

ÉCOLE NESTOR ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2021

PAC Executive Present:

Amanda Dishaw
Angela Mudie (*minutes*)
Courtney de Boer

Jennifer Sam
Megan Keller
Rebecca Hansen

Sherie Bohorquez

Nestor Administration/Staff Present:

Tamara Banks

1. **Call to Order:** by Angela at 7:06 pm. Tracy is away tonight and Angela will be chairing the meeting.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** With additions motioned by Rebecca; seconded by Amanda. Motion passed. None opposed.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes from the January 2021 executive meeting were adopted with edits. Motioned by Amanda; seconded by Jen. Motion passed. None opposed.
4. **Principal's Report (Tamara):**
 - ▶ The Nestor Park upgrade was opened this morning. Most of the kids got a chance to play.
 - ▶ Running club started this month. Track and Field will also be running this year in May and June. Teachers are taking advantage of the nicer weather and getting outside as much as possible.
 - ▶ The Public Speaking unit has started for French and English. There will be nothing at the District level this year but each grade will select a finalist and the students will present their speech during a Zoom assembly to the school. The School finals will be from May 10 – 14.
 - ▶ Mrs. Sibley and Mrs. Torres are organizing a Kindness program for the students where each student receives a necklace and they earn charms to support kindness and social responsibility. They are looking into getting a Nestor North Star charm made.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes and New Correspondence:**
 - ▶ **Constitution Update:** Angela has reviewed the feedback received and will make updates for final review before the May general meeting. Pending further edits the new constitution will be voted in during the May general.
 - ▶ **Criminal Record Checks:** A discussion was held regarding PAC's responsibility with Criminal Record Checks and volunteers for our events. The school is responsible for ensuring volunteers have a current Criminal Record Check and have completed the volunteer agreement. When volunteers are required the PAC will submit a list to the school for verification and if someone doesn't have the requirements complete the school will follow up with them.
 - ▶ **Vacant Secretary Position:** Megan will promote the position on social media and Tamara will include position information in correspondence to the new Kindergarten parents.

6. DPAC Report (Sherie):

- ▶ **DPAC43 – 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge:** First year of challenge on a Facebook group, each days post had three options to choose from. There were over 300 participants. Lots of positive feedback so they hope to continue and do annually with improvements including a dedicated website.
- ▶ **Assistant Superintendent's Report:** Directions 2025 was presented showing SD43s. The slides will be available September 2021.
- ▶ **Open Forum:** A number of schools discussed many different fundraising ideas that they have been able to do this year, which at times have been difficult because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Sherie will follow this information for potential fundraising opportunities and will share what Nestor has done during this unprecedented year.

7. CPR Update (Becca):

Becca has been trying to get information and has asked for fliers to distribute to French Immersion families. Tamara will check to see if they have arrived at the school. CPF hasn't done a lot this school year due to COVID-19. Tamara is on the District committee, and commented that they haven't been doing too much there either.

8. Treasurer's Report (Amanda):

- ▶ Current balances:
 - Gaming: \$ 6463.94
 - General: \$ 18787.79
- ▶ The GIC was cashed out to cover the 2020/21 classroom defrayment.
- ▶ Jen Sam, Courtney de Boer and Angela Mudie have been added as signatories at VanCity, Tracy still needs to sign to approval the changes and to have herself removed from the approved list for the 2021/22 school year.
- ▶ Financial reports to April 2021 attached.

9. Committee Reports:

- ▶ **Communications (Megan):** No report.
- ▶ **Clothing Drive (Megan):** The Nestor community donated over 4000lbs of clothing earning \$803. Approximately 10% of the donations were items that were not accepted by TransTextiles. For the next clothing drive we will find other ways to communicate what is and isn't accepted. We may ask for clear bags only.
- ▶ **Me & Ed's Mondays (Jen):** The Grade 5 fundraiser night is confirmed for May 15th, communication will go out 10 days prior.
- ▶ **Neufelds/ Growing Smiles Spring Campaign:** All items for purchase are loaded into Munch-a-Lunch and ordering is open, there are 6 orders already. The order deadline is April 20th, pick up is schedule for May 6th at 6pm. This will be a drive-thru pick up.

10. Other Business:

- ▶ **Spirit Days:** The last day of the month will be Nestor Spirit day for the rest of the school year. The last week in June will have a spirit day for each day of the week.
- ▶ **2020/21 Activity Calendar:** The calendar is up to date with the remaining fundraising events currently planned for the year.
- ▶ **2021/22 Activity Calendar:** September to December will be finalized at the June executive.

- ▶ **Teacher Appreciation:** A discussion was held regarding what could be included this year as we are unable to cater a lunch as in years past. Ideas included a goodie bag of locally bought items, gift cards and a small treat. We have budgeted \$750 to cover 46 staff members. Further discussion to be held at the May general.
- ▶ **Maple Creek Visits:** The middle school is not open to onsite visits for the Grade 5s transitioning to the school in the fall. Visits will be virtual only.
- ▶ **Treat Day in June:** A suggestion was made to have a treat day in June for the students similar to what we would normally do during Sports Day. We could book a vendor (Rocky Point Ice Cream?) to come to the school for a few hours and the students could go out class by class to keep COVID safe.

11. New Business:

- ▶ No new business.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 pm. Motioned by Jen; seconded by Amanda. Motion passed. None opposed.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, May 4 at 7 pm via ZOOM
Next Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, June 1 at 7 pm via ZOOM