

## Banting PAC meeting - October 14, 2020

### Participants

Banting Middle School: Principal Bill Trask, Vice-principal Gen McMahon

PAC: Noelene Ahern, Stan Wylie, Lucky Saini, Marit Heideman

Parents: Aisling Nebor, Andrew Robertson, Celeste Dunstan, Christina Debruyne, Claire Wheeler, Lesley Breau, Mimi Yue, Esperance, Marielle Humphry, Selena Liu, Jenn Sing

Meeting opened at 6.30pm.

Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting approved by Sheila Robertson, seconded by Claire Wheeler.

### Principal and Vice-Principal's report

- Students have been fantastic at following protocols and for the most part have been thriving by being back at school and begin able to socialize
- Some challenges have been connecting with friends or outside of cohorts.
- Band will be starting Mid-November; will be adjusted according to Covid protocol.
- Sport extra-mural activities will not start yet. Kids are actively using 'Four Squares' court, and PE is happening.
- Halloween will be celebrated within Covid protocols. Costumes will have to accommodate masks.
- Remembrance Day celebration will be remote to each class room.
- LGBTQ awareness Zoom presentation for all classes on October 29 by 'Out in Schools'.
- Pictures day – permission forms are needed because of Covid. Half of students have completed the forms. Students will not be allowed to have their picture taken without a completed form. A reminder will be sent next week. Picture day is October 28.
- Fruit & veggie fundraiser – this will bring in some fruits and veggies for families in need, and support the school's breakfast program. Two separate bundles will be for sale for \$20 and \$25 respectively. Limited amounts are available for sale, to limit contact when picking up. Sale period is Oct 15-22.
- Gradual transition program has 29 students. Most students are in school 1-2 days a week. Students are following their class programs as much as possible.
- Student enrollment 2020-2021: 491 students
- Q: have teachers sent any kids home?
  - A: self-check is working really well, parents are doing a great job. Teachers have sent some kids to the office, these kids were sent home to see their care-provider.
  - Exposures in SD school district: could be anyone who visits the school, e.g. a parent who dropped something off, teacher, cleaner, student. Contact tracing is done, and extra cleaning crew is called in.
- Q: are all schools public about exposures?

- A: the school district has a clear outline of what the steps are. Information is not hidden but privacy is respected.
- Fraser Health takes the lead on reporting and contact tracing; reported exposures are available online for a certain timeframe before being removed.
- Q: what is the absentee rate?
  - A: the rate is much higher than normal, about 8%. Parents are taking it very seriously.
- Q: Do you advise to keep a child home because a sibling is being tested?
  - A: we refer to Fraser Health's advice.
- Q: Immunization clinic: is that the regular Grade 6 immunizations or also community flu immunizations?
  - Can not provide details on that yet.
- Q: For the Remembrance Day ceremony, Celeste offered to connect with the Legion to find a representative speaker. Noelene volunteered her husband for bugling duties if needed.

### Treasurer's report

- \$5600 raised by parent donations for the PAC to date.
- Gaming grant has been approved for \$9780
- Pizza lunch is not yet being organized; normally brings in about \$5000 per year
- School has asked for an increase for classroom supplies; demands have changed due to Covid:
  - No lockers available, so classrooms can be messy. Coat racks are asked for.
  - Wireless microphones
  - More games for in the classrooms
  - Items to increase classroom comfort, since the children spent a lot of time there.
- PAC has budgeted for guest speakers, and activities like hip-hop.
- Proposed budget as follows:

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| <b>Income</b>                           | <b>\$15 780</b> |
| Gaming grant                            | \$9 780         |
| Family donations                        | \$5 600         |
| Pizza lunch                             | \$0             |
| Gift cards                              | \$400           |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         | <b>\$12 950</b> |
| Staff appreciation                      | \$400           |
| Grade 8 ceremony/gift                   | \$750           |
| Student Incentives (classroom supplies) | \$6 000         |
| Speakers/cultural activities            | \$3 000         |
| Activities (e.g. hip hop dance)         | \$1 800         |
| Miscellaneous                           | \$1 000         |

- Motion to approve the budget by Stan Wylie, and seconded by Marit Heideman. No one opposed.
- Quick acknowledgment that our Finance Secretary Kim is on leave for some time. New secretary Joanna Vestergaard is doing a great job and is working with the PAC.

## PAC activities

- Family donations have brought in \$5600 to date.
- Hot lunch program:
  - Ideas sought for how this program can be run this year. Normally there are 6-8 parent volunteers and all kids come through the gym.
  - Personal pizzas come in cardboard is safe for handling. These would have to be ordered online. Lunches are staggered, and probably only about 150 kids will order.
  - School district suggested to work with Lunch Lady before organizing hot lunches.
  - Conclusion: hot lunches are on hold pending policy from the school district and availability from Lunch Lady.
- Gift cards – need a volunteer to run this fundraiser
  - Celeste Dunstan and Jennifer Sing are possibly interested to coordinate this.

## Other Business

- Concerned neighbor contacted the PAC regarding traffic speed on Como Lake.
  - 75km/hr traffic on Como Lake is common, and there are no speed signs.
  - Contacted district PAC on this issue.
  - No further concerns raised during PAC meeting
- Parking at the corner of Egmont Avenue and Raynor Street is creating a dangerous traffic situation.
  - The PAC will explore whether more traffic cones can be placed on that corner.

Meeting adjourned at 7.30pm.

Next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2020.