



**Eagle Ridge Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday Mar 31/2022 6:45pm via Zoom**

In Attendance: Tara Lyons, Melissa Fisher, Amanda Weber, Jennifer Short, Tracey S, Don Hutchinson, Jen Husband, Shawn Marsolais, Mrs Morrison, Jen Dolsen, Erin Davis, Mrs Phelan

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment – Tara Lyons

2. Review and Approval of Agenda – Motioned by Erin Davis and seconded by Jen S, Agenda for Mar 31/22 adopted

* if we want to add any motions for tonight's meeting, now would be the time to bring forward. Do we want to motion for funds for year end hurrah. Lets discuss this meeting, and add to April agenda

3. Review and Approval of Feb 2022 meeting Minutes – Motioned by Melissa F, 2nd by Jen D no opposition. Minutes from Feb 17/22 meeting approved

4. Principal's Report –

- Note this is a parents meeting, we do not want kids in attendance or privy to information discussed
- If a classroom related issue needs review, please hold it from this meeting with PAC as a whole. Proper protocol is to review with specific teacher and / or Mr Hutchinson

Action Plan for Learning (APL) will focus on numeracy, intellectual development/human development, and Indigenous ways of learning. We have submitted the plan to district leadership – waiting on feedback

March in Review

- Westcoast Dance Program: good feedback on instruction / Dance a Thon an option next?
- St Paddy's / Green theme Day
- Term 2 reports: 1st time released on the parent portal, it was a bit of work for Linda with missing passwords, ect but overall parent feedback was positive noting it was easy to use

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

- Some programs still on hold

- Como Lake Relay for Grade 4/5 cancelled in its original scope
 - o Schools will hold the relay events on site, including 6 training sessions with a final race day on Apr 28
 - o Ribbons will be provided by Como Lake Relay
 - o Is the event open to parents? Yes and the route has been shared

Upcoming Events:

There are lots of events scheduled and teachers may also start to plan individual classroom events

- Planetarium visit Apr 4/5
- House Post visit walking field trip next week (45 min ½ talk with Tasha, ½ archaeological site visit with Dave)
- Turtle Island Art Start Program: collection of presenters ranging from dancers to puppeteers and signers, performance based (not the same as the Hoop Dancer event)
- Class Photos May 11: we can do traditional bench seating or outdoor on the playground
- Peoples Pantry Presentation
- Indigenous Artist: 2 crafts for students
- Swimming Pool booked: supposed to be grade 1-5 but grade one participation will depend on supervision
- Indigenous Hoop dancer – flexible with dates
- Scholastic Book Fair: Apr 25-29, will get delivery to the gym on Thurs Apr 21. It would be good to have teachers do their walk through Apr 22 so they can make classroom wish lists and parents can add to orders. Pick up will be Mon May 2. Parents will enter after school though the gym doors/ entrance by the Crunch: **no school access for parents**
 - * We will need some parent volunteers to staff the event (capacity 400 full/200 ½ cap)
- Grade 5 Sasamat Activity: May 9
 - Opportunity to ask questions about upcoming events, answers added to above notes
 - ** 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

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Facility / Grounds Update:

- Paving done by N/W doors
- Retaining wall and fixes done by the B Ball hoops
- Parent request for an updated outdoor sensory path. We can use PAC gaming funds. Refer to mountain Meadows – Mr Hutchinson to check it out

Health/ Safety:

- Masks are optional
- Daily Health checks still required
- Field trips are ok but transportation remains a challenge

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Parents would like to revisit having Saleema Noon for more sessions offered in the classroom, but the teachers have agreed that they are not in favor of this. Discussion is had regarding the nature of the opposition and also how many teachers made this decision for the whole group.

PAC is wondering why this school's opinion of this presentation is so different than other SD43 schools. Mr Hutchison reports that the 3 teachers (spread of grades) who volunteered to review content and make the decision thought that the content was not accurately reflective of the curriculum.

Is there an option for the PAC to bring this forward if they are still unsatisfied with the decision. Ultimately, it is the schools decision to approve what presentations are brought to the school but the Zone Superintendent can be contacted

5. Executive Committee Reports

a.President's Report – Tara Lyons

Welcome Mrs Phelan and Mrs Morrison, it is great to have teacher voices/ attendance!

- How does the parent community feel about having the next meetings in person? Mixed feedback – seeing each other in person is welcomed but its easier for more people to attend remotely.
 - o Mr H and the teachers prefer remote
 - o Decided April meeting will be via Zoom and we may revisit
- We will have opening on the PAC Executive committee next year

- There will be a shuffle of current positions
- Please let Tara know if you are interested or want to hear about the requirements of any position
- AGM: Shroud we do this in May or June? We vote on next years PAC exec.
 - June better
 - Want to confirm/ finalize some initiatives for getting more parent participation
 - Welcome to Kindy
 - Book Fair table/ handout RE: PAC

b. Treasurers Report – Stella Pepper (absent)

- Presented by Tara
- treasurers reports in full are always posted to the web

Adjusted Bank balances:

Gaming \$15,496.65

General \$16,429.92

We have a good amount of orders already placed for the final three hot lunches of the year. Three were posted together, to be ordered all at once, to save on strip fees

- We have gaming \$ to spend. Year end events are a good option
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Outdoor movie night (by donation, food truck). Use of facilities would be ok at this time. Don to research screen companies (Galactic Ent)

c. DPAC Report – Jen Dolsen

- The highlight this last meeting was of the Apr 7/8 ease of restrictions, everyone is optimistic
- leaving ceremonies for schools hoping to be at full capacity
- field trips are allowed, as long as nothing require vaccine passports as not mandated
- AGM coming up, will have positions available
- Query whether an SD43 teacher, who does not teach at our school but is a parent, can sit on the DPAC. Yes, you just cant represent the school you teach at

d. Fundraising Report – Jen Short

- Purdys \$818

- Growing Smiles \$330

- Pallet Posse \$66

* We likely need to do one more fundraiser this year to achieve goals, we will review this with Stella (treasurer) to be sure. Neufeld's frozen food is an option

Hot lunches have been amazing, we are now planning movie night and we still have pub night to come

* Pub night at Fraser Mills Note: Tickets are sold and guests can enjoy at leisure over 2 weekends, not only on one night to support social distance for the school community

BP Night April 21, dine in only

Discussion around what brought lesser sales on some fundraisers than last year? Was it three being launched at once, Covid restrictions eased, spending \$ is going elsewhere? Feedback was mixed, several people liked only have one pick up date but it was a lot to review and plan with one deadline

5. Committee Reports

a. Hot Lunch / Treat Days – Glad to have three months ordered at once, saved on our Munch a Lunch strip fees. We have to send out another reminder next week to get orders in.

- the disposal of containers at school is an issue, many kids don't bring regular lunch kits for transport on hot lunch days. We like, *and need to message*, that kids should bring a bag/backpack that can accommodate it coming home like other lunch litter

b. Traffic & Safety Committee – nothing to report

c. Health and Safety Committee – not active/ vacant

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

e. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Vacant

f. Parent Education – nothing to report

g. Grade 5 Committee

- The Sasamat event is \$50.00 student. We have approx. 75 grade 5s = \$3750.00

- PAC paid half of this amount last year but we are hoping to have all grade 5 fundraisers totaling this amount, we may need another fundraiser

-School will assist with a Pizza fundraiser

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

h. Childcare Committee – nothing to report

6. New Business / Updates

- The house post walking field trip will now be attended by all divisions and be two days rather than originally anticipated one. The speakers are charging \$1000.00 each for both days = \$2000.00. We had approved and budgeted for \$750.00 already

7. Motions:

PAC puts forward a motion to approve \$1250.00 in additional funds for two days of house post walking field trips.

-Erin D seconds the motion. It is unanimously approved.

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 your request to item 2 weeks prior to meeting.