



Eagle Ridge Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Oct 19, 2022 6:30pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Tara Lyons, Jennifer Short, Becky Ma, Joanne Breckenridge, Leah Dixon, Don Hutchinson, Taryn Reeves, Andrea Hersog, Claudia Maldonado, MJ, Elisa, Rick Botero, Tracey Schaeffer, Julie, Joy's iPhone, Jennifer H.

- 1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgment** – Tara Lyons
- 2. Review and Approval of Agenda** – No opposition. Agenda for Oct 19 is adopted.
- 3. Review and Approval of Minutes** – No opposition. Minutes from Sep 21 meeting approved by Leah Dixon, seconded by Jen Short.
- 4. Principal's Report** – Don Hutchinson

Action Plan for Learning (APL)

- Currently working on bringing in guest presenters for indigenous ways of learning.
- Numeracy and SEL folks are in the early stages of gather baseline data

Previous Month Review

- Photo day
- Terry Fox Run
- First informal report cards sent home
- Grade 5 volleyball

Upcoming

- First fruit and veggie delivery
- Haunted library
- Hallowe'en parade Oct 31. Parents can come watch parade from undercover area by gym.
- FSA ongoing, 40% of grade 4s are participating
- Indigenous hoop dancers. Nov 4, 11:15 - 12

PAC hot lunch

- Switching to ordering for a 3-month period created a number of difficulties for some families. Ms. Richmond had to field a number of calls and a number of families probably missed out on ordering. May not have been worth saving on the stripe fees.

Potential Events

- Potential to have soapstone carving event for indigenous learning. For a virtual, pre-recorded message it would cost \$16-17 per student. For an instructor to come to the school it would cost \$24 per student. Don is asking for \$12 per child from PAC with the remaining \$12 to be provided by parents.
 - o Tara L. asks whether all kids would be able to participate (would allow for funds to come from gaming). Rick Botero responds yes, at least Grade 1 and up.
- Bringing in outside presenters for sports that can't be taught in-house – e.g. golf, ringette, lacrosse, curling.
 - o Jen S. asks whether gaming funds used for this would be in lieu of events like the Vancouver Aquarium. Don H. responds yes.
- Speed stack lesson.

PAC exec question – Tara L. notes that there are funds left in scholastic fund, ~\$4000. Some will go to library. How else should that be distributed?

Response from Don H.: Can we purchase levelled readers with this? Will get back to you about what is needed for library.

5. Executive Committee Reports

President's Report – Tara Lyons

- DPAC position is still vacant.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Becky Ma

- Removed hardship fund (negated by new provincial funds), holiday fair and daycare for PAC meetings from budget.
- Included pancake breakfast and hoop dancing in gaming account budget. Soap carving would cost \$4,800.
- Also added \$300 for Sep 2023 welcome back event.

Teacher Question – Rick Botero asks, what is the welcome back event?

Response by Tara L. and Jen S. – Not sure yet. An event to introduce families to the PAC. We would be seeking external sponsors.

- Gaming budget includes dance week, the Grade 5 activity, school presentations/workshops, added pancake breakfast, soapstone carving, and hoop dancing.
- Folded hoop dancing into school presentations/workshops. Soapstone carving could fit under this line item as well.
- Teacher FTE is now renamed the Teacher support fund

Multiple commenters: Soapstone carving is very expensive for a single event and using up a lot of the budget. Suggestion that perhaps only a specific grade(s) that does it. It can be something kids can look forward too.

Tara L. suggests leaving soapstone carving off budget for now and increasing budget for school presentations to \$5000.

Jen S. suggests giving Don a set budget to work with for school presentations and events. Expenditures would still subject to PAC approval.

Fundraising Report – Jen Short

- Ongoing - Neufeld frozen foods (over \$300 raised so far)
- Potentially Upcoming – School spirit wear. Wouldn't require Munch-a-Lunch
- Upcoming Pub night at MyPub (Nov 18 or 19), poinsettias, Purdy's
- Silent auction – This year, there will be no silent auction unless parents volunteer to help. This could potentially be a new committee.

DPAC Report –

- DPAC rep position still vacant

6. Committees/Events

- a. Hot Lunch – Jen Husband
 - a. Parents weren't happy with ordering 3 months in advance. Reopened ordering. Will proceed with ordering on a monthly basis. Need parents for distribution.
- b. Traffic Safety Committee
 - a. Nothing to report
- c. Grade 5 Committee – Jen Dearborn via Tara
- d. Childcare Committee
- e. Website & Newsletter
- f. Parent Education – Tara Lyons
 - a. Tamara Williams have agreed to host a workshop. There are options, including anxiety, and depression. When should this be? Sometime in January on a T/W/Th. PAC meetings go back to Thursdays in Dec.
 - b. It would be nice to collaborate with other PACS for shared parent education events.
- g. Secret Shopper – Leah Dixon
 - a. Not enough time/funds to buy items for this year to host secret shopper. Have about 20 bins of gifts and no space to store them now. Could try a garage sale to recoup some of the money. Items already priced and labelled so a garage sale would be relatively easy. Oct 28 option in gym. Will need float and volunteers from 12-6, with sale open from 3-6.
 - b. Tracey S. – include kids in the sale? Jen S. - Combine garage sale with movie night? Joanne B. – Secret shopper for older grades?
 - c. Most in favour of garage sale
- h. BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program – Tara Lyons
 - a. There will be delivery next week. Still working out logistics
- i. Movie night Nov. 4
 - a. Showing minions. Grade 5 committee coordinating concession and will be using funds for their grade 5 activity.
 - b. Leah Dixon suggests to let parents know how much concession items will cost in advance.

7. Motions

PAC motions to approve the general and gaming budgets for 2022-2023 – Jen. S seconds. Motion passes. No abstentions, No opposition

8. Questions/Discussion

Teacher question – Rick Botero asks, what date is pancake breakfast?

Response by Tara L – Date is undecided and we still need volunteers.

Tracey S. volunteers to organize. Trying for Dec. 2.

9. Adjournment

Leah D. and Jen S. motion to adjourn. Motion passes.

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.