

Kanaka Creek PAC Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2021
7:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions of the Current Executives - Chair: Amanda M.; Vice Chair: Amanda G.; Secretary: Eva M.; Treasurer: Crystal R.; Fundraising (and Hot Lunch) Co-ordinator: Ashley B. (online); DPAC Representative: Chris S. (online);

Attendees: Chad R., Dawn F., Linda H., Debra C., Aisha D., Danielle M., Anthea P.

Attendees online: Faiza K., Jenise S., Shannon B., Tayler L., Matt G., Munaz J., Brenlea S., Mike N., Andrea

Note: Online Attendees were asked to send their contact details (name and email address) to the PAC email at kanakaPAC@gmail.com, so that the PAC email list can be updated (not all received, so list is incomplete).

2. AGM – via Zoom

Call to order: 7:35pm – Dawn F.

Explained the PAC executive positions that were up for election and what the roles are accountable for, as well as the process for election. Voting went as follows:

- **Chair** – Amanda M was the only nominee. All were in favour.
- **Vice Chair** – Amanda G was the only nominee. All were in favour.
- **Secretary** – Eva M was hoping to step down, but there was no other nominee. All were in favour.
- **Treasurer** – Crystal R was the only nominee. All were in favour.
- **DPAC Representatives** – Chris S and Aisha D were both nominated. All were in favour.
- **Fundraising Coordinator** – Danielle M was the only nominee. All were in favour.
- **Hot Lunch Coordinators** – Anthea P and Ashley B were both nominated. All were in favour.

3. Approval of Minutes July 19, 2021

Motion: Amanda G

2nd: Anthea P

4. Approval of Agenda September 20, 2021

Motion: Chrystal R

2nd: Amanda G

5. Business Arising

5.1. Gaming Grant update

There was no update on the gaming grant.

6. Reports

6.1. Chair's Report: Amanda M

Nothing to report as nothing happened in July.

6.2. Principal's Report: Chad R

This year we have 585 students and 25 divisions, so we have gone up one division and are getting back to that big school. The change over to the new classes happened on Friday and the first week went very smooth.

An overview was given on what new protocols have meant for the school:

- Handwashing, Masks grade 4 and up, outside drop off and pick up have not changed. Avoid crowding wherever possible.
- Some things that are very significant that are being changed inside: Visitor restrictions are changing (getting more freedom for volunteers). No cohorts, which means that older kids can supervise, buddies (e.g. letter buddies, buddy classes) can happen again as long as the older children are masked. Multiple groups in the gym are allowed. No 2m distance necessary, but no overcrowding. And room occupancy restrictions are to be kept: gym: 250, library: 50, stage: 58, classrooms: 40.
- Hopefully by the end of the week we will hear from the District, whether we will be able to do school field trips again, whether inter school sports can take place, as well as hot lunches.
- The District had asked to hold off on having PAC meetings in person for now, but as we had already arranged this one, we were allowed to hold the AGM in person with the current protocols in place (tracing information etc.).
- We can still not do our Welcoming Morning as we used to do (where parents can meet the teachers and staff in the library). Similar types of things: doors are still locked. But at least we can have presenters in our classrooms with our kids.

There are lots of new staff: ELL – Mr. Clarke, Counsellor – Ms. MacGillivray (welcome back) Teachers: Ms. Godfrey (off of maternity leave) / Ms. Birkett – job share, Ms. Farrell (from Fairview), Ms. Zafar / Ms. Wakeling – partners, welcome back to Ms. McCune and Ms. Watkins, a number of new EA's and CCW's.

We had exposure notices go home to "self-monitor" and to "self-isolate" last week. No general exposure to the whole school was given because of new Fraser Health protocols. If you didn't receive one, your child wasn't in contact with the person indoors. This is in contrast with last year when we twice had an exposure and a letter went out through the entire community. This year the notice is only sent out to the people concerned.

6.3. Treasurer's Report: Crystal R

- General account balance (chequing) is at \$23,916.37.
- The gaming account balance (savings) is at \$12,652.72.
- The gaming grant application for this year and the year-end have been completed.

6.4. Fundraising: Ashley B

- The last fundraiser held in July (a meat fundraiser) only raised 200\$.
- It will be followed up on how much was raised with the ongoing Kanaka Creek Liquor Store fundraiser (where customers can mention the school and a percentage of the purchase will be donated to the school).

6.5. DPAC update: Chris S

- Nothing to report, as no DPAC meeting took place in July and also no meeting has taken place in the new school year.

7. New Business: Amanda M

7.1. Classroom Disbursements

A motion was made to approve proposed classroom disbursements: \$200 per class, \$150 per support and \$150 for the library. **Approved.**

7.2. Active Kids Program

The PAC is currently working on getting the Active Kids After School program of the City of Maple Ridge which is backed by the School District 42, to Kanaka Creek Elementary for the next school year.

7.3 Teacher Representatives

Kindergarten teacher Linda Hoogstins introduced herself as one of the teacher representatives together with Dawn Flanagan this year and thanked the PAC for all they do for the students and teachers.

7.4 Questions

There was a question from an online attendee asking when the most recent exposure was. Chad answered that the previous Tuesday notices were sent out to the classes that need to self-monitor and only certain individuals were asked to self-isolate.

8. Adjournment

It was discussed and voted on whether the meetings shall be moved to Wednesdays or remain taking place on Mondays. It was agreed to keep the meetings on Mondays, and to have the next meeting on Monday, October 25 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm
Next meeting will be on Monday October 25 2021, time TBD