

PAC Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Present

Chair: Erin Schneider
Secretary: Angela Salehi
Treasurer: Diane MacLeod
Social Coordinator: Andrea Vagnarelli
Milk Program Coordinator: Claire Turner
Milk Program Coordinator: Diane MacSporran

Health and Safety: Jen Cox
School Planning Council: Wendy Werier
Aspenwood Principal: Laurie Birnie
Incoming Principal: Sean Della Vedova

Regrets

Pizza Program Coordinator: Crestina Amado
Aspenwood Vice-Principal: Jason Giles
Parent Education: Kelly Raabe

Fruit/Veggie Program: Felicia Reamsbottom
Grade 5 Coordinator: Michelle Polat
Fundraising: Barbara Anderson
School Planning Council: Kate Pshennykh

Call to Order

E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions followed.
D. MacLeod motioned to accept the May 12th minutes. Motion is seconded by E. Schneider.

Principal's Report

- L. Birnie provided an update on what is happening at the school:
- Thanked the PAC for generosity and support over the last two years.
 - Administration is transitioning as Ms. Birnie prepares to leave and Mr. Della Vedova joins the Aspenwood team.
 - Next year there will be 22 divisions: 3 Montessori classes K/1, 2/3 and 4/5 and 19 neighbourhood classes.
 - 10 teaching positions need to be filled, from lay offs.
 - Parent Appreciation Tea is Wednesday June 10th in the gym
 - Thursday June 11th is the Grade 5 trip to Cultus Lake. The Grade 4's are going on a hike.
 - Thursday June 18th is Sports Day
 - Summer Learning will be taking place at Aspenwood with over 470 students registered
 - If Parents have questions or concerns about technology in the classroom, please speak with Ms. Birnie now, don't wait until September.
 - Garbage at the school will be audited as of July 1st. Fines will be issued if proper procedures are not followed

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Introduction to Mr. Della Vedova

- Has taught Elementary School and has been an Administrator for 10 years
- loves music - teaches guitar and choir
- loves to run
- can't wait to get involved with the school
- likes change
- Is a Dad to two children
- thinks that it is important to have fun, but school is a place to learn

Fundraising Update

E. Schneider provided an update on fundraising activities.

- This has been a successful year for fundraising; raising over \$23,000 for the school (some purchases include technology, safety equipment, board games, 100 new sport jersey's, novel sets, white boards, magnify glasses, drying racks, magnetic kits, popcorn machine for more detail please see the June newsletter)
- The PAC will continue with Pizza, Subway, Booster Juice and milk delivery for next year. As well as look at other healthy lunch options
- Committees and volunteers will need to be set in place for special events next year i.e) Grade 5 Leaving, Carnival, Pub Night, Movie Nights and the Pancake Breakfast.
- Next year's main focus of fundraising will be playground improvements and expansion
- Booster Juice program - recycling needs to improve as cups are not being cleaned properly.

The 2015 Carnival Date is set for Friday, May 27, 2015 from 4pm - 8pm.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please email our [volunteer coordinator](#).

Sports Day

E. Schneider provided an update.

- Sports Day Lunches are on sale via MunchaLunch until June 11th. No late orders will be accepted. A \$6 lunch combo consists of hot dog, juice box, bag of regular chips and a long john donut. There are also veggie and peanut free options available. The Sports Day Committee is doing their best to accommodate all allergies however the discretion of ordering is up to the parent.
- Make sure each child knows what colour their team is and dresses in that colour for the day
- Date set for Thursday, June 18th with a rain date of Monday, June 22nd.

Health & Safety Update

J.Cox provided an update

- all emergency kits are currently up-to-date
- new flashlights and batteries were purchased for all kits
- new granola bars will be purchased in September to lengthen the shelf life
- new emergency shirts will also be purchased before the end of the school year for each kit

Treasury Update

D. MacLeod provided an update on PAC finances. Accounts are on budget with some cheques still to clear.

It was proposed that we switch banking services from the current BMO to VanCity Credit Union. Due to being overcharged for deposits, poor customer service and limits on coin deposits. VanCity takes an active role in investing back into the local community, which shares the same goals as the PAC.

E. Schneider motioned to accept the proposed banking service changes; seconded by A. Vagnarelli. Proposal to switch banking services approved.

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The 2015/16 PAC Executive:

- Chair: Erin Schneider
- (Interim) Treasurer: Diane MacLeod
- Fundraising Coordinator: Barb Anderson
- Social Coordinator: Crestina Amado
- Health & Safety Coordinator: Jen Cox
- Parent Education: Kelly Raabe
- School Planning Council: Wendy Werier

Additional PAC Members:

- Pizza Coordinator: Crestina Amado
- Milk Coordinator: Diane MacSporran
- Milk Coordinator: Claire Turner
- Booster Juice and Subway Coordinator: Taruna Singh & Barb Anderson
- Grade 5 Leaving Committee Chair: Felicia Reamsbottom

*****Vacant Positions***:**

- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- DPAC Representative
- Fruit and Veggie Coordinator

Details on PAC Executive and all other positions are on the PAC website.

Adjournment

The PAC meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The first PAC meeting for the 2015/16 school year is on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Notes from the Bring Your Own Device Information Night:

- School does not recommend any one device, but suggests that device should have a screen larger than 10" (recommended but not mandatory) and a keyboard (a nice to have) It is a tool so make sure that whatever brand you choose works with your home setup
- Students bring the device to the class each day, when not being used the devices are locked in a cupboard, at lunch and recess devices are locked in the cupboard
- Each day students take device home to be charged and return the next day
- In September, students are introduced to internet safety and the importance of being socially responsible online
- Filtering of inappropriate websites is done by the province, if a student tries to access something that is not an acceptable topic a red screen appears.
- Social Responsibility includes: Digital Citizenship (respecting others) online safety and screen time (screen time is not just the amount of time you spend in front of the screen but the difference between being engaged and learning, or being passive and unengaged)
- Devices would not be in constant use in the classroom, depends on what is being taught 2 focuses mentioned were group work for projects and writing process
- Using device for writing process – advantages include editing without rewriting, students are able to develop writing skills faster, peer editing also encourages co-operative work and help student with spelling
- Eagle Mountain Middle is very technology based so having Aspenwood students be able to use devices in grade 4/5 prepares them for transition to Middle School
- Using devices in the classroom gives students the opportunity to research things in their own way at their own speed
- True depth of knowledge comes from a drive for deeper inquiry – using technology gives students access to a global library that creates greater access to answers
- Aspenwood is currently testing online textbooks. This will be implemented in the future.
- Any questions? Please email Laurie Birnie, Jason Giles or any of the Grade 4/5 Teachers.