

## **Ross Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024, at 6 pm at the school Multi-Purpose Room**

Minutes recorded by Jacqui Wiens

In attendance: Aissa, Sarn, Emily, Kristen Vogel, Vanessa, Jacqui, Cheryl, Krystal

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions

Discussion on PAC vacancy/recruitment for Nature Play Coordinator (call for volunteers), discussion on recruiting a parent to shadow the Treasurer and Secretary roles

Ready, Set, Learn – date will be set for May for incoming K students/parents (usually 3:30pm)

Idea: flyer details for Treasurer and Secretary to advertise at Ready Set Learn

Idea: PAC table at Fun Fair with information

Today's Agenda and January Minutes proposed for approval by Vanessa, seconded by Emily, Agenda and Minutes approved

### **PAC President Report**

Report on Silent Auction - Silent Auction went well. Parents were excited about the event and bidding was lively. Santa was there, the kids enjoyed the breakfast - \$1183 was raised.

Two hotels are interested in donating for next year - Pacific Sands in Tofino and Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Abby Canucks requested we reach out in September for next year

### **Principal's Report presented virtually**

Laura Koch has finished composing and recording songs for 5 divisions; 3 left

Concert Friday Feb 23 at Ross Community Church doors 6:10pm, concert 6:30-7:30pm.

Discussion on not limiting crowd this year, discussion on doing the virtual component – will there be a cost savings to video only vs livestream and video. It is in the budget (\$350) to do the livestream - reminder to set up more microphones down below for the kids. Asking for a canned food item – Ross Church is a satellite for the Foodbank

2 things on the auction: Parking spot - it wasn't put out so no bid

Concert front row: also didn't get bid on - \$20 to Emily/Krystal for approx 11 front row tickets (the whole centre front pew)

Student lead conferences are tomorrow and Thursday. Early dismissal both days 12:30pm

Celebrating Family Day instead of Mother's Day and Father's Day

Chang's Tae Kwon Do - the instructor was excellent - able to relate to kids well, storytelling, got kids to practice self-control

Pink Shirt Day

Valentine's Day Lollipop sales to support Canucks Children's Hospice

District Meeting Last Night - survey will be coming out, No Ross PAC parents were able to attend this year

Vaisakhi coming up - assembly April 12 - Kristen will coordinate with Sarn, Karen, and other parents

Rock Benches from Northwest Landscaping - groundsperson came to look - the intention would be for an outdoor classroom. One area is in the Nature Play area, could put 6 benches there. The other area is the back field back right corner (remove one small goal post). Quote is being put together and interest being gauged in staff.

Part of school budget - STEAM lab budget - to be presented to teachers

Teachers have booked (6) Hi tech Hi touch - \$1000 budget and if it goes over the school will cover the rest

Update from District on Teacher shortage - UE TOC - Bachelor's degree and previous experience with kids - uncertified TOC - \$307 per day

All TOCs need to be called out first and then the sick call is opened to UETOC - hiring 25

### **Treasurer's Report**

Staff appreciation lunch (May), Fun Fair, Tennis Lessons, Science Lessons and Snap Tunes budgets were proposed for release by Aissa, seconded by Cheryl. All in favour, budget funds released.

Snap Tunes Update: we got approved for the grant - Emily will forward that email to Kristen - The grant cheque must be accepted by the Principal. Please choose to have the cheque made out to the school - last year it was made out to the school district and that added extra bureaucracy

Gaming - cheque to be deposited

General - Fresh Slice Hot Lunch

Our bank account is slightly up from the beginning of the year

## **Fundraising Report**

Christina and Krista unable to attend. Presented by Jacqui

- Christina is working on the donut fundraiser and Panago Pizza voucher fundraiser
- Meridian Meats TBA
- May/June Raffle TBA
- Grade 5 fundraising: Upcoming popcorn Fridays Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 1, Mar 8

Jacqui to ask Jennifer Johnson about our Grade 5 target budget

## **Hot Lunch Report**

- Previous: Feb 2 Fresh Slice Pizza
- Upcoming: Subway Feb 23, White Spot Mar 8

Potentially a Canteen Hot Lunch April 5

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

- PAC newsletter – draft to be shown to Kristen Vogel in case anything to be added
- June 21 Waterslides at Bridal Falls / Aldergrove Co-op Waterpark (January 2024)
- Update from Aldergrove Co-Op Waterpark: Swim time is 10:30am - 1:00pm. \$6.72 per person rain or shine, let them know by Feb 14, choose our top 3 dates June 17, 11, 5. They would let us know Feb 24.

Kristen Vogel will ask teachers what they think and then - if the teachers are onboard, we would like to try this for one year and see how it goes.

- discussion on PAC making the paper program for SnapTunes concert. PAC is interested in choosing the wording to inform parents this was a PAC - sponsored event. Program to be approved by Kristen prior to the event

## **Adjournment 7:28pm**

Next PAC Meeting Tuesday, Mar 5 – 6 pm Virtual

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

Upcoming Committee meetings: Fun Fair Meeting to be set for during March break

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