

Ross Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024, at 6 pm virtual meeting

Minutes recorded by Jacqui Wiens

In attendance: Meghan, Emily, Jacqui, Vanessa, Sarn, Kristen Vogel, Gurpreet K.

Meeting lead by Co-Vice President Vanessa

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

Today's Agenda proposed for approval by Emily, seconded by Meghan, Agenda approved

November Minutes proposed for approval by Emily, seconded by Sarn, Minutes approved

PAC President Report

No report – Aissa unable to attend

December PAC activities – these events were a big success:

Dec 1 Movie Night – Well-attended free movie night “The Grinch” 2018 version - sponsored by the PAC. Approximately 300 bags of free popcorn popped. Coffee/tea/juiceboxes. Extra juice boxes were stored for the next Hot Lunch. Pre-ordered pizza was priced with a 15% profit, the pizza was delivered and 20% tip paid. The donations from the movie night just exceeded the 20% tip. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who stayed and cleaned up the gym for 15 minutes after the movie night. Thank you also to the school staff who cleaned the spilled juice off the gym mats.

Giving Tree – All the tags were picked up and all the gifts were dropped off at the school. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who participated. Thank you to the parents who organized and wrapped all the gifts. Thank you to the school staff for delivering the gifts.

Dec 15 Christmas Store – This was the 14th Christmas Store and the first year for our Coordinator Jacqui W. The event went smoothly – we had many experienced volunteers, and the school staff were very supportive. The Hampers consisted of 8 x \$200 Walmart gift cards and 8 x \$9.96 popcorn tins. The amount raised was \$1621. Thank you to the school staff for delivering the gifts cards and popcorn tins. Families also received a Turkey Dinner from the School District.

Dec 22 Santa Breakfast was from 7:30am – 9:00am. Our outgoing Coordinator Krystine M. has a detailed document which is being passed on to our next Santa Breakfast coordinator Neetu K. Two unopened pancake mixes are being stored in the PAC cupboard for next year – they expire 2025. Thank you to the Kiwanis volunteers, parent volunteers, school staff and to the Grade 5 volunteers who set up for this event Thurs afternoon and handed out food and cleaned up Friday morning. Thank you to the school staff for borrowing and returning tables from Bluejay and King, making arrangements with Kiwanis volunteers and opening the school at 6:00am.

Silent Auction update at next meeting. Thank you to our community for donating items and supporting the Silent Auction. This year e-transfer was set up to directly deposit into the PAC bank account and that was a big success.

Principal's Report

Christmas was a huge success – the PAC did so many events – The Store caused a buzz in the building and a parent relayed their positive experience with the Store gifts that made their holiday amazing.

Thank you to everyone for putting these events together.

Laura from Snap Tunes starts tomorrow each class has 3 sessions for a total of 3 hrs on Wed and Thursdays. The School Concert will be Feb 23 at Ross Church. Doors open at 6:10pm concert will be 6:30-7:30 pm

Principal for the day Gina Tues Jan 16

Following up with Silent Auction items: parking space and concert VIP seating

Student Lead Conferences are in February – in lieu of parent teacher interviews

The school will be celebrating Family Day and not Mother's Day and Father's Day

Update on activities in the school

Safe Schools – parent virtual evenings social media dates will go out in the newsletter Jacqui will share on PAC FB page

Treasurer's Report

Overall budget: Gaming Account has paid for the first Art Starts performance (ventriloquist Karen Haynes)

Voting items: Movie Night went over \$7.44

Christmas Hampers we went over \$60 taking this from Christmas Store line of the budget as we are under \$300 on that line

Proposed for approval: increasing the Movie Night budget by \$8 and moving \$60 from the Christmas Store line of the budget and putting it into Christmas Hampers. Proposed for approval by Vanessa, seconded by Sarn, motion approved.

General Account

Outstanding: classroom funds, Christmas Store

Art Starts Grant did not qualify for Fall, but we have a chance to qualify for Spring. Budgeting was arranged in September to cover the cost out of pocket in case we do not qualify.

- Note for minutes: Annual meeting at Abbotsford Bingo Association AGM attended Dec 9 by Jacqui W. Yearly attendance is required to keep receiving a donation

Fundraising Report

No Report: Christina and Krista not able to attend

Grade 5 fundraising

Candy Sale Dec 1 profit \$114 sold \$200 cost \$86 - 53 bags at \$4 per bag

Upcoming \$2 Popcorn Fridays Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9

Hot Lunch Report

No report: Krystal not able to attend

Meghan spoke to Krista before Christmas regarding Hot Lunch and Canteen

Emily will give Krystal's contact info to Meghan

- Previous: Dec 1 Pizza Night
- Upcoming: TBA

Other: Questions or comments from parents, follow up from last meeting:

- PAC newsletter
 - June 21 Waterslides at Bridal Falls / Aldergrove Co-op Waterpark (January 2024)
 - Backup plan is possibly attending the same day as Langley school, but that school has a reservation at Cultus Waterpark. Pending a reservation at Aldergrove. Sarn hasn't heard from Aldergrove Waterpark but will follow up
 - Question: is the waterslides a whole school event? Yes
 - Question about ratio of parents to child swimmers – age 7 and under
4. Adjournment 6:45pm

Next PAC Meeting Tuesday, Feb 6 – 6 pm at the school Multi-Purpose Room

Upcoming PAC meetings – First Tuesday of the month at 6pm: Feb 6 in person, Mar 5 virtual, Apr 9 in person, May 7 AGM virtual, June 4 in person

Upcoming Committee meetings:

Fun Fair Meeting January 22 – 7pm in person

School Calendar 2023-24: First Day of School Sep 5. Last day for students June 27.

No school: Feb 16, Feb 19, Spring Break Mar 18-Apr 1, Apr 26, May 17, May 20

Early dismissal: Feb 14, Feb 15