



PAC MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Nov 17, 2022
Pitt River Middle School

Sonja Madsen Mills, Phil Sinnot, Robin Clark, Jeremy Bauman, Andrew Shaw, Summer Wright, Srikand Tauli, Daianade LaNieve, Darren Stewart, Shawne Callihoo

1. Call to Order

2. Opening

2.1. Welcome from the Chair

Summer Right, Chair, welcomed those present in person. Indigenous Territories Acknowledgement made. Meeting called to order at 7:08PM

2.2. Approval of tonight's agenda

Moved by: Phil Sinnot

Seconded: Jeremy Bauman

Motion Carried:

2.3. Approval of October's Minutes

Moved by: Robin Clark

Seconded: Phil Sinnot

Motion Carried:

3. Reports

3.1. Chair/Vice Chair Report:

3.1.1. Nothing new to report

3.2. Treasurer's Report: Andrew Shaw

3.2.1. Not a lot of activity, mostly just bank charges

3.2.2. Andrew looked into changing bank accounts with no fees. Proposes Coast Capital due to past experience.

Moved by: Phil Sinnot

Seconded: Robin Clark

Motion Carried

3.2.2 Need to have new signing officer – motion to keep Phil Sinnot and Summer Right

Moved by: Sonja Madsen Mills

Seconded: Jeremy Bauman

Motion: Carried

3.2.3 Motion to add Andrew Shaw as signing authority

Moved by: Robin Clark

Seconded: Jeremy Bauman

Motion: Carried

3.2.3. Motion to accept Treasury Report

Moved by: Phil Sinnot

Seconded: Jeremy Bauman

Motion: Carried

3.3. Administrative Report – Mr. Stewart

3.3.1. Pitt River 8th birthday celebration – presentation by Casanda who is a local resident, business owner and 'celebrity'. The focus was on resiliency and celebrating local success.

3.3.2. Remembrance Day Assembly – sharing of a journal of an uncle who was part of the war. Choir and Band participated.

3.3.3. Reporting – moving to a proficiency scale

- First term reports will be rolled out with the new scale emerging/developing/proficient/extending.
- Scale is more in line with real life situations (work place)
- Students are encouraged to think about the various things they participate in and likely will find themselves in any one of the proficiency areas depending on there are of experience and capability which may change over time

- Assessment of students are less about having factual knowledge and more about their demonstration of learning the knowledge. Beyond exams the students will have other activities that are being assessed such as showing inferences/connections, activities, interactions, practical application etc. Student proficiency is assessed back to the competencies outlined in the curriculum. The need to memorize facts is much less critical in our modern times as such we are assessing those core competencies plus curricular competencies that are necessary for future success and personal growth.

3.3.4. Portal Prep

- Parents reminded to check accounts in time for the Dec 9 Term 1 report. You can link the report card to your BC Services card. In MyEd make sure your password is current and when you login you can choose to log in with the BC Services Card.

3.3.5 Numeracy – looking for resiliency in math problem solving and ability to look/think in a multiplicative way (how many ways can a math problem be solved). District observation in conjunction with teacher observation is where this gap has been identified. The students need attention and in targeting improvement we propose to use 2 early dismissal days (in addition to using Pro D Days) in January and March to allow staff to gather to focus on looking on these topics, report on these topics and require time to look and review what they want to do. The requested time is 2.5 hours (1.25 hour early dismissal on each day). Delivery of targeted intervention would be in Jan/Feb. An example might be a 15 min numeracy moment for 2-2.5 weeks.

- Staff meetings take up other agenda items and do not provide an appropriate amount of time to review the intended topic
- Intention is to ensure that parents are involved in the intervention so there will be elements for parents to be encouraged to support the learning (ie. Multiplicative thinking)
- Plan is to communicate to parents and to share outcomes (assessment) of the strategy later in the year after the strategies are put in place
- Motion to approve 2 early dismissal days in Jan and Feb.

Moved by: Summer Right

Seconded: Andrew Shaw

Motion: Carried by vote (consensus)

3.3.5. Lockers

- Lockers are coming and Darren and the Team Leaders will be speaking about them at the meeting tomorrow.

3.3.6. Halloween

- Spirit Assembly on Monday Oct 31
- Kids will be encouraged to Dress up

3.3.7. Remembrance Day

- Assembly will be on Nov 10

3.3.8. Fundraising Wishlist:

- Leaving ceremony
- Staff appreciation lunch
- Bursary for graduating to high school student
- \$100 classroom consumable per teacher/room (19 core classes, 4 explorations, 4 student/staff service)
- Garden = \$10,000
- Playland school fieldtrip - \$7,000 for buses and \$10,000 for admission
- Support team requests
- Speaker for parent community – Anticipate about \$1000
- Magician (or fun entertainment) and food for a community night – Anticipate about \$1000

4. Updates

4.1. Fundraising Updates: Robin Clarke

- 4.1.1. Apple fundraiser was better received than we thought. We sold 30 boxes which was easy to process. For every box sold we earned \$8-\$10 so a very high profit percentage. We made \$268 so one we will continue for the effort involved.
- 4.1.2. Purdy's is on now and closes next Wednesday. We have \$833 in sales. We need \$1000 to get 25% in profit.
- 4.1.3. Neufeld did \$3000 in sales and profit of \$630. Pick up at school Nov 24 at 7:30pm
- 4.1.4. Passive fundraisers – ReturnIt and use the school phone number and Cobbs Bread will donate 5% of purchase when PR is mentioned. Consider the TruEarth to see if it is worthwhile pursuing.
- 4.1.5. MeNEds dine in/out on Dec 8. They donate back 25% of sales. To incentivise parents to do it encourage parents to share a copy of their receipt and then PAC will do a draw for the winner (available chocolate etc)

5. Unfinished Business

- 5.1.1. No

6. New Business

- 6.1. Went to local chapter for Canadian Parents for French and they are trying to get more involvement and engagement with the schools. Information to be shared with Darren.
- 6.2 DPac is going to zoom for winter meetings. There will be a bi-election for the Communications Role.

7. Adjournment 8:25 PM

Motion to adjourn Staff Meeting

Moved By: Jeremy Bauman

Seconded: Sonja Madsen Mills

Motion Carried: