



Cape Horn Elementary School
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2023 @ 7:00 pm - In Person

Attendance:

Donise Mcall	Kim Cuellar
Andrea Williams	Elysia Dvorak
Monica Galven	
Online	
Ashley George	
Sarah	
Nancy T	

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

Approval of Agenda for March 8, 2023 meeting

Moved by E. Dvorak to approve agenda. **CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes from meeting on February 8, 2023

Moved by E. Dvorak. **CARRIED**

Principal's Report- K. Cuellar

- Jump Rope for Heart - the final skip off is on Friday.
- This is one of two fitness focussed fundraisers we have this year, the other is the Terry Fox run in April.
- There will be the Como Lake Relay in May for some grades.

- Track Attack - Training starts in April for track events. In May there will be an event for track held at SFU
- April there is going to be a public speaking contest on May 3, for school level. Also we will have a book fair.
- Gifted testing for Grade 3 will be done in April. All kids take the test. The only other time for testing is if a child missed the testing in a previous year.
 - Based on scoring, it is determined if they can participate in gifted sessions in subsequent years and on into middle school.
 - Testing has been done every year, including in 2020.
- Report cards are going out this week.
- We will follow up with regards to the art project; Sarah will cover it in the April staff meeting.
- Connecting with kindergarteners is coming up. It is nice to get to know the kids before they come.
- Bell Schedule - we are not planning to change the start and end time of the school day. However, next year we will add 5 minutes to the lunch playtime; from 12:10-12:35 to add additional outside playtime, in order to allow kids 25 minutes outside. Then the children have 5 minutes to transition from outside to indoors from 12:35-12:40 followed by lunch 12:40-12:56.
 - Current schedule is 12:10-12:30 outdoors then lunch 12:35-12:56
 - This new schedule will have teachers in class while kids finish eating and lessons can commence (example reading or video lessons). This will give more time for activities.

Fundraising - D. McCall

- Excel Martial Arts coming in April. Two days per week for primary and 2 days for intermediate. The cost will be \$25 for 4 classes.
- Newfelds Farm is coming up
- May 6 is Pub night at the Golden parrot.
 - We need gift basket items donated
 - We have several donations from businesses already
 - Cost will be \$25 for drink and burger
 - Time of event 5pm onwards
- Meridian Meat gift card fundraiser is upcoming.
- Ongoing: Mabel's Labels and cobbs

- Movie night planned for June? Not sure yet, but should plan one for early June (June 2?)
- Hot Lunch: Sushi and hotdogs are coming up

Open Discussion

- Pub night - need to sell lots of tickets and find donations
- Need to change the next meeting, but waiting to hear back from more PAC members. Possible date April 11.
- Grade 5 Leaving ceremony will be June 29th
- School event at Mundy - unfortunately Spani pool will be under construction.
- Trees - a work request has been sent to the School Board. A. Williams will follow up with the City of Coquitlam Tree Spree to find out about free trees.
- D. McCall will look into smaller stones that will be cored out for umbrellas; vs landscape company providing them. The seats we have were very expensive.
- K. Cuellar will look into sunshade options.
- Grade 5 Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser - will be held April 8, pickup will be by Canadian Tire or at school on April 11th.
- Value Village fundraiser for spring cleaning; will plan a school drop off for donations, and will receive money from VV once donations are made.
- Stay Safe Pro D there are still spots left. Available for grade 4 and up.
- Playground - Leadership students did a survey and made a wish list that they sorted.
 - Swings were the most requested item; however there is a problem that the location of swings in our playground is not possible to sink the supports deeply enough for it to be up to code.
 - School plans to look into a new play structure for outside the music room.
- We are working on increasing the number and options of games for outside.
 - Soccer equipment is used a lot
 - Connect 4 is popular
 - Need to reorder balls as we keep losing them.
- Proposed to look into a Gaga Ball pit, could consider getting one for indoor or outdoor use.
- Need rolling equipment bins/containers to increase outdoor equipment

usage.

- Sand pit, natural areas are really popular. We wish to have more outdoor natural areas to play, and have water features etc.
- Requesting that fencing be added around the lower field.
- Balls have been removed from the roof of the school by the district staff
- Need to resurface the basketball courts

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm. Next Meeting: TBD