



**Eagle Ridge Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday Jan 20/2022 6:45pm via Zoom**

In Attendance: Tara Lyons, Amanda Weber, Jennifer Short, Stella Pepper, Don Hutchinson, Jen Husband, Mr Drake, Jen Dolsen, Erin Davis

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment – Tara Lyons

2. Review and Approval of Agenda – Motioned by Amanda Weber, Agenda for Jan 20/22 adopted

3. Review and Approval of Dec 2021 meeting Minutes – Motioned Jen Short, 2nd by Amanda Weber no opposition. Minutes from Dec 16/21 meeting approved

4. Principal's Report –

Action Plan for Learning (APL) will focus on numeracy, intellectual development/human development, and Indigenous ways of learning. We are in the final stages of approval, a draft will go to the Assistance Superintendent

January in Review

- enhanced covid safety measures implemented
- 48 Ipads ordered for replacement, awaiting arrival
- Carmen McKay is designing a new school logo
- Painting of the drums complete and hung
- ProD day coming Jan 31

Parent Communication: What's new on the Ridge continues, on line with Teams and Fresh Grade for classroom communication

- Some programs still on hold, including volleyball and basketball

Upcoming Events:

- Planetarium visit rescheduled to Apr 4/5
- Grade 5 Activity
- Grade 4 student learning survey

Ministry Health Protocol Update – our school did not loosen too many measures through 2021, so there are only some minor changes to the plan at ER. Changes include:

- Zones outside for class time
- Classrooms rearranged to support distancing measures
- Mask exemption requests are not as easy to obtain. Must have a medical reason or special need to have an exemption granted. We have approx. 15

Types of Closures the school could be and are prepared to experience:

1. Functional: Not enough staff to supervise students
2. Health Closure, based on attendance and following ministry guidance
3. Transportation Closure (NA for our school)

We follow the BCCDC

There is lots of constantly changing information published, we are hoping to provide some written guidance to parents soon. The biggest issue we have and need to clarify for the school community is, when can kids return? After being confirmed as Covid + and / or being a close contact to someone who has tested positive

Cases are now self managed. The school administration is not allowed to share information on cases in classrooms.

- Parent asks if we are allowed to set up class lists for notification. This is fine but parents must have the option to opt in or opt out
- We currently have an approximate number of 80/90 absent

A parent notes concern about the teacher workload if having to give extra work for kids who are off when in class learning is still being done. The official direction is that teachers are not obligated to provide works for kids at home due to short term illness – this would be up to teachers to do so on an individual basis but it is not mandatory. Schools are obligated by the school act only to provide work for long term absence

? How is the school admin handling finding substitutes, has it been difficult? Mr H reports that have been lucky, with only Thursdays being an issue so far. We have been short 7 on a day but had 6 TOCs. Often the support teachers, who don't teach full time classrooms, pitch in le – Mrs Wang, Mr Drake

? Re: Upcoming Event

- Mar/April has an Indigenous art visitor/ event noted, is it budgeted? Mr H notes that staff from the Indigenous learning department will come to lead students in crafts that are for the our visitation to the welcome posts. Each child will do 2 pieces, 1 for them and 1 will be the gift. We will be asking parents to contribute for this, its not a PAC initiative
- ** PAC wishes to remind everyone that there is a hardship fund to allow for all students to participate in field trips that may have a cost. This is confidentially organized though school admin

Scholastic Book fair: The contact at Scholastic notes that they have safety protocols if we want to have the fair in person but the school has to provide the volunteers and make the decision for the school. We can postpone until April if we prefer to have the fair in person but are not yet ready.

- On line takes away from the experience for the kids and also hinders the parents from adding to each order for the schools interest
- It is possible that school will allow it but PAC provides the volunteers, more discussion to follow
 - o It has been decided after the meeting to postpone until the Spring

Face Masks – is the district still providing masks for the school, students and parents? Yes - Mr H reports we have lots of masks, approx.. 1500 kids masks and approx. 300/400 teacher masks although many staff and students are coming with their own.

- Some teachers have noted they would prefer N95 masks. Could the PAC fundraise for this? Yes – need to source

5. Executive Committee Reports

a.President’s Report – Tara Lyons

The Jan 19 Saleema Noon presentation was welcomed. Feedback was positive although the transition between the two timeslots for age groups was confusing.

Upcoming presentation on dealing with Anxiety, Jan 24 at 6:45

- PAC noticed it was not prominently displayed on the calendar of events for the school. It was on an email with an attachment but its noted that parents don’t always look, follow a link.
- PAC would like to see better promotion of PAC events

b.Treasurers Report – Stella Pepper

- treasurers reports in full are always posted to the web

\$16,494.86 in general account

\$11,547.24 in playground account

\$19,096.65 in gaming account

Items of Interest: Holiday On line auction \$1276.34, Growing Smiles fundraiser \$607.76

Mid year Fundraising report:

\$5720.90 total raised so far

\$9231.67 Budgeted

We need \$3510.79 to meet goals

Items noted to add that were not budgeted for: N95 masks and food security presentation

- Add to Feb agenda/ motions

c. DPAC Report – Jen Dolsen

- DPAC is scheduled for next week, so nothing to report at this meeting. Jen will update PAC if anything of note

d. Fundraising Report – Jen Short

- heart lollies close next week, approx. \$200.00 in earnings

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser is to support the grade 5s

- March / April: Purdys Easter chocolate, Growing Smiles, Pizza night

- looking for feedback or suggestions on Pizza Night. Perhaps a new place, Me and Eds is well received but a bit more expensive than others, lets choose something else for more accessibility

- May: Paint Kits

* Pub night at Fraser Mills will be delayed to Feb. Note: Tickets are sold and gusts can enjoy at leisure, not only on one night to support social distance for the school community

5. Committee Reports

a. Hot Lunch / Treat Days – We need to confirm some dates for upcoming hot lunches
Feb: Mr Mikes, will be individually packaged 1 bag / child. \$8.00 price to parents

b. Traffic & Safety Committee – members of PAC and Mr. H met with the City of Coquitlam. An email response was sent back to us before the holiday but it was focused on PAC providing parent education tom the school community. Unfortunately, it did not have a lot of suggestions for action by the city.

- It is suggested that PAC maintain diligent and continue to advocate for action.

- Torill G may have some contacts for us to try

c. Health and Safety Committee – not active

d. Website & Newsletter / Parent Communication – nothing to report

e. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Vacant

f. Parent Education – Saleema Noon Presentation was a success; Presentation on Anxiety coming virtually next week Monday evening

? Now that we have had Saleema Noon presented virtually to the school community, are we able to reopen the discussion about bringing her into the classroom. There were approx. log ins and we feel we are still missing a lot of the school population.

- Mr Hutchinson maintains that the teachers are teaching what is outlined in the curriculum, and some of the Saleema Noon presentation was outside of the curriculum. Mr H will review with staff.

g. Grade 5 Committee

- No committee members in attendance but upcoming fundraisers supporting the Grade 5 events include: Krispy Kreme sale, Jamillas Kitchen in Jan.

- Boston Pizza night postponed to April 21. Dine in only, Poco location

h. Childcare Committee – nothing to report

6. New Business / Updates

- Jen D asks about activities for the spring, will the kids be able to participate in track and field, volleyball. We have no word yet but we are hopeful, especially the outdoor activities

7. Motions:

No motions

8. Adjournment

Jen Short Motions to adjourn. 2nd by Jen Dolsen, meeting adjourned

Thank you for attending the Eagle Ridge PAC Meeting. We appreciate all of our parent and caregiver volunteers! If you would like to add an item to a future agenda, please send you request to item 2 weeks prior to meeting.