

Kanaka Creek PAC Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
7:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Introductions of the Current Executives: Co- Chairs, Alexis Playdon & Kristy Wyllie; Secretary, Christine Calvert; Treasurer, Amanda Maliwat; Hot Lunch Coordinator, Anthea Publow; Fundraising Co-ordinator, Amanda Griffin; DPAC Reps, Marlene McCaffrey & Eva Mentz-van Gunsteren
Apologies: Danielle Miller

Introductions of Attendees: Julie Smith, Faiza Karim-Jadavji, Jackolynn Wright, Angela Downey, Marc Downey, Jennifer Fuhrmann, Chad Raible, Heather Lambert, Terry Plotnikoff, Tiffany Meredith

2. Approval of Minutes October 10, 2018

- Motion: Christine Calvert
- 2nd: Amanda Griffin

3. Approval of Agenda November 14, 2018

- Motion: Anthea Publow
- 2nd: Faiza Karim-Jadavji

4. REPORTS

a. Chair: Alexis Playdon

- A teacher brought forward an idea as she is concerned about the primary students play area and curb appeal of the school. Gets too dusty in summer, muddy in winter, looks bad and messy for kids to play in. Also raised safety concerns with exposed areas of construction materials, plus ice in the winter due to (alleged) improper drainage. Suggested we find ways to resurface area for Primary kids' playground between the courts and the parking lot. She suggested artificial turf or rubber surface. Alternately, landscape tiles and bark mulch.
- After much discussion, it was determined that all of these options are far too expensive and would not get approved by the district, even if we found the money. One parent shared that another school proposed multiple landscaping ideas to the district and the district rejected them all. Mr. Raible and others present who had experience with costs for artificial turf and other landscaping options also said this would not work – too expensive.
- After much discussion, even about re-sodding the area, it was determined that there was not much we can do – high traffic, even just sod would be futile. Drainage has been investigated before and it is not out of the ordinary or anything maintenance deemed problematic.

❖ **MOTION:** Do we want to proceed with landscaping the Primary playground area?
Voted Not in Favour (Unanimously) - **Denied**

b. Principal: Chad Raible

- Volleyball team party for the girls team (no boys team this year) – they won all but one!
- Basketball started – Cougar Hoops for Grade 5s was launched and is going well. Grade 6 and 7 will get teams in the New Year.
- Mr. Raible got a green mohawk due to meeting goals for our Entertainment Book fundraiser.
- Cross country meet was good – a handful of students placed in top 3.
- Lots of field trips in October – fish fence nature walks, Halloween assembly, Remembrance Day assembly
- Buddy Bench update – the group met and quotes were received and reviewed. Group would rather do the more colourful benches than the cheaper Costco options. Without install, the bench would be about \$1500. If someone knows a construction or landscaping company,

we'd be looking for a company to donate the cost to install. Difficult to find an intermediate location for the bench so we will proceed with 1 location (in Primary area) for now. If necessary and if we can agree on another location, we can get another. The Primary location bench would be near the blue bench by the playground equipment (close to the Courts). We all agreed that this was a good start, but we don't want to lose momentum for the older kids. Discussed alternate options like an area for the older kids to hang out and be open to being invited to play. We will go forward with 1 bench for now but will keep considering options for older kids.

c. Treasurer: Amanda Maliwat

- General Account balance: \$69,035.90
- Funds on Hold: \$32,000 (playground), \$3,500 (Buddy Bench)
- 2017/2018 Approved Expenses: \$16,316.59
- Remaining: \$17,219.31
- Fundraisers' Profit YTD:
 - Samosas \$517.03
 - Global coffee \$615
 - Entertainment Books \$5,143.20
 - Movie Night \$342.78
 - Popcorn with presales \$2,043.20 (sales) and \$1,327.21 (profit)
 - Boston Pizza \$631.53
- Moved \$7,500 from Gaming for the reserved \$ for playground
- Paid YTD:
 - Aquarium filter \$304.75
 - Popcorn supplies \$715.99
 - Movie license \$473.81
 - Entertainment Books \$86.04 (pizza party & bounced cheque for a book \$30+\$7 fee)
 - Safety Vest #2 batch \$72.19
- Gaming Account Balance: \$8,345.47
- Grant – Oct 11: \$14,232
- Teacher Disbursement: \$6,100
- Playground reserve: \$7,500 (to general account)

d. Hot Lunch: Anthea Publow

- November 23 – hot dog day (and chips)
- January 11 – Booster Juice
- Can't do 2 hot lunches in January since it's a short month
- NOTE: Mr. Raible reminded us that we can't do more than 2 PAC fundraisers/month. Popcorn day doesn't count as it's more of a snack. A hot lunch counts as 1 fundraiser so if we do 2 hot lunches a month, we can't have any other fundraiser (i.e. Purdy's, Neufeld's).

e. DPAC: Marlene McCaffrey & Eva Mentz-Van Gunsteren

- Neither could go – it was a Treasury presentation
- 180 new employees, 15000 more students
- Room still left at Hammond, Fairview and Edith McDermott
- Lots of room at secondary schools
- Bargaining happening this year
- Lack of availability of EAs so Admins are filling in – very stretched
- Newly elected school trustees will come to the next DPAC mtg on Nov 15 at Golden Ears

f. Fundraising: Amanda Griffin & Danielle Miller

- December 5 – Popcorn Day (CHANGED TO DECEMBER 4TH)
- January 16 – Popcorn Day

- \$1,556 – coffee and samosas (coffee made more than samosas, but the samosas were very good). Requests to do again.
- Neufeld's and Purdy's – numbers are significantly down this year from last. Turns out there are other Neufeld's fundraisers going on in the community at this time so perhaps bad luck.
- Since it is so hard to fundraise this year, propose more events instead.
- Movie night raised ~\$300 – was fun. Turned out to be on a night that a lot of other schools had events so could have been better attended.
- December Fundraiser Event: Suggest an event at the Create Shop – a sign making night on Dec 2. Could do 2 sessions, 25 ppl per time, 4-6:30, 6:30 – 8. You get 2 signs, can BYOB. We could include food/appies and add a bit more \$ per ticket.
 - ❖ Voted All in Favour – **Agreed**
- January Fundraiser Event: Another movie night on Friday January 18th.
 - ❖ Voted All in favour - **Agreed**
- February Fundraiser Event: Dance like last year (Glow theme). Use the same DJ. Need to decide on a date but proposing February 22.
 - ❖ Voted – all in favour - **Agreed**

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Parents' night out (Alexis Playdon)**

- Want to propose doing a Parents' Night Out event. Perhaps a Bingo night / Trivia night. Would like to get a group together to think of ideas. Doesn't have to be a big gala, just something fun for parents. Many different ideas discussed (food trucks for catering, liquor license –partner with local brewery, Toonie toss, Lottery board, Silent Auction, Door prizes). Could do it in the gym or at Eagles Hall. Need to consider timing – May might be best.
- This could be instead of or in addition to Carnival. What do we want to do? Need to decide soon.
- Alexis will bring more detailed plan to discuss in January PAC meeting. We also should bring a summary of what would be needed to do the carnival.

b. **Fundraising events /upcoming dates (Kristy Wyllie)**

- Mother's Day cookbook idea – do this in March? Have kids submit recipes and compile into a book. Kristy looked into cookbook company to bind them. If we did \$15 per book, if we sold 200 books, we'd made \$1,800. If we sold 300 books, we'd make ~\$3,000. Get recipes in March, have all of April to compile. All were supportive of this idea.

c. **Popcorn Day (Christine Calvert)**

- Need someone to lead it starting in January. Is anyone interested? Christine Calvert can continue doing the Sign up Genius part and advertising for volunteers on Facebook if required, but we need a new person to be the Lead on the day of.
- Kristy Wyllie volunteered to lead them starting in January. THANK YOU! Amanda Varma to train in January, Christine Calvert to send Kristy the instructions.

d. **Emergency Kit Update (Christine Calvert)**

- Inventory is done and have met with Mr. Raible. We identified what supplies we still need to purchase. So far we will need the full \$3,000 that we set aside for it. Question for the group: Do we do bottles of water that we just replenish each year so they don't expire? Or do we buy 5-year shelf life foil packets? These packets are only 125ml per student vs ~350ml bottles. All agreed that we should do the foil packs – will last longer and can withstand heat/cold in the outdoor storage bin. Christine will send along quote/estimate for approval by PAC prior to ordering the supplies.

Meeting closed at 8:49pm

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 9th at 7pm