



Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Meeting

October 19th, 2020

Chairperson: Shilpi Mehrotra & Shahnaaz Balsara

Secretary: Colby Anderson

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:16 by Shilpi

Introductions and Housekeeping

- Timekeeper designated - Colby
- Round table introductions - completed
- Next meeting is set for November 23rd, 2020
- Minutes from previous meeting are at the on the PAC website (panoramaheightspac.ca)

Chair Report

- There are currently playground repairs to be done, with the approximate cost of \$3000
- It was proposed by Shilpi that PAC pays 50% of this cost, at \$1500
- This was seconded by Macy, and the motion was passed.
- A donation request was sent to families last week through School Cash Online, and parents will receive a tax receipt for donations \$25 or over
- We will have an update at the next PAC meeting on the current status of donations
- A Panorama parent has offered to take the lead on fundraising efforts this year, and will meet with Shilpi to discuss options, being mindful of the fact that we have already sent out a donation request and that many families may be in a more challenging position financially this year than in previous years
- A PAC Facebook page was suggested as an addition to the Panorama Heights website, and a Bitia has offered to take on this role
- Any parent that would like to join a PAC committee, take on a role, or become

involved in any way in PAC for the 2020/2021 is very welcome and asked to email chair@panoramaheightspac.ca for more information

School Report – Mr. Muxworthy

General updates

- Students appear to have settled into the school year and the new routines
- The school renovations are continuing on schedule
- Friday, October 23rd is a Pro-D day, with staff mainly doing professional development at various sites across the district

Fundraising efforts

- At the November 2nd staff meeting, PAC wish list items will be discussed
- This may include PE equipment that align with Covid-safe activities (e.g. Frisbee Golf, balls), electronic equipment (e.g. recently purchased Bluetooth speakers being used outside at recess and lunches, amplifying microphones for teachers), virtual performances, and possibly virtual field trips
- A portion of the playground requires repairs, and we are currently waiting on these to be done (see note in ‘Chair report’, above)

Upcoming activities

- Although the school will not be able to hold the usual Halloween parade in the gym, students will be allowed to bring costumes, as long as they don’t require a lot of help putting them on, or require props
- A virtual Halloween parade within the school is currently being discussed, which may include students going to the gym class by class to take pictures that will be shared with the Panorama Community
- The Foundational Skills Assessments that are generally done in the Fall for students in Grades 4 and 5 have been postponed until February
- It is unclear how or when other questionnaire-type activities that are generally done each year, such as the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and Middle Development Instrument (MDI), will be implemented this year

Responses to parent questions

- There is currently no food sharing permitted, including parents bringing foods such as pizza or cupcakes to an individual class
- While it is possible that individual, pre-packaged servings may be an option in the future, Mr. Muxworthy requests that this is not currently done at least through this first term
- A request for a sign to be put in the drive-through to indicate 10km/hr was made by a parent, as many cars are currently speeding through the area
- Additionally, the upper parking lot near the portables is staff parking only, and parents should not be using this area for drop-off or pick-up
- There will be a picture day in November, with the usual photography company following all Covid safety and distancing protocols

- More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date

New Business

Committee reports

- Fundraising – See 'Chair Report'
- Website & Communication Coordinator –The grade 5 hoodie order form is currently being worked on and this will be discussed between Macy & Kelsey
- Grade 5 committee – No update
- DPAC – Natalie attended a DPAC meeting in October and relayed some of the information regarding rules (e.g. PAC minutes posted to the website and any PAC mail be sent to the school). The next DPAC meeting will be the AGM
- Class liaison & communications – No report
- Parent education – Shilpi will talk to Lynn about ideas for virtual parent education
- CPF – No report

Treasurer's report

- Fiona reviewed the details of both the General Account and the Gaming Account
- Some updates include the Grade 5 hoodies purchased at \$2200 and the TIF calculated for the year at \$4050
- For the playground repairs that the PAC will be paying 50% of, the school will be invoiced when the work is done, and will then provide the invoice to PAC
- The Gaming grant, which is based on last year's enrolment has been received and is \$8880
- Any questions about the budget can be sent to Fiona at treasurer@panoramaheightspac.ca

Date of next meeting is set for: **November 23rd, 2020 at 7:15pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm