

Porter Street Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2019

Porter Street School – Staff Room

Meeting attended by: Tanja McAffer (E), Joanne Elsdon (E), Tina Corrado (E), Daniel Vasquez (E), Nicole Marcelin (E), Christina Debruyne; Danielle Ukalovic; Joe O'Reilly; Sylvia Schmitz; Derek Passaglia (Principal),

Quorum is met

Introduction

1.0 Commence Meeting: Tanja called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm.

2.0 Optimist Club of Coquitlam Guest Presentation – Al Kersey

- Optimist Club is really involved hands-on with youth events, this year celebrating its 100-year anniversary
- Presented information on the 2019 Optimist Walk for Youth – happening Sunday November 17th (registration 11:30; walk at 12:30); 2 distance options for 5k or 8k
- Free Skate by non-perishable donation afterwards at Poirier Leisure Centre (free rentals!)
- Donations from participation in this activity returns 75% to Porter Street Elementary School
- 15% of the donations go to their registered charitable organization of choice (e.g. CAFE (Coquitlam Alternative Basic Education Secondary for Vulnerable Youth))
- The remainder is for event rentals and expenses (ie. skate facility, hot dogs etc).
- Confirmation of participation required for October 30 for signage. November 12 deadline for # of participants (for catering)

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

- None

4.0 Adopt Previous Minutes – May 15th Minutes

- Nicole motioned; Tina C seconded. All in favour

Business Arising

5.0 Principal's Report

- **Benefits of the Youth Credit Union Program**
 - VCCU sets up a youth credit union in the school hallway on a weekly basis
 - Students participate by setting up teller wickets and deposit their allowances
 - Each student receives \$10 as an incentive to start each child's savings (distributed 50/50 between student and parent's membership share account)
 - Students receive monthly statements at home to keep them involved
 - Grace Yule to attend upcoming Staff Meeting to discuss feasibility and Nov 25 PAC meeting for more details!
- **Technology Grant update:** Request of up to \$10,000 of PAC fundraising money to allow purchase of additional iPads, PC student laptops and the necessary software and accessories. This hardware and software would go towards supporting our students who struggle with written output challenges and would benefit from voice to text software.
 - Vote on this expenditure to be held at the next PAC meeting November 25.
- **Body Science:** Confirmed Parents Info Session on Tuesday April 21 evening 6:30-8:00. In-class workshops all day Thursday April 23 and Friday April 24. Total cost is \$1,522.50 (exceeds budgeted amount by \$22.50 so this incremental amount needs to be voted on)
 - Vote on this expenditure to be held at the next PAC meeting November 25

6.0 Capital Projects

- PSPAC seeking a Capital Projects Coordinator
- Next step to investigate available playground grants at the DPAC website; interest expressed in pursuing accessible playground options for Porter

7.0 DPAC Update

- DPAC 101 Orientation Night held Oct 2 was very informative with expert speakers, information about additional funding opportunities and available grants
- Next meeting planned for October 30 in Gallery Room at Winslow Centre 1100 Winslow Avenue 6:45 (doors at 6:20)
- Upcoming event: **Mental Health First Aid for Parents:** Wednesday November 13th. Events are free but fill up fast. Register at <https://dpac43mentalhealthfirstaid2019.eventbrite.ca>

8.0 Events Update & Volunteering with PAC

- **Porter Spirit Wear** – Spirit Wear campaign now live on Munchalunch. Deadline to order is November 10th. Delivery estimated first week of December. Thank you, Daniel!
- **Breakfast with Santa** – December 8th – confirmed date with Optimist Club & Santa. Volunteers needed at planning stage (soon) and also on the day-of. Please contact Hitomi to volunteer!

- **Craft Fair** – Vendors invited to propose their independent or home-based businesses. Idea proposed to feature a table with local High School students' creations for sale (or Porter Street students' items). Nicole to send out vendor invitations
- **PJ Nights** – Rob volunteered to coordinate PJ Night with support from other parents. PSPAC Exec to provide a checklist
- **Free Pancake Breakfast** – March 13th to be confirmed with Optimist Club
- **Other ideas:** FlipGive; all we need is to set up a master account for Porter; easy fundraising opportunity for PSPAC

9.0 Treasurer's Report

- Chequing Account - Balance as of October 21, 2019 is **\$39,181.84**
 - Pending debit for SD43 invoice of basketball court project
- Savings Account – Balance on October 21, 2019 was **\$6,282.34**
 - Small interest deposit will be added
- Gaming Account – Balance on October 21, 2019 was **\$19,498.20**
 - Gaming Grant was approved for a total of \$7,340.00 (\$20 per student)
- Total PAC accounts on October 21, 2019 was **\$64,972.38**
- Reminder to be sent for PAC donations and deadline extended

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:46. Joanne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sylvia. All in favour.

Next PAC Meeting: November 25, 2019 at 7:15pm in the Porter Street School Staffroom

Minutes submitted by Nicole Marcelin, PAC Secretary