

SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)

Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2023

Attendance( Zoom): Rubina Umarji, Brittany Quirolo, Ross Jacobson, Stacey Cruz, Connie Wu, Tanya Hassard, Stacey and Mike Toporowski, Allison Johnson, Stacey Stephen, Joi Ci, Crystal McVeigh, Ashley Pozzobon, Joyce Lawrence, Ron [unknown last name], Joanne Ching, Vicky Davis, Crystal Yen-Olliffe

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to order[time]	7:02 pm
Motion to approve previous meeting minutes and agenda (combined motion)	<p>Moved by Tanya Hassard                      Seconded by Ashley Pozzobon</p> <p>PASSED</p>

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Principal's Report (Allison Johnson)	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Good Attendance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not suggesting that they are asking to send children to school when they are not well</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kindergarten enrollment Jan 31-Feb 2                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52 spots available</li> <li>○ Make sure you register if your child is being registered for the first time</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lunchbox Theatre</li> <li>● Crafting club in the library on Thursdays during lunch time</li> <li>● Coach Marcus Tennis after Spring Break                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$15 fee for 5 lessons</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Student affordability and family update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each division will get \$350 for a special project or field trip</li> <li>○ Looking for ways to use the school supplies fund.                                     <p>Ex:Backpack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Difficult to target which families need support</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Using money on SEL - staying safe, being</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>confident, conflict management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yoga for Kindergarten</li> <li>● Report Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access is open until the end of January</li> <li>○ Please check report cards if you have not already</li> <li>○ If the children are on IEP then the reports will be available until the end of the year</li> <li>○ Email the school if you have issues accessing your account</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Play Zones have switched out this week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kindergarteners are on the old playground and the other grades are open up to all the other play zones</li> <li>○ Send an extra pair of clothes for all kids, even grade 5, because children will be outside rain or shine</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Library is open at 8:30 am in the morning at drop off</li> <li>● Rocks and Rings floor curling is school funded</li> <li>● Traffic Loop Consideration</li> <li>● Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No questions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Treasurer's Report (Tanya Hassard)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Current Financials &amp; Bank Balances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Link to budget: <a href="https://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/smilingcreek/Parents/Pages/PAC.aspx#/=">https://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/smilingcreek/Parents/Pages/PAC.aspx#/=</a></li> <li>b. New Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Classroom fund reimbursements</li> <li>ii. Music</li> <li>iii. Student Services</li> <li>iv. Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. New Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. \$1200 from Neufeld</li> <li>ii. Card project \$1700</li> <li>iii. Movie night \$1200</li> <li>iv. Hot Lunch- \$10K</li> <li>v. Treat Days - \$3K</li> <li>vi. Coupon - \$4K</li> <li>vii. Gaming Grant - \$10K <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tennis - PAC suggested that they would pay for tennis out of the \$10K special purpose fund</li> <li>2. Ideas: Self Defense, First Aid, personal safety - be alert, be attentive, online safety, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Poll to be sent out to determine member preferences for funding allocation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Old/New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. SECTION XV.5 AMENDMENT (passed Oct 25) - Call for SCE families and local business owners willing to provide customer discount and support SCPAC with a percentage of sales or amount per sale</li> <li>ii. PAC updates – hub, social, volunteer opportunities, ongoing fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cobs Bread</li> <li>b. Mabel's Labels</li> <li>c. Return It depot recycling</li> <li>d. Moe's</li> <li>e. Chapters Indigo</li> <li>f. Nellie's- TBA- Looking to start beginning of February for 4 weeks - Tentatively Feb 6-March 6</li> <li>g. Neufeld, Pie Hole or other options? - Which would parents prefer to use as a kick back fundraiser this term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Poll to be sent out</li> <li>ii. Get people to vote</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Community Values Books - Crystal/Stacey S- Fundraiser is now closed and raised \$4,000. Thank you SC families for your continued support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ice cream party to be scheduled for Ms. Bailey's class.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. Spring Movie Night- April 28, 2023- Tentative date, parent volunteers needed please.</li> <li>v. Future fundraising options (dependent on parent volunteers/parent coordinators) -Plant Sale, Shopping Night, Bottle Drive, Provincial Spirits, Local Corporate Kickbacks etc.</li> <li>vi. Debate Club- Do what you love - Fostering Debate Talent (FDT) Academy ages K-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Vendor was not able to supply instructor for this so it did not work out for this term</li> </ul> </li> <li>vii. Chess Club- Term 3</li> <li>viii. Playground Update - plaque update, ideas for outdoor space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plaque design approved by district</li> <li>b. Looking for community sign service to print the plaque</li> <li>c. Outdoor space Ideas- Ross to send details for funding allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Looking into Using the space to make a sandbox and adding a lattice on top for shade</li> <li>ii. Galvanized planter boxes is also an idea</li> <li>iii. Outdoor classroom space with river rock</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>ix. Parent questions / feedback</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of whether to request Saleema Noon for the 2023-24 school year as advanced booking is required.</p>

	<p>- One parent raised concern about adding the Saleema Noon Sexual Education Workshop to the SCPAC budget for future years due to the agenda including supplemental information beyond what the BC curriculum defines as age appropriate goes against the religious, cultural, and personal beliefs of some families in the school community. The parents also expressed concerns about the way that the session was held last year - felt that it did not create a respectful, inclusive and equitable learning environment for all and marginalized the children who opted-out.</p> <p>The parent requested that if the workshop is to be held that the content be fully disclosed to all parents via written format as well as via a parent session that is open to all parents, require explicit parental consent for opt-in participation rather than an opt-out option to ensure all requests are respected, and to be held after school with an enrollment fee rather than use SPAC funds.</p> <p>-Two other parents voiced support for this additional programming as they feel it is an important supplement to the school curriculum for learning accurate safety information and personal awareness. They also noted that if this program does continue, there would need to be better timed parent sessions to ensure all parents have an opportunity to review, ask questions and prepare an opt-out consent if they choose to. They also noted that feedback from the larger school community is required to determine whether there is consensus for PAC funds to be allocated for this purpose, and that the decision cannot be made by the small parent representation attending this meeting.</p> <p>-Ross acknowledged that the process was not ideal with the parent session availability being so limited due to Covid protocols, and assured parents that more time would need to be allotted for future presentations in a venue with more parent spaces. A decision was not made if the parents would be asked to provide explicit consent for participation in the program and whether the session would be held within school hours or after school hours.</p> <p>-The conversation was tabled for further discussions by the PAC executive on how to appropriately gather feedback from the Smiling Creek population and determine interest for this supplemental program. The decision was made to send out a poll to families to hear the preferences of the whole school community on whether PAC funding should continue to be allocated for this presentation.</p>
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<p>Committee / Executive Updates</p>	<p>i. Hot Lunch - Term 2 - Feedback was received for small pizza slice sizes and Eva is looking into options for larger portions.</p> <p>ii. DPAC (<i>Mike/Stacey T</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation from Coquitlam Public Library. Many great services offered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reading Buddies</li> <li>- Homework help club</li> <li>- Salaro - Digital Resource</li> <li>- Support for Adults and Highschool Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Linked In Learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>- See DPAC meeting minutes for further details</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Next meeting Wednesday Jan 25</li> </ul> <p>iii. Grade 5 year end - parent coordinator/volunteers needed</p> <p>iv. Year End BBQ Committee- parent coordinators/volunteers needed - Zoom Meeting for volunteers January 24 @ 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Reminder of current/upcoming events:</p>	<p>i. SPIRIT DAY- Crazy Hair Day - Friday January 20th</p> <p>ii. Year End BBQ Committee Volunteer Meeting - January 24, 7:00 pm via zoom</p> <p>iii. DPAC meeting - Wednesday Jan. 25, 7:00 pm</p> <p>iv. Next SCPAC meeting - Tuesday February 28, 7:00 pm</p>

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Meeting adjourned	* 8:05 pm