



Minutes - Pac Meeting Nov. 30 2021

School update: Perry's Principal Report

New building:

-Since last meeting, construction is done and students have moved in. This affected 6 different classes. Thank you to teachers and students for their patients and work moving all items from one class to another

-Long term vision for Panorama (dates back from 12 years) has finally come to fruition. We are officially in, despite some fencing still needing to come down and other small details to finalize. The building looks fantastic and it fits in seamlessly with the previous structure.

-We will have an official ceremony to celebrate the opening

Staffing

-Mme Reskovitch had a healthy baby girl

-New teacher: Miss Anacortis

COVID:

-Vaccine for 5-11-year-olds is now available.

-Perry will be sending out info on how to register a child for vaccination

-No plans to have the vaccination for kids rolled out in schools

Body Science session: on Nov 29 was successful and saw 75 attendees = probably closer to 100. Very positive information night. Physical and sexual health requires a close connection between home and school. Student sessions will be happening on Dec 8 and 9.

Severe weather: across the province has caused an unprecedented number of inside recesses. Interesting times to weather through and provide teaching moments for our students. Our collective responsibility is to support each other.

Q&A:

- Not clear what the children's vaccinations mean school-wise: 2nd dose will be available 8 weeks after the 1st dose. No procedures/processes out yet that involve schools.

-Perry to share COVID policy when students have been outside of Canada and then return home. Must stay home for 14 days upon returning to Canada and can only attend school after 14 days of self-isolation.

PAC update: Bitá's Report

-Lots of good feedback on the Seleema Noon session last night

-Fundraising is challenging because of COVID

-Position in PAC is still empty and looking for volunteers: Elisa Hudson (Panorama mom with 3 children at the school) was nominated for Vice-Chair and was voted in. She has a lot of ideas for fundraising (Purdy's for Easter, pizza nights, holiday cards for seniors, sponsoring a family for Xmas, art kits to complete with parents, book club for all to partake in school) and will be in charge of the PAC Facebook group.

Question from a parent: what has PAC done pre-pandemic?

Most activities were

- themed events (fairs, special theme days)
- hot lunches
- after-school activities

All these have been put on hold due to the pandemic. The donation drive is the best initiative given COVID.

Social media: PAC presence outweighs disadvantages. PAC will have a presence on Facebook. Anyone who wants to help/contribute can. We will moderate. Platform to share news and updates from reliable sources. The same info will be available on the PAC website. Page is in its trial phase. Please follow and contribute. It will be open to the public (the entire school community). Still figuring out ways to moderate and filter content.

Question from a parent: Will Panorama be resuming hot lunches and previously sponsored activities in the new year?

Perry: other schools operate in different contexts (size mainly). Someone in PAC needs to step up and become a hot lunch coordinator to figure out how to meet COVID protocols. Needs to be nominated and approved by the PAC committee. And meet with Perry to explore ideas and establish processes.

Claudia: I am glad to work with any interested parents on the PAC but cannot take on the sole responsibility of being the hot lunch coordinator.

Bitá: we will wait and see if anyone is interested in taking this on.

After school activities: we have soccer once a week for now.

One-time donation request: the best way to fundraise during COVID.

Woojo Jeon & Benish Hemani: volunteered to help with hot lunch. Perry is happy to meet with anyone on PAC willing to be on a hot lunch committee and start the conversation about what hot lunches would look like. Also need many may volunteers to make hot lunches happen.

Discussions

After-school activities: need a fundraising committee to provide a goal and vision and move forward to bring back after-school activities. We lost momentum at Panorama because of COVID but we can put together a proposal and reinstate this.

PAC needs a structure and vision to move forward. So anyone interested in reigniting these initiatives needs to come together, meet with Perry, draw up a plan and then propose it to the PAC.

Question from a parent: Will we be bringing back track and field?

Answer: In a waiting pattern until Spring due to COVID.

Suggestion from Adam: A monthly newsletter with important dates. Perry is willing to include these updates in his weekly parent update emails.

Another suggestion from Adam: Can we brainstorm any more fundraising ideas at future meetings?

Perry reiterates that it's all about structure. Anyone interested in new initiatives needs to meet with Perry.

Elissa: Being Dec 1 tomorrow, should we start thinking about the "sponsoring a family" idea? Perry explained how involved this can be with regard to monitoring and boxing etc... Anonymously packaging items/goods for families in need. Perry will connect and discuss with Elissa. We are already committed to the food bank fundraising.

Virtual Santas: they can visit classes for a few minutes and wish them happy holidays. Anyone know if available ones?

Closing comments:

Anyone interested in hot lunch initiatives and/or brainstorming new fundraising ideas should email Perry so we can start a conversation and bring a proposal back to PAC.