

Kanaka Creek PAC Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2021

8:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Current Executives - Chair: Amanda M; Vice Chair: Amanda G; Treasurer: Crystal R (absent);

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Ashley B; Secretary: Eva M; DPAC: Chris S (absent)

Attendees: Dawn F, Chad R, Anthea P, Chinenye U

2. Approval of Agenda June 21, 2021

Motion: Eva M

2nd: Ashley B

3. Approval of Minutes May 17, 2021

Motion: Amanda M

2nd: Amanda G

4. Reports

4.1. Chair's Report: Amanda M

- Regarding the road safety inquiry by the city of Maple Ridge, Anthea P will send input for a survey among parents and staff to Chad R who will then set up a form. Amanda G will then inform the city councilors which safety issues the parents are concerned about.
- An invoice was received to renew the hot lunch system for \$315. It has to be renewed as there are still parents with credits. A **motion** was made by Amanda M, Anthea P seconded, all in favor.
- It isn't communicated yet who has won the grad bursary scholarship.
- The teachers welcomed the suggestion by the PAC to offer the children end of the year pizza parties. The only question was whether it would be difficult to do it all on the same day. Grade 7 e.g. would like to do it as part of their celebrations on the last Friday. Amanda M will be in contact with Chad R to figure out the dates. A **motion** was made by Amanda M, seconded by Eva M. to approve a budget of \$2500 for the end of the year individual pizza parties, all in favor.

4.2. Principal's Report: Chad R.

- Not as much happening as usual, due to the restrictions. But some great things have been happening:
 - Teachers are being creative and field trips to the ACT are taking place (ceramics and drama) even though without parent drivers. The kindergartners still released their butterflies and Father's Day projects took place.
 - The courtyard is looking gorgeous.
 - Lots of great "hands on" activities such as metalwork and woodwork are taking place.
 - Many students participated in a district ceremony for National Indigenous Day today. Some 8 classes participated in the shawl contest.
 - There are significantly more yearbook front cover applicants than in previous years. A winner still has to be determined.
 - Ms. Flanagan got engaged at a proposal that happened at our school.
- Next year:
 - There will be more students again. 25 Divisions were confirmed (approx. 590 children).

- Ms. Wakins will get a fulltime position next year. Further Ms. Farrell (from Fairview Elementary) and Ms. Harris (from Golden Ears Elementary) will be joining us.
- There will be a change in counsellor. Mr. Lawrance will be getting a new appointment and Ms. MacGillivray will take over.
- Also Ms. Shoote will take over as the childcare worker (CCW) from Ms. Hudson.
- It isn't needed but parents were asked in multiple newsletters to let the school know if they have any input with regards to class placements/if there is anything specific (without naming names) that needs to be considered.
- It was suggested that a fairly normal start-up will take place in September, without cohorts, full recess/lunch. It should also be possible to have buddy classes again.
- In August the school will be informed about the latest mask recommendations.
- Hopefully a volunteer program should be possible again as well.
- Some items came up in discussion:
 - From July 1 2021 the school will not have zoom license anymore, so the PAC meeting would have to take place with Microsoft Teams, unless it can take place in person.
 - It looks like until the end of the school year class restrictions will stay the same.
 - Ms. Bikic is still on sick leave. Mr. Mitchell has been helping as vice principal.
- Ms. Flanagan informed that Michael Mitchell's online event will take place on June 30th, 2021 at 1 pm.

4.3. Treasurer: Crystal R (absent)

- The general account balance is \$ 26,526.20
- The gaming account balance is \$13,152.72
- She is currently working on the gaming application.

4.4. Fundraising: Ashley B

- A BBQ fundraiser was just started and is listed on the Kanaka Creek Elementary PAC Facebook page. Paper flyers didn't result in more interest earlier in the year. Chad R offered to send out an email to all families if Ashley B can send him some information.
- A suggestion was made to sell freezies with this hot weather, but we are still not allowed to sell anything on school property.

4.5. DPAC update: Chris S (absent)

- Nothing to report, as he did not attend the last DPAC meeting. He did not stand up for election to the executive board again, due to a lack of time.

5. New Business:

5.1. Projects to be funded

- It was suggested to see in September if we can do more exciting things for the kids.
- It was unanimously approved to organize a teacher appreciation with a budget of \$500. At around 50 staff the usual budget of \$500 will not be sufficient for individually packed lunches, so other options will be considered. If individual teacher appreciation lunches would be provided these would have to be prepared in a commercial kitchen/by someone with a business license. If not possible, it was agreed to do gift cards with a thank you.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting will be on Monday July 19, 2021 at 8pm via Microsoft Teams or in person