

Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Meeting January 15, 2018

Chairperson: Kelsey Jones & Leah McGeachie **Secretary:** Leah Barrington

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by Kelsey Jones

Introductions and Housekeeping

- Timekeeper designated Tracey Yuruk
- Round table introductions Completed;
- Next meeting set for February 19, 2018 at 7:15 pm;

• Minutes from previous meeting: **Motion** to approve minutes of the PAC meeting held November 2017. Moved by Tracey Yuruk, Seconded by Shereen Ginena. All in favor. **Approved**.

Chair Report

Chairperson Kelsey Jones informed the PAC that teachers had been asked what items

they would like to have for their classrooms (Teacher's Wishlist). Chairperson Leah McGeachie shared a list of items to be purchased, totaling up to \$1500. Motion to approve the purchase of these items was moved by Shereen Ginena and seconded by Melanie Norris. All in favour.

- Chairperson Kelsey Jones shared the Teacher Technology Wishlist: 2 Ipads with stand and accessories, as well as 1 voice recorder FM system. Motion to approve the purchase of these items was moved by Tracey Yuruk, seconded by Leah Barrington. All in favour.
- Kelsey read out emails from PAC members who were not able to attend:

Shilpi Mehrotra wrote

- 1) Ms Riviere still has no class rep but she would like one.
- Some emergency response bags still need batteries and new flashlights. When the supplies come in, Shilpi will update the bags. In February, Shilpi will go through the bags and update them properly. She will need 2 or 3 volunteers to help with this.
- 3) She did not have a chance to try the Remind me App but she will try it when she gets a chance.

School Report – Principle Ms. Yu

- Ms. Yu welcomed the group.
- A parent asked her if anyone is going to run the Clothing Drive. So far, there are no volunteers, so it will not be happening.
- Ms Yu also shared that a parent was asking if the school needs parents to help with morning supervision.
- There has been no volunteer to run a ski club, so it will not be happening this year.
- Spring concert is coming up on March 13 and 14. The theme is Canada and its history.
- A few reminders: Monday, January 29th is a Pro D day. There are 3 Early Dismissal days in February. Feb 7 and 8 are for Student Led Conferences, and Feb 28 is for parent/teacher interviews, if needed.
- There is a new process for registering siblings to the choice programs. Parents are guaranteed a spot, but they do have to go on-line and fill out the form in order to secure that spot.
- English registration remains the same.
- The suggested Grade 5 End-of-Year trip is *Sasamat Day Camp*. The cost is \$65, which includes experiences such as trust building activities, canoeing, building a fire, etc., with qualified instructors. (No child will be refused due to financial constraints.) Ms. Yu will

inform the classroom teachers.

New Business

- Volunteers are still needed for Big Brothers, Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads.
- Motion to vote in Kelly for SEP. Moved by Tracey. Seconded by Melanie. Kelly is currently running Junior and Senior Floor Hockey on Mondays at lunch, and she will start Kindergarten soccer after March Break.
- Melanie shared that she really likes the way Meadowbrook school keeps their parents updated by using a blog. Parents subscribe to it and then get posts /updates. Parents have to re-subscribe at the beginning of each school year, but Melanie finds it really easy to use and recommends it. She will talk to Macy to find out about the possibility of using it for Panorama families.

Old Business

• The one-time donation fundraising strategy did not generate as much revenue as hoped. The total raised for the Teacher Enrichment and Incentive funds is \$3447.28.

Treasurer's Report

• Melda the treasurer was not able to attend. Kelsey said the budget will be touched on at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Movie Night**: The next movie night will be in the afternoon of February 16th. Volunteers are needed. The name of the movie TBD.
- **Treat Days:** Next treat day will be January 31. A reminder email will be sent out the day before. The treats will be given out in the morning by the leadership team.
- Hot Lunch: November hot lunch made \$996.00 profit, and December Hot Lunch made \$1083.00 profit.

Ms. Yu suggested that one of the upcoming pizza days be given over to the Grade 5's to organize. (e.g. Adults will still serve the pizza, but the Grade 5's could make cupcakes, etc.) The profit from the Hot Lunch will go to the Grade 5's. Melanie, the Hot Lunch co-ordinator, supports this idea. It was also suggested to make it mandatory that the Grade 5's order pizza.

- Walking School Bus no report;
- **Traffic** there have been no major issues lately, Ms. Yu is waiting for traffic signs
- Website and Communications Coordinators Macy not present, no report;
- Health and Safety please see earlier note from Shilpi.
- Class Liaison please see earlier information from Shilpi
- **DPAC** no report;
- **SPC** no report;
- **Grade 5** Alicia reported that committee continues to work on year-end plans
- Student Enrichment Program please see earlier note
- Parent Ed Kelsey read out an email from Lavina regarding the White Hatter: The school that was going to join Panorama in having the White Hatter presentation has backed out. Our cost is now \$1,995.00 plus GST. We will need to charge \$15.00 per child. Kelsey recommends getting the flyer out, have people sign up, then open it up to

other schools to join us. Ms. Yu agreed to write an email to the parents, endorsing the program and encouraging parents to sign up. Motion moved by Tracey, seconded by Shareen.

- **CPF** Whenever Colby receives any information regarding activities, she will send the info to French Immersion teachers through Shilpi and post flyers on the PAC bulletin board.
- Multicultural Liason no report;
- Athletic Club Melanie reports the club is going very well and that the students are really enjoying it. She appreciates Sarah's organization of students into level groups and is also thankful for the help of volunteers.
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Date of next meeting is set for: Feb. 19, 2018 at 7:15pm

Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by Tracey, Seconded by Melanie. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8.33 pm