



Minutes of Panorama Heights Elementary School PAC Meeting

February 22nd, 2021

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
- Next meeting is set for April 19th at 7:15pm
- Minutes from previous meeting will be placed on the PAC website (panoramaheightspac.ca)

Chair Report

- No report

School Report – Mr. Muxworthy

General updates

- Drive-through and traffic
 - The bylaw officers have been more present, and Mr. Muxworthy has met with them to discuss the efforts of the school and city and how to coordinate
 - Following spring break, print-outs of traffic rules approaching the school will be sent home to parents to be signed and sent back to the school
 - This is intended to raise awareness and attempt to ensure the message has been received by parents
 - This may not decrease frustration related to traffic around the school for parents, who are encouraged to continue to practice patience and kindness
- Upcoming school activities and initiatives
 - February has been related to acts of kindness

- Wednesday, February 24th is Pink Shirt day to raise awareness about anti-bullying
- An activity in classrooms that had students cut out a pink shirt and write their message of kindness on it has been occurring the past two weeks
- Construction
 - This continues to be on track
 - The east parking lot is no longer accessible due to a crane
 - The playground expansion has been delayed to relevant district staff being away
- Projections for next year's enrollment
 - French Immersion, Kindergarten, and Cross-catchment enrollments are all underway
 - We are currently projected to have less student enrollment next school year, as there is a large Grade 5 cohort graduating this year and a thus far lower kindergarten enrollment
 - This may change once cross-catchment applications have been processed
- The last day of school before Spring Break will be March 19th, with students returning April 6th

Covid-19 update

- The numbers of positive cases have increased across the district in the past few weeks
- Panorama has recently had two school exposures – everyone has been informed and the cases are considered closed
- Information from Fraser Health was sent out on Friday regarding the new tracking and communication procedures
- Everyone will get the information that there has been an exposure in the school, and then will either get a further detailed letter within 48 hours, or if you have not received further communication in 48 hours you can assume that your child is not involved
- A new enhanced daily health check from Fraser Health was sent out to parents as well
- This has not been a problem in our school thus far, with students being kept home when sick or being picked up quickly by parents if developing illness at school
- The school has enhanced protocols, recommitting to ensuring learning groups aren't mixing, as much as possible students are wearing masks, the daily cleaning of touch points has continued, and reminding students of the importance of minimizing contact

Responses to parent questions

- A question was asked about how many students in a school that have tested positive would be considered an "outbreak"
 - Mr. Muxworthy responded that thus far it appears to be context-specific, and specific numbers are not known
 - Schools aren't given a list of details from Fraser Health, and experiences

- have appeared to be specific to situations/contexts
 - Thus far, it appears that Fraser Health has dealt with exposures within Panorama quickly and efficiently
 - Parents can read more information at: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures>
- A question was asked whether disposable masks are available for students in the classrooms
 - These are available on an as-needed basis, however students are strongly encouraged to bring their own masks

New Business

- Pink shirts
 - These arrived at the school today, however 18 shirts are missing
 - The company has been contacted, and noted that they will attempt to get the missing shirts delivered by Tuesday
 - Communication with the company this year has been somewhat more challenging than previous years, so PAC may reassess whether we will continue to use them in future years (grade 5 hoodies, masks, etc.)
- Playground upgrades
 - Shilpi noted that she was beginning to look into whether provincial funding could be applied for to cover part of the needed playground upgrades
 - Mr. Muxworthy noted that compared to some other schools, we may not be prioritized by the district for funding
 - The metal slide will need to be replaced
 - Over the next 3-5 years, the school will need to come up with a playground replacement plan
- FSA
 - Mr. Muxworthy noted an approved letter in a sealed envelope may be sent home with information regarding FSAs from the teacher's union
 - Parents have the right to have their child not write the FSA if they do not wish them to
 - If a grade 4 student does participate in the FSA the booklet completed in class from the writing portion of the exam, along with an insert showing their performance in the online portions for numeracy and reading, will be sent home
 - While the FSA may provide a snapshot, this does not compare to the assessments that teachers do across the year, learning the students and knowing where they are at on a regular basis
- Staff appreciation luncheon
 - This is generally held in April/May, and in previous years has consisted of the parent community bringing in food for the teachers
 - Due to safety protocols, this is not possible to do this year
 - Another idea of having a food truck supply pre-ordered, individually packaged lunches for staff was suggested and is being looked into
 - A charge of \$2 per child, with the remaining cost being subsidized by PAC

- would make this possible
- Any other ideas for Covid-safe lunches for teachers are welcome
- Technology
 - Mr. Muxworthy notes that the school will be replacing some iPads, and while the district offers a subsidy, if the PAC has tech funds that need to be used prior to a set date this could be an option

Committee reports

- Fundraising
 - Purdy's: The minimum order needed to begin earning a profit has been met, and we have thus far raised approximately \$130, with potentially \$400 more once all orders have gone in on the deadline of March 10th
 - Once the orders come in, they will be delivered to the school on March 17th, and Teri will package them to be delivered to the classrooms
 - Masks: Just under 100 have been ordered
- Website & Communication Coordinator – No report
- Emergency Preparedness – No report
- Grade 5 committee – No new updates since the last meeting, and we are waiting on the last hoodies to come in
- DPAC – No report
- Class liaison & communications – No report
- Parent education – No report
- CPF – No report

Treasurer's report

- Any questions about the budget can be sent to Fiona at treasurer@panoramaheightspac.ca

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Date of next meeting is set for **Monday, April 19th at 7:15pm**