

Sidney Elementary School PAC Meeting

The regular meeting of Sidney PAC was called to order by:

Jessi Petrick at 6:27 pm on February 13, 2018

PRESENT:

Jessi Petrick, Christine Etele, Christina Smith, Christina M Smith, Adi Parker, Lesley Goodwin, Anita Dzus-Spady, Terrisa Tate, Liz Richmond, Tara Varma, Alison Scott, Maggie duMonceaux, Allison Gratz, Kelsy Garnham, Jessie Wellbourn, Tom Vickers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda distributed by Kristina Littlejohns and Jessi Petrick, approved by Terrisa Tate and seconded by Adi Parker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Jessi Petrick to approve the minutes of January 16th, 2018. Seconded by Maggie duMonceaux.

Correspondence:

We received a letter from the Navy League of Canada inviting students who are nine years and older to attend a free open house being held on Tuesday evenings between 6:30pm-8:00pm. The Cadet Hall in Sidney is located at 9565 Hurricane Rd. This is a free program offering instruction in boating, sailing, skiing, water safety, sports.

We also received a letter from Costco offering "Cash for PAC" initiative. This is a fundraising effort and we will look into it for more information.

ADMINISTRATION: Principal – Tom Vickers

Appreciation to Amber Sebastien in the office who goes above and beyond for staff and PAC. Also, a thank you to our teaching staff who stay overtime for training, meetings, organizing books, and presentations for parents.

Kindergarten registrations have nearly doubled for the upcoming year.

Outdoor Learning Space – no new updates.

Learning Literacy Program – Sidney is the test site for the District Reading Assessment project. There is a district literacy leader working with staff to train so everyone is on the same page. We will also have a doctoral student working with parent groups over the next year. She is putting on 3 info sessions for parents to learn how to best support readers at home.

Crosswalk at Henry and Chicory update – We have a firm commitment from the Town of Sidney to put up flashing lights at this cross walk as well as building it further up and out to attract more notice and blocking off the extra parking spaces closest to it. We have been able to build on the relationship with the RCMP and the Safe Routes to School Program. The timeline will be confirmed but should be within a few weeks to months. The lights are being funded by ICBC.

Healthy schools breakfast program is a pivotal part of our mornings. The children want to be here and take part in activities. Initially we started with donated bakery type items but now are modeling healthy diets and are leaders in this area.

Camp Thunderbird – Each year it is determined if we are able to have this year end program, so it is not guaranteed each and every year. It is considered an intermediate camp, so all grade 4 and 5 students are to be included.

White Road Property – This property was left to the school district several years prior. There is an open house being held February 21st at Bayside School. There are a lot of options and ideas, so the district is looking for input.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT/CHAIR – Kristina Littlejohns (Absent)

VICE PRESIDENT – Jessi Petrick

Staff Appreciation Lunch – The luncheon will be April 25th. There will be a sign-up genius sent out for volunteers. It is school photo day and cross country, but the lunch will not affect these at all.

TREASURER – Christina Smith

New budget sheets handed out. There is now a nice explanation for the current budget.

SECRETARY – Liz Richmond and Anita Dzus-Spady – (Nothing to report)

COMMUNICATIONS – Jessie Wellbourn and Heather Carley (Absent) -

We were going to take PAC picture today after the Fresh Grade Meeting, but we will reschedule so that Kristina Littlejohns can be present as well.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR – Christine Etele

Suggestion to remove Music Bingo and Silent Auction from the budget since we will not be doing these events this year. Instead we will hold a silent auction at the Spring Fling. Discussion about removing raffle tickets to compare funding vs. the silent auction option. We will discuss this at the Spring Fling Meeting.

West Coast Seeds did very well. In total we have about \$540.00 profit, so we will repeat next year.

Movie Night February 22nd. We need volunteers, will have an email sent out.

Spring Fling – date is confirmed as May 25th. Set up starts at noon, event is from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Liz will check with inflatables company to confirm they are still available, and she will also check out other food options. We have a Thrifty Food Truck coming. They will pay \$100 pad fee plus will donate \$1.00 of each Buddha Bowl they sell to PAC. We are still offering pizza for families; RBC volunteers will run it.

Date for the Spring Fling Planning Meeting is March 5th at 6:30pm at Lisa Duong's house. We will send out an email to volunteers with the address.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – Maggie duMonceaux

We have one extra hot lunch this term. We were concerned about cost but had excellent participation. She always orders a bit extra to account for kids who missed the order deadline. We may look at pricing elsewhere for next year to compare costs.

BREAKFAST CLUB – Terrisa Tate

Parfait is a new option for breakfast. Yogurt is given through donation, and she is looking for a nut-free, low-sugar granola from Costco. The mess is better controlled. Kids are coming in earlier to eat so it is a bit easier to see who needs to eat vs. just coming for a snack. Serving sizes are being looked at to limit the amount of waste. She will serve less and ask them to come back for more if necessary. Also discussed having leadership kids helping out with the younger students.

EARTHQUAKE – Christina M. Smith

Local Emergency Preparedness Meeting recently held in the community in light of Tsunami warnings. We will look into bringing forward this information to parents and holding a possible joint meeting with the town. Discussion of what the situation would look like in the school if this were to happen during the school day. Bottom line is that teachers will remain in charge of their classes and the Administration are the only ones who would have access to the emergency bins for distribution.

Kelsy Garnham brought forward the question of the one classroom with no windows. This was a former computer lab. Renovations are planned for Spring Break but have not been confirmed yet. Two new divisions are already being planned for next year based on enrollment.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm.

Next meeting March 13th at 6:30pm.