



Meeting Minutes – PAC January 25, 2022

Opening Comments

- Each meeting will start with a review of the last meetings' minutes by the secretary.
- Each member will vote on whether to approve or make corrections to the minutes
- Minutes from Nov. 30 meeting have been approved.

Principal's Report

Thank you to parents who joined tonight and for volunteering under these extraordinary circumstances. Thank you also for our patience as we build a “new” PAC machine. Due to COVID, it's somewhat disjointed and filled with gaps. Perry will gradually get us back to speed. This is far from the norm of what a typical meeting.

COVID: we are adapting on the fly to Omicron:

- Significant uptick in absences in the last 2 weeks. Because of how rampant nature of Omicron, contact tracing and reporting to parents can't be done.
- As a local school, we are asked to track absences (staff & students) and report them to district. If we reach trigger numbers, we will reach out to Frasier Health. We are on a steady decline of absences since the high on Friday (January 21 – from 50 sick students down to 27 today).
- For staffing, we are doing well. We have been managing despite staff illness and have not come close to a functional closure thus far. Staff is still in high alert mode and ready to pivot if need be. But we are doing well all things considered.
- School has masks but the supply is limited so we'll be putting a call out to parents to be diligent about sending kids to school with their masks.

School Focuses

- Three main school focuses this year (will all be discussed during our next Pro-D day):
 1. Intellectual development: communication through writing
 2. Social-emotional development: how students contribute to their community and how they solve problems in peaceful ways
 3. Indigenous learning: awareness of indigenous principles (district required)

Kindergarten French immersion registration: big push to inform parents and have them apply (school takes in 40 students). Registration for regular program begins next week. This is an important piece that tells us what the school population will look like next year.

PAC Activities

1. Fundraising:

-Online donations: we are at \$4264

ACTION ITEM: Invoices are stacking up at school – need to be collected and paid (Nick and/or Bitia)

2. New addition: well on our way to getting fencing removed

3. New contract for school photos

Felt like Lifetouch was not meeting our needs. So we are now with Edge Imaging. Established company with good references. They have quality photos and a good product offering. They also offer a year book program that we can look at as an option.

School Yearbook (Presentation by Ya (sp?))

Is it cost reasonable? Need to figure out who will do the work: Photo Expressions or Edge Imaging?

Need a more formal proposal to submit to staff after ironing out details. Perry thinks it's very doable.

ACTION ITEM: Ya and Perry (and anyone else interested) to create a yearbook committee to go through details and bring proposal back to next PAC meeting. They will consider option from Edge Imaging (value add because of new contract with them?).

The PAC has given Ya and Perry to go ahead with this initiative and start a yearbook committee.

At February's PAC meeting, Perry will let us know where we are at with fundraising options like hot lunch, movie night, lunch time programs, etc... Will keep initiatives at a minimum until spring break.

Report from PAC Treasurer is usually presented at meetings – maybe we can have that in place at next meeting?

Head secretary Lisa Jorgensen has left for Glen High School. Fatima Khan (sp?) has accepted the position and will begin imminently. She will connect with Bitia.

ACTION ITEM: PAC website license for online forms

The PAC website license for online forms is expiring at the end of January. \$59/year is base cost for 1 site. Forms will have to be re-created if license is not renewed.

PAC unanimously agreed to renew the form licence at the cost of \$59 + taxes.

Macy and the website committee need to figure out how to renew the license ourselves (take the previous website coordinator out of the equation).