

PAC Meeting

Thursday, April 7th, 2022 – 7pm

Attendees:

Michelle Schechtel

Carolina Hall

Miwa Aoki

Tara Parkinson

Tanja McAffer

Laurie Leeder

Dee Prentice

Tania Gall

Treasurer's Report

1. Update on finances

Hardly any movement this month:

- 1) General = \$871.38
- 2) Donation = +\$170 for a total of \$533.61
- 3) Gaming = \$11,851.50

Chairperson Report

- 1) Picture Frames for grad gift
8.5 x 11 – horizontal orientation
Look at purchasing 110 frames
Laurie will get a quote from London Drugs
- 2) Terry Fox Run – Planned for this Tuesday, April 12. Parents, who are available, can join along the route to cheer the students on as they run. The students will start running about 2:10. Map of route below. Fundraising, asking kids to bring \$1 or \$2 each. Will be collecting this week and Monday.



- 3) Staff Appreciation lunch – looking at June 6. Had a really good experience last year, it was well received and wanting to explore again. Had a Food Truck (Taco) but will look at some options. Wanting to make it a Community event (including Winslow). Last year PAC contributed \$500.
- 4) TCBY – coming up Wed April 20. Had the Leadership team choose the 5 flavours: Cookies n Cream, Mango, Strawberry/Kiwi, Dole Raspberry, Cotton Candy. All cash sales on the day. Looking for volunteer Parents to come and help starting at 11:45. We made \$397 last time.

Administrator's Report

What's Happening at Como this month:

-School wide read "The Barren Grounds" has begun. The teachers created an Audio Book, where each Teacher reads a section.

-School wide weaving activity this month ties into the reading. This is what the Shoe Boxes are for. It is an identity box.

-Garden planting starts Monday as the seeds have been purchased. Carver is going to come out for the archway next September. It will be quite large and will use Red Cedar.

-Terry Fox Run April 12th. Very excited to bring the whole school community for the first time this year.

-Visits with our grade 5's on April 21 and 28. Grade 5 parent night will stay virtual and is on Apr 28 6:30 – 7:30

-Pro-D on April 22 – Indigenous Focus Day

What's coming our way:

-Genius Hour is back in May

-Como Lake's Quest for the Cup (Ball Hockey tournament) runs May 9-20. Every team must have minimum one grade 6, one grade 7 and one grade 8 and mixed gender. Kids form the teams. Runs every lunch hour for two weeks. It is outside in the Lacrosse area.

-Saleema Noon presentations:

-Parents on June 2 from 6:30 – 7:30 (virtual)

-Grade 8 on June 3 and 6/7's on June 8

-Field trips being planned – looking for PAC contributions for transportation

-Planning to bring back Como Lake Olympics June 9/10 – still in planning stages

-Mural is still happening but waiting for 4 days of dry weather

-Grade 8 leaving ceremony on June 28th, -will be in person, but honour safety protocols. Parents will be able to attend. Do not know schedule yet.

-June 2 – Grade 5's at Como for "Grade 6 for a day"

DPAC Report

-had virtual meeting March 30. Superintendent report:

- 1) Face to face seating configurations allowed again
- 2) Starting Apr 8 sports games and drama productions back to 100% capacity for parents. Will still have some safety protocols in place
- 3) PPE – personal choice for teachers and students
- 4) Field Trips can resume
- 5) April – Budget approval process resumes. Can learn more on the District's website

Speaker – Foundry, BC Service for 12-24 year olds for Mental Health for children in this age range and their families. Was created virtually in 2020 but started in 2015. Provides access to: nurse practitioners, employment counsellors, occupational therapists, social workers, registered clinical counsellors, family support. Support is Virtual, so meetings can be anywhere. They deal with lots of different issues such as feelings loneliness/inadequacy, self-esteem struggles, substance abuse, gender identity, body image, family challenges, school struggles, friendship issues, Anxiety, Depression, OCD, eating disorders, motivation struggles, self-harm. Dro- in Tuesday and Thursdays or can schedule an appointment. Kids can access this privately (although depending on the situation the family/authorities may be notified if necessary). Website: www.foundrybc.ca

2. New Business – none
3. Next Meeting: May 5 - 7pm