

Baker Drive PAC
April 6, 2020
Via Zoom

• ***Action items in bold***

ROLL CALL

Terri Besworth, chair; Juliet Mohlmann, treasurer; Mrs. Deck, principal; Janis Cleugh, secretary; Zoe Sanborn, book fair co-ordinator; Shereen Hassan, communications; Laurie Head, hot lunch co-ordinator; Teresa Hagemann, Grade 5 leaving co-ordinator; Giancarla Pasqua and Gill Tempest, carnival committee reps; Cheri Keenan, fundraising; Andrea Dawson, after-school programs; Corrie Noble, DPAC; Sue Sabourin and Kelsey Keller, teachers; and 13 others

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEB. 3, 2020, MEETING

- Andrea Dawson moved, Laurie Head seconded

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Gill Tempest moved, Veronica Moulton seconded

INTRODUCTION

- Corrie Noble discussed upcoming events and activities for DPAC

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Mrs. Deck reported on the move to online learning due to COVID-19
- direction from health ministry and provincial health officer

on March 17

- elementary school learners will receive five hours a week of learning engagement activities
- need for communication between home and school as “every family has unique circumstances and demands”
- remote studies aren’t meant to be onerous or pose a stress on families
- teachers trying to find a balance for families
- teachers/students to continuing to learn with the same technology for now including digital platforms like Fresh Grade
- Baker Drive teachers had technology workshops prior to spring break
- teachers collaborating with each other through Office 365 TEAMS
- trying to find a way for learners to access the school to collect essential belongings (medication, expensive items, homework) with “controlled entries”
- more cleaning of school building
- two Baker Drive families identified through SD43 survey for possible need of child care supports as parents are essential workers who are unable to go to work because of child care (healthcare/police)
- all questions about learning to go through child’s homeroom teacher
- support services team is available for children who already receive learning assistance, have an individual education plan (IEP) or occasional support
- principal to email weekly emails and daily announcements
- ministry of education has mandated all remote school classes in B.C. to begin by April 15

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Juliet Mohlmann discussed refunds for cancelled hot lunches and after-school programs due to the COVID-19 crisis
- pub night deposit was returned
- discussions around February and March revenues
- gaming grant application
- **currently taking feedback to prepare for 2020-'21 budget, to be presented at next meeting (AGM)**
- overall fundraising will be lower this year but still likely to present a status quo budget for next year

FUNDRAISING

- adult pub night for April 3 is cancelled, ticket refunds granted, event is postponed to next academic year, thanks to Veronica Moulton for organizing
- staff appreciation day: scheduled for April 16, discussion around how to honour staff without being at school: card art to be mailed? Video? **Terri to consult with homeroom parents**
- spring book fair: scheduled for May 14 and 15, cancelled by Scholastic, next one will be in the fall
- spring flower sale: orders are now closed, unsure if greenhouse will proceed, 13 orders in and five have paid
- spring carnival: scheduled for June 12, discussion from organizers Giancarla Pasqua and Gill Tempest about what has been booked/cancelled, some silent auction prizes obtained (mostly vouchers), discussion about changing the carnival to a free, scaled-down neighbourhood potluck at the end of August, invitation to current Grade 5 students, **date to be picked next month with Giancarla**

and Gill continuing to take the lead

SURVEY UPDATE

- Terri Besworth reported on the results of the PAC survey. Of the 89 responses, 50 people submitted their names for the draw for 3 \$10 Starbucks gift cards
- The three winners of Starbucks \$10 gift cards are: Michelle Chan, Gill Tempest and Tania Peso. These will be given out when school is back in session

The top five community building events that families have participated in are:

1. Kids Christmas market and spring carnival (tied)
3. Halloween fireworks at school
4. Halloween dance
5. Welcome to school coffee on first day of school

The top fundraising activities that families support are:

1. Hot lunch program
2. Spring book fair
3. Fall book fair
4. Adult Christmas market

Volunteer participation:

1. Donating items for the kids Christmas market
2. Spring carnival
3. Donating to the Halloween fireworks
4. Wrappers at the kids Christmas market
5. Attended PAC meetings and staff appreciation day

- when asked about which fundraising options do you prefer: 76 of the 89 prefer to keep community building

fundraising events as currently offered

- there were some people interested hearing more about the various board roles that will be open for next year; PAC will follow up

- for participation improvement, PAC received this direct feedback:

- I just need my kids to want to go to childcare lol once my husband isn't working his other job next school year, I will be able to attend the meetings

- be more inclusive. You shun quickly of parents you don't know. I was even asked what the relationship was with my child. Does not endear me to PAC

- sometimes parents can't put the time but they are more willing to put the money

- be more specific in what volunteer opportunities there are i.e., 30 emails to send out. Be clear in our ask of people's time

- have PAC meetings on a Thursday evening; make the meetings' minutes accessible to read

- held in combination with wine tasting event. I greatly appreciate the work of the PAC to not only raise money for programs as well as provide much loved community events. I would also support annual mandatory contributions to cover costs if the work is too much for volunteers. What about an on call list of people who can't be involved in the ongoing of the planning but can show up and do a job when needed

- wine

- would it be possible to hold occasional events on weekends. Also, how about mentoring or shadowing parents in current positions so newer parents can learn

what to do

- improve participation more
- business only PAC meetings: most people don't want/ can't come in especially for meetings that include a lot of chat. Maybe have a social gathering after?
- maybe have an option to attend via video calling for those families who live far or those who can't physically attend the meetings
- maybe it's too much work but if PAC can send out the minutes after every meeting, that will be good. Also if PAC can find the volunteers to translate the notices/minutes into different languages, that may get more new immigrant families involve
- child care
- think having an online access to live/recorded PAC meetings could mean more participation for those who would like to be involved or be in the know but unable to join
- I'd love to volunteer but time is very difficult, field trips for the kids are hugely memorable and make a huge impact. I love the idea of paying a lump sum at the start of the year as it can be difficult to keep up with everything throughout the year
- 7 p.m. start would be easier for me personally. Also wondering if a Skype to view only option may help. Then if they realize they want to participate more then they'll attend in person.

- PAC also received the following ideas for fundraising:
 - Panago pizza vouchers
 - <https://www.fundscrip.com> <https://corporateorders.cineplex.com>

- double hot lunch days and reduce other activities
- I would love to see a litterless lunch fundraiser in June/Sept, where parents can buy a 'kit' for litterless lunches that will last them for years, raise funds, and help our commitment to being green. I'd be curious to see what revenue a morning 'coffee station' could generate. A little trolley out front offering hot coffee for parents waiting at drop off, or at pick up. Another school I know does this at \$2 a cup (\$1 profit from each cup, but still saves parents the drive through cost of \$2+) Monday, wed, Friday, and they raise a lot money. Bear wear - I wonder how we could incorporate this into the PAC fundraising items? I have a few ideas

- toy swap; garage sale; bottle drive; Xmas tree sales; spring dance; spring bbq

- at my niece's school, an art fundraiser was very successful. An artist worked with students to create original pieces of art - I think one or two for each class - and they were auctioned off. The pieces were beautiful and sold for high prices.

- I recommend that the hot lunch options be reduced (maybe only offer two snacks, no drinks?) and have options that are more environmentally conscious (snacks without wrappers and no single use plastics, maybe?).

There is SO much waste

- bottle drives, bake sales

- any parents if they are photographer, we can have a family photo fundraising program. Low price professional digital photo done, you can then print them out yourself. That is one fundraising event a co-worker of mine had annually from their school

- perhaps having cake sales, selling ice cream, popcorn or

having a certain dress code for the day, where the kids can pay a small fee. Growing up in South Africa kids wear a school uniform and once a month we would have a casual day where kids pay a fee. So perhaps the same idea except maybe have a theme day, since kids in Canada already wear casual clothes to school.

- use gym to offer some adults classes like yoga, dancing
- Some of the schools rent out the gym space at night to Zumba/ pilates/ yoga/ soccer/ etc. class instructors; as an additional space for church meetups; perhaps involving the parent community to advertise the space on behalf of the school could be effective, along with Craigslist and Facebook. Additionally, after-school kids club activities for the kids are relevant to many parents who work till 5, but only if those are scheduled EVERY day of the week, meaning that there is no need for out of school care. Art, math, nature club, acting, voice lessons... If the money we pay for after-school care went in part toward the school, it's a double win. Plus the kids get a variety of things to do during the week. This would be effective if offered before the end of the year, to start as the year begins

- I stepped up to volunteer one year. When I arrived, the person working the shift before me told me that he wanted to stay and I was not needed that night. My husband had the same experience. It was very awkward and very uncomfortable. As we had made plans in order to volunteer that night, this was very discouraging and we never wanted to volunteer again. Ensuring that people can volunteer for the shifts they sign up for and respecting that they may have made arrangements in order to make that possible, needs to be respected. Otherwise you may have folks like us who just don't return

- I love those silent auctions, I love the carnival and the activities we can do as a family when we're able
- thanks for your hard work
- T-shirt with the school logo
- <https://southwesternfundraising.com/family-reading-program/> A lot of people order magazines already.... can still get the same magazines and the school gets a cut. There are other things that can be ordered as well

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- urgent call for the following roles for 2020-'21: chair, treasurer, secretary, hot lunch co-ordinator, after-school programs co-ordinator
- candidates can email: bakerdrivepac@gmail.com
- elections typically held at next month's AGM
- DPAC will consult on possible secret voting

GRADE 5 LEAVING

- meeting held with parents of Grade 5 students before spring break
- leaving ceremony scheduled for June 17 and party on June 19
- Teresa Hagemann discussed yearbook possibilities, slide show link to be emailed?
- Mrs. Deck suggested to move the ceremony to the fall
- Georgina Havelka discussed virtual ceremony opportunities
- discussion around transitions to middle school, perhaps summer tours

HOT LUNCHESES

- Laurie Head spoke about hot lunch cancellations to the

end of the academic year due to COVID-19

- refunds granted
- plans to restart in September
- call to replace Laurie as co-ordinator, possible job-sharing opportunities

COVID COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Mrs. Keller suggested using PAC Facebook page to spread goodwill, photos
- concerns about privacy as it's a public platform
- What's App group discussion platform being used by Ms. Lederer's classroom
- Mrs. Deck suggested school website (with parents' permission)
- **Bear Wear on Fridays for class morning meetings**
- discussion around running club challenges, how kids can receive their "foot" reward

NEW BUSINESS

- discussion around when in-school learning will resume and how incoming K students will be accommodated
- Mrs. Deck spoke about district leadership team, need for SD43 elementary schools to have consistent policies around learning
- Teresa Hagemann requested a fireworks liaison from the school, she will continue to organize on the community side
- Mrs. Deck surveyed Zoom participants on school photography for next year, disappointed with new company hired due to lack of resources assigned, need to have the pictures completed by recess

MEETING ADJOURNED

- Giancarla Pasqua moved, Teresa Hagemann seconded

•••The next meeting is the AGM on May 11•••