

PAC Meeting Minutes **October 13, 2015 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Present

Chair: Erin Schneider

Secretary: Meagan Huculak

Treasurer: Linda Doove

Fundraising: Barbara Anderson

Parent Education: Christy Caza

School Planning Council: Wendy Werier

School Planning Council: Natalie Branco

Social/Pizza Coordinator: Crestina Amado

Milk Program Coordinator: Claire Turner

Grade 5 Leaving Committee: Felicia Reamsbottom

Fruit and Veg Program Coordinator: Dawn Johnson

Aspenwood Principal: Sean Della Vedova

Aspenwood Vice-Principal: Jason Giles

Regrets

Milk Program Coordinator: Diane MacSporran

DPAC Rep: Kelly Raabe

Booster Juice/Subway Coordinator: Taruna Singh

Social Coordinator: Andrea Selehi

Parents/Guests: 1

Call to Order

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

C. Amado motioned to accept the September 14th minutes. Motion was seconded by B. Anderson.

Principal's Report

S. Della Vedova and J. Giles provided an update on what is happening at the school:

- Article regarding benefits of fidgeting in class especially for children with ADHD was provided to PAC Members to read later.
- Email list is ready and will be provided to PAC, although some updates may be required.
- Recognition Assemblies
 - Each child will ideally receive one recognition reward each year.
 - For kids attending Aspenwood for 6 years that means they will have received 6 ribbons of different colours.
 - Parents will be notified in advance and invited to the assembly when their child is to receive an award.
 - School is in the process of ordering recognition ribbons for this year's recipients.
 - First Assembly is tentatively scheduled for October 26th.
 - Proposed name is "Aspenwood All Stars"
- E-Health: This is an initiative with UBC and our Intermediate students. This is an integrated internet/media awareness and health project which will include an online choose your own adventure game to learn about healthy choices. This is a pilot project to work through moving the program from a University setting to a School setting.
- Spirit wear: Marketing "Brand Aspenwood"
 - Reviewing options to choose better quality more comfortable shirts.
 - Looking to have specific shirts for each year which would have year and colour change annually.
 - Grade 5 Hoodies: Looking at Thinner Cotton or an Under Armor style for the Gr. 5 to choose between.
 - Other spirit wear will include a Golf shirt and drawstring gym bag
 - Also looking at golf shirts for choir.
- Playground: Original site is on City property, the school will be reviewing other potential sites.

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- Kilometer club is up and running for another year. Mrs. Trask is working on setup and will provide PAC with information on what additional feet charms will be needed for the coming year.
- Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 16th and 17th.
 - This will be a large cast style play with an A&B cast to accommodate the 2 days of performances.
 - Performances will be both afternoon and evening of both days.
- Breakfast with Santa will take place December 17th from 7-8:35 AM
- Norman Foote
 - Children from Aspenwood's Gr 3 classes will be taking part in a musical performance with children's performer Norman Foote.
 - Performance will take place October 25th at Evergreen Cultural Centre.
 - This is an excellent opportunity for our grade 3 students to get out in the community and gain public performance experience.
- Aspenwood's Show Choir will be performing at the Orphan's Fund Telethon December 2nd. They will be traveling by bus to the Terminal Club and will be performing at 1pm.
- Terry Fox Long run will take place October 21st. We are pleased to note that firefighters from Coquitlam will be joining us for a portion of our run. It is estimated that 25-35 students will participate in this run.
- Volleyball is up and running for the year and they are using the new jerseys that were purchased last year.
- Curriculum Update and changes to Reporting
 - Teachers are busy integrating the revised primary and intermediate curriculum. The updated curriculum adds social and emotional aspects to the curriculum, something that has been underway at Aspenwood for some time.
 - Changes will also allow for more openness in the classroom, letting kids move forward / broaden their learning more, depending on their own learning level.
 - For intermediate students this will mean teachers will be more able to teach in an integrated way combining Social Studies, Science and Language Arts, this will show up on the report card as Integrated Studies
 - Social and Emotional aspects will also show up on report cards.
 - Administration will be working out how best to explain this change in reporting to parents; via the PAC, Parent Meetings, and Mock Report Card.
- BBQ - This community Event was a success with 161 tickets sold.

Fundraising Update

B. Anderson provided an update on fundraising activities.

- Booster Juice and Subway delivery started last week, Little Caesar's Pizza Started today, approx. \$7000.00 raised by hot lunches to date.
- To date we have collected \$3100 in playground donations.
- PAC is looking at new options for hot lunches such as Taco Tuesday and Hamburger days. These would be 1 off days to test interest.
- Milk is going well so far, but more attention needs to be paid to recycling of milk cartons, reminders to classes and perhaps a milk monitor chosen from each class?
- Next Movie night is Thursday October 22nd, Inside Out Pre Release. Volunteers still needed for after school setup, concession and clean-up.
- Santa Breakfast will be Dec 17th.
 - Kinsmen have been booked to provide food for this event.

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- In the past this has been a community building even rather than a fundraiser, however with our large fundraising goals, PAC has opted to increase the price per plate to add some fundraising dollars from this event. Ticket price this year will be \$5/plate (up from our at cost price of \$3)
- Over 800 breakfasts were sold last year
- This year's school photographer has offered us the opportunity to have a family portrait night as a fundraiser. This has been tried in the past with little success and PAC had deemed that there is not enough interest to move forward with this offer.
- A Magician has contacted PAC regarding a family magic night as a one-time alternative to the movie night. We are unclear on the costs involved but PAC believed it is worth investigating.

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

Grade 5 Leaving

F. Reamsbottom provided an update:

- 1st committee meeting will likely be Thursday October 22nd.
- There are several parents interested in moving quickly on hoodies.
- PAC Donates \$20/Student to cover the cost of the entry fee for the leaving event (Last year this was Cultus Lake) all other costs are covered out of Gr. 5 Leaving's own fundraising, a set budget for which will be discussed with S. Della Vedova and PAC.
- Fundraising suggestions include: Gingerbread Cookie Sales & Freezie Sales (done outside of school hours)
- Events which usually take place as part of the leaving program include a breakfast or lunch, field trip and leaving ceremony. Discussion will be held by the committee to decide whether a breakfast or lunch would be the best choice this year.

Treasurer Report

L. Dove reports that the Government Gaming Grant has been approved and deposited: \$10,180.

Health & Safety Update

J. Cox was unable to attend, E. Schneider provided an update in her absence.

- Granola bars have been purchased and provided to the classroom teachers to add to their emergency kits.
- Emergency bags are all up to date with food and supplies. Water and food in the shed is all well within expiry dates. J. Giles is checking on the list of specific families to send an allergy letter to, to put appropriate supplies in the emergency bags.

Social Media

A. Selehi was unable to attend, but provided the following update by email.

- We had 90 likes at our last meeting and 120 likes so far, an increase of 33% - not bad. In fact it is really good considering the only link to Facebook is on our website. The increase is likely due to word of mouth.
- Posts with images receive more views and have a larger reach.
- Content is mostly around school related activities or volunteer positions. As we move into November there is an opportunity to add some unique content. Look forward to a Q&A with S. Della Vedova and J. Giles coming in November.

Events & Social

C. Amado provided and update:

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- Pub Night is scheduled for Thursday November 19th, 6:30pm please note that this is a change from the original tentative date.
 - After reviewing multiple options the Burrard Public House was chosen for this event. They provide printed tickets, and a meal that includes a Burger and choice of drink (beer, highball or wine) Tickets for this fundraiser will be \$25.
 - There will be games including a toonie toss, 50/50 and silent auction. A committee will be needed to organize the games, and collect donations for the silent auction.
 - We are looking for larger items for this silent auction, if you can provide a donation or know someone who can please contact PAC. Examples include: Photographer mini session, Cake by a cake decorator, Signed Jersey, Jewelry etc.
 - Tickets will sell on Munch-A-Lunch and there will be approx. 80 available
- Book Fair Start Friday
 - This is a great fundraiser for our school and all funds stay in the library providing books and equipment for library use.
 - Teachers will again be providing a list of requested books for donation to the classroom, suggestion was made to post this list to social media to remind parents of this option.
 - Book Fair runs Friday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and volunteers are still needed - sign up sheet is posted outside the library door or use the volunteer form that went home with your child last week.
- Brandee Buble Author visit, suggested for January 2016
 - Cost for this event would be \$250 for just primary grades (1x45 min presentation) or \$300 for both primary and intermediate (2x45 min presentation)
 - This presentation was approved by Sean Della Vedova for all grades and PAC will move forward with the administration to choose an appropriate date and make the booking.

Parent Education

C. Caza provided and update:

- Suggestion was made to organize a presentation by Barry McDonald, author of Boy Smarts
 - a 1.5h lecture would cost \$1500.00, but could be offset by ticket sales and/or working with another school to put the presentation on.
 - Ms. Caza will contact other schools in the area such as Heritage Mountain Elementary and Bramblewood Elementary to discuss the possibility of co-hosting this event.
 - Mr. McDonald has done a joint presentation with HME before and it was very successful.

New Business

- B. Anderson indicated that the current system of bins for payment of PAC related expenses (hot lunch etc.) in classrooms might need an update as some complaints had been made by teachers. Suggestion was made to have one centralized bin in the copy room. S. Della Vedova will discuss with the administration and staff to determine a feasible alternative to the classroom bins.
- E. Schneider read a letter from a concerned parent noting that traffic on Panorama is severely congested at pickup and drop off, with many drivers disregarding the "No Left Turn" signs both entering and exiting the driveway. City of Port Moody has been notified by the parent about this problem and have passed the concerns on to Bylaw Enforcement and PM Police.

Adjournment

The PAC meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30 Free babysitting is provided.