

Parkland Elementary PAC | MINUTES

June 19, 2024 | 8:00 p.m. | Meeting location Zoom

Chair	Carly Weaver	In Attendance: Alexandra D’Andrea, Jennifer Bordignon, Carly Weaver, Sharon McKay, Nicole Stevens, Grace Rodriguez, Olena Savytka, Carly Weaver, Haley Hodgson
Vice-Chairs	Kristin Dueck	
Treasurer	Veronica D’Andrea	
Secretary	Jennifer Bordignon	

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Welcome: Carly Weaver

1.1 Introductions:

- approx \$35,000 in general account and \$4,497 in gaming account; \$13,000 net year to date
- last few fundraisers very successful
- Hot Lunch, approx \$5,000 profit; for next year Jenn and Alex will talk offline regarding eliminating add ons; also vendor pricing will go up next year
- biggesst focus: playground: we have \$54,000 in school savings, \$30,000 PAC savings and projected removal and installation cost \$9,000
- continue to support Hip Hop and Tennis
- want to plan for next year, establish budget etc- we cannot do this today as quorum not met, will have to vote on it next time

1.2 Quorum- not met

1.3 Review previous meeting minutes- 1st - Kristin Dueck, 2nd- Haley Hodgson

1.4 Chair Report

2. Principal’s Report: Sharon McKay

- Talent Show was phenomenal and great to see all the kids there
- Sports Day was an amazing day- thank you for all the support
- Parent and Teacher Appreciation events were great
- Treat Sales successful and Rainbow Loom sale made \$150
- this last month we had many walking fieldtrips to Como Lake and Mundy Park
- Playland and Grade 5 leaving ceremony

- last day is Thursday, June 27- this is a full day; we will have an assembly at 11 am and if parents choose can pick up kids after it is finished
- for next year, right now looking at 11 division, approx 252/253 students, this is down from 270
- there may be an influx of students in Sept.
- hired Christina Beren as teacher librarian- library learning services and student services/STEAM
- leaving: Nicole McGowan, Carmen D'Alfonso, Jen McClarity, Mary Chad, Ms. Bosello, Ms. Kokkas and Ms. Maher
- Mr. Delmonico will teach with Mr. Armstrong next year
- there is a .2 position (1 day position) to be filled, we won't know until September
- apologies to the executive, the action plan for learning was sent blank, will resend a completed copy
- focus for next year will be numeracy and literacy through STEAM as well as empathy through restorative practice (reciprocate relationships and sense of place)
- would like to get high school students in school once a week
- district and school code of conduct will be largely the same with the addition of all cell phones not to be used (stored all day)
- pastors from the church across the street asked if they could help in any capacity
- in the past, we have remained in contact with them, but declined assistance

3. Committee Reports:

3.1 Hot Lunch –Alexandra D'Andrea:

- as mentioned, costs will increase this year
- Nicole will speak with Alex regarding add on shopping

3.2 DPAC- Haley Hodgson

Presentation - Anti-Racism in SD43

Presenter: Wendy Yu - District Principal of Diversity and Anti-Racism

1. Highlight 3 words from the Territorial Acknowledgement

- a. Traditional
- b. Ancestral
- c. Unceded

2. Where We Started

a. New role July 1 2023

3. What have we been doing?

a. Learning

b. Presentations

c. Building Leadership

d. Website - public and internal

e. Equality Opportunity Hiring Statement to entice diversity

f. Collaboration with Metro Leads

g. Advisory Committee

4. What's Next

a. Family & Community Services

b. Equity Plan

c. Environmental Scan/Survey

d. Continue to support schools with websites, resources, conversations

5. 2 Definitions

a. What is racism?

b. What is anti-racism?

6. As a Parent, Why Should I Care?

a. We want our kids to feel like they belong.

b. We want our kids to take these values forward and work together.

7. How can we talk to our children?

a. Talk to the kids so the work doesn't educate them.

b. Model inclusive behavior.

i. How do you treat the people you're in contact with.

c. Encourage critical thinking.

d. Emphasize empathy.

8. Brené Brown Video on Empathy

9. What are some resources?

a. Presentation of various books.

b. Community Events.

i. Dumpling festival anecdote - every culture has a dumpling.

10. How can I support my child?

a. Validate feelings.

b. Teach responses.

c. Seek support.

d. Promote self confidence.

e. Foster open communication.

11. Audience Questions

a. Where does bullying fit into anti-racism?

i. Case by case basis.

b. Do you have evidence of racism in the school system?

i. Racism has always existed. Canada is good at hiding it. In the southern states it's resurfaced because of a "certain president."

ii. There have been a few incidents at the Coquitlam fair.

iii. General discussion / Various anecdotes from meeting attendees.

c. What are ways to engage in the conversation (anti-racism) with PAC's?

i. Start by looking at your own biases.

d. Are incidents of racism being tracked in the schools? countries - how are we supporting the kids with changes like this?

Conversations are happening. Trauma informed practice.

j. How do anti-racism resources make it to parents to take home?

i. PAC's can organize anti-racism presentations with Wendy

i. Tracked school by school.

ii. Survey will go out to the schools for data to figure out next steps.

e. What happens when a principal changes?

f. Where can parents bring concerns?

i. It gets dealt with at the school.

ii. We are still learning how to approach it.

g. Audience Conversation : Parent Anecdote regarding Canadian patriotism

vs. American patriotism

i. Canadians are not patriotic enough.

ii. Less patriotism is more comfortable for some folks.

h. What "Truth & Reconciliation" principals are we applying to other ethnic groups?

i. There is working together and conversations happening.

ii. What conversations are happening around global racism?

There are some students entering some SD43 schools coming from conflict

-if any fundraising ideas or initiatives anyone wants to take on, please talk to Carly

-will run Purdy's once next year at Christmas and Neufeld once

-we would like to start early next September

