SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

In attendance:

Ryan Alty, Jacquie Bekar, Christie Bilesky, Lily C., Stacey Cruz, Vicky Davis, Terry Denney, Eva Dias, Tanya Eich, Jimmy Fung, Tanya Hassard, Ross Jacobsen, Allison Johnson, Sabrina Johnston, Frank Lam, Joyce Lawrence, Sonią Lagiglia, Lin Ma, Rosey Manhas, Mariana Marina-Rico, Ashley Pozzobon, Kim Saldanha, Stacey Stephen, Mike Toporowski, Stacey Toporowski, Nicolę Villagran, Grace Wang, Laina Wightman, Crystal Y

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to order 7:02pm	
Motion to approve minutes agenda and preview meeting minutes	Moved by Tanya Hassard Seconded by Eva Dias PASSED
Principal's Report (Allison Johnson)	Hip hop event (pac sponsored) * Each class will get at least 4 session over 2 weeks with a final recorded performance that parents can view online
	Saleema Noon * Online parent session is in a week (March 1) * Students in person session will be on March 2, 3. K-1 sessions will be 30 minutes, grade 2-3 will be 40 minutes and grade 4-5 will be an hour
	* If you would like your child to opt out of this program, please email Mr. Jacobsen. He will then send out curriculum that should be covered at home.
	Basketball * There will be 8 sessions starting in April
	Jump Rope For Heart * Will be running in April. If fundraising target is met, Mr. Jacobsen and Ms. Johnson will be doing something fun for the students!
	School goal for 2022-2023 * Every year the school sets goal that contains 3 parts: * Social development (EASE program) * Intellectual development * Indigenous learning
	* Currently working on the school goal for 2022-2023. We will also be inviting a teacher from SD43 to get baseline testing for mathematic and numeracy to help set the intellectual development goal for 2023-2024

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West Side play zone

* The play area will be shut down which will affect mostly kindergarten and grade 1 students. Those affected will be spread out in the black top, playground and the field. Please bring extra clothes as kids tend to get wet after playing on the field!

Covid update:

- * The school will be opening up more to allow parents to start entering the school but still don't know exact timeline
- * Absences from illness or having to take care of family members for staff has been slowing down. There were at one point 10 staff that were absent but the school district has been great at sending replacements. We ask that families be patient when their child's teacher is absent. The staff is doing the best they could to make it to school.

Education survey:

* any grade can fill out survey (not just grade 4)

School mascot:

- * teachers have submitted their classroom mascot
- * Team leader and principal and vice principal will compile a list and distribute for the school to vote
- * Local artist will come up with graphics and both name and image will be revealed at the same time

Term 2 report card

- * Term 2 report cards will be distributed before spring break. For students that have been mostly absent for term 2, their report cards will be incomplete
- * Term 3 report cards will only be distributed electronically. Middle/ secondary schools have used online system for a while, as well as other school districts.

Early dismissal

* April 21: student led conferences (hopefully in person this time!)

Q: With the district getting funding for HEPA filters and our school raising their own funds of the filters, will the school still have access to district funds to improve other areas in regards to ventilation?

A: We have not heard of any extra funding other than the four filters that district installed in our portables. Extra units fundraised by parents will be pushed into the common shared spaces.

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Treasurer's Report (Tanya Hassard)	 Playground donation is now up to 28,500 with hopefully more to come soon Reminder was sent to teachers to use classroom fund and special project fund Saleema Noon came out right at budget Ms. Kwan used up all her funds for the music room Our current balance is at around 20k which includes last year's fundraisers and gaming grant (not including playground fund) HEPA filter surplus fund is at \$2612 to purchase filters for replacement in the future
Playground Update (Stacey Cruz)	 * Stacey sent out written request for funding in the fall to developers in the region * We have negotiations for about \$20k coming up, but we're about \$10k off of our goal. * Townline has given us a \$20k platinum sponsorship * We have another potential donor in the 20k range. Negotiations are still ongoing but hopefully it'll be confirmed soon. We are also still in contact with Onni and Polygon so hopefully we can hit our target within a month. If anyone knows of any local sponsorship that would like to contribute please email us. * Very thankful to our bronze, silver and gold sponsorships so far * We have updated the plan to be wheelchair accessible hence the increased quote price Q: What is the rationale of asking for an accessible playground? A: An accessible playground wasn't initially in the original plan due to the significant cost, but the generous donation of the latest donor for wheelchair access will allow for the upgrades for universal access
HEPA filter (Stacey Cruz)	 * Thank you for all your hard work, especially for Mike and Stacey, classroom liaison and fundraising coordinators * Mike & Stacey have double checked that the filters donated to the portables are comparable to the Medify ones that the classes fundraised for, so now we have a unit in each classroom as well as 5 extra units * We should have 14 extra filter units (that we can store at the school)
Grade 5 leaving committee (Stacey Cruz)	 Previously Ms. Dunbar took care of all grade 5 leaving activities Will coordinate grade 5 hoodies with spirit wear which will run after mascot design is completed. We should ensure to account for 3 weeks turnaround for the hoodies Mr. Hart will be the teacher to contact around grade 5 organizations Unfortunately we can't rely on restrictions being lifted enough for field trip to take place, so we need to be fluid and come up with variety of plans for the grade 5 celebration Currently Stacey Stephen, Nicole Villagran and a couple execs have grade 5 leaving and happy to help with the grade 5 activities. If anyone else is interested, please email us.

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New school update (Terry Denney)	 * SD43 is currently finalizing a budget for \$25 million that the province is requiring to build the middle/high school. The budget will be approved in the next SD43 board meeting on March 1 * SD43 trustees are asking parents to send emails to advocate for the school to the district MLAs as well as the treasury * Currently projected opening date for the school is 2026. Any other funding delay will push that date back further
Hot lunch (Eva Dias)	 * Term 3 ordering will run from March 7 - March 31. Make sure you get your order all in one shot during the opening period * If your child is absent for an ordered hot lunch, then email smillingcreekhotlunch@gmail.com to arrange for picking up the food around 12:15-12:30
DPAC	 * Last PAC meeting there were 2 guest speakers: * BC bereavement talking about different stages of grief. Hotline: www.bcbh.ca, Hotline M-F, 9-5 pm * Crossroads Hospice: www.crossroadshospice.org. For kids under age 13: www.kidsgrief.ca * Special presentation on March 2 from 7-8:30 for setting good example from kids. Online registration is required. * Next DPAC meeting is tomorrow night feature special presentation from Stephanie Maki (district principal of indigenous education)
Spring Flowers (Ashley Pozzobon)	 * We are doing a spring plant sale (hanging baskets, geraniums, herbs and others) * Tentative date is mid May (with delivery in time for May long weekend)
Purdys (Jacquie)	 * Easter Purdys fundraiser has started today and run till March 4 * Everything is done online through Purdys website * Catalogue will be going home with students * Pick up will be March 30 at loop from 5-6pm
Clothing and bottle drive (Stacey Cruz)	 * Sunday Apr 3 (11-2) to be confirmed * Please save clothing and bottles in the mean time!
Upcoming Dates	 * Mar 1 6:30pm: Saleema parents session * Mar 11: Green Shirt Day * Mar 19 4-8pm: Chipotle Family Night * Apr 12, next PAC meeting
Meeting adjourned	* 7:41pm