul>
Moe's Furniture donation (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Moe's Furniture generously donated bookshelves and hooks for umbrella that have now been delivered and set up in our portables</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events (Damian Stanley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Dec 10: Christmas sweater day</li> <li>* Dec 17: PJ day</li> <li>* Next PAC meeting will be in January</li> </ul>
Meeting adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 7:53</li> </ul>