

PAC Meeting Minutes **February 10, 2015 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Present

Chair: Erin Schneider

Fundraising: Barbara Anderson

Treasurer: Diane MacLeod

Secretary: Angela Salehi

Health and Safety: Jen Cox

Parent Education: Kelly Raabe

Pizza Program Coordinator: Crestina Amado

School Planning Council: Wendy Werier

Social Coordinator: Andrea Vagnarelli

Aspenwood Principal: Laurie Birnie

Aspenwood Vice-Principal: Jason Giles

Grade 5 Leaving Committee Chair: Michelle Polat

Regrets

Milk Program Coordinator: Claire Turner

School Planning Council: Kate Pshennykh

Milk Program Coordinator: Diane MacSporran

Fruit/Veggie Program: Felicia Reamsbottom

Parents/Guests: 1

Call to Order

E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions followed.

D. McLeod motioned to accept the January 8 minutes. Motion is seconded by C. Amado.

Principal's Report

L. Birnie provided an update on what is happening at the school.

- 76 kindergarten registrations in the first week; 8 accepted into the Montessori classrooms. Resulting in a total of 4 neighbourhood classes and 3 Montessori program classes.
- Basketball for boys and girls in Grade 5 has begun.
- Student Led Conferences take place on February 19.
- Provincial, 'Satisfaction Survey' will be completed online by each of the Grade 4's before Spring Break; parents will receive an access code once each student has completed the survey in the classroom.
- Reviewed process and communications during the lockdown on December 16, 2014.
- The Yearbook will be provided for a fee this year, if there are enough families who want to participate. An online survey will be posted to determine interest.
- Confirming that Talking Tables runs for a full 30 minutes.
- Mr. Giles is assimilating into the Aspenwood community.

Treasure Update

D. McLeod provided an update on PAC finances. Accounts are on budget.

Fundraising

B. Anderson provided an update on fundraising activities.

Popcorn Day

\$740 was raised during the popcorn fundraiser on Thursday, February 5. PAC will match those funds and a total of \$1,500 will be donated to Eagle Mountain Middle School. Thank you to all the parents and students who participated.

B. Anderson made the motion to approve the donation.

Motion was seconded by E. Schneider and the donation was approved.

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Movie Night

Next Movie Night is on February 19, showing Big Hero 6. If you are interested in volunteering, please email our [volunteer coordinator](#).

Spring Plant Sale

Sales to open in April and delivery is anticipated for May 7th; order details will be posted on [Munch a Lunch](#).

Milk Orders

The number of families participating in the program has increased since the change in ordering requirements. Parents can now order for 1, 2, or 3 days a week.

Health and Safety

J. Cox provided an update on the progression of updating the Emergency Kits.

Parent Education

K. Raabe provided an update on potential parent events. Dates still to be determined. Topics for consideration:

1. [The Power to Parent](#): Neufeld attachment method of parenting (Bridgette Miller)
2. Managing the Big Behaviours ([Bridgette Miller](#))

Program Enhancements

L. Birnie provided an update on program enhancements to support the science program/curriculum. Priority items have been identified by teachers and PAC is pursuing a cost comparison before purchasing any items. The need for a storage unit for sports equipment was also identified by Aspenwood staff and PAC is looking at costs before deciding to proceed.

Aspenwood Spirit Wear

T-shirts will arrive the week of February 16th and sweatshirts are all expected to arrive at the school by the end of February.

Grade 5 Update

- Grade 5 event is in June.
- Flash drives with the end-of-year video will be available for purchase on Munch a Lunch.
- Decorations, food, video and photo planning is ongoing.

Traffic Concerns

A parent raised concerns about the traffic safety in the drive-thru and on the street outside the front of the school. Parent is looking to the school administration for solutions, considerations include:

- Deliver a penalty to individuals who don't abide the guidelines.
- Increased local policing or 'speed watch' volunteers to raise awareness for driver safety.
- Adjust timing for access to the drive-thru to manage traffic.

Coffee with the Principal and Vice-Principal

Upcoming dates: March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5 at 9 a.m. in the multipurpose room.

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New Business

C. Amado suggested that the school invite [Ruben Shoes](#) into the school to make a presentation or provide collection boxes for shoes. Participants bring in used shoes which are sent around the world to help students attend school. This opportunity will be proposed to the Collaborative Decision Making Committee (CDMC).

Adjournment

The PAC meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.