

### **Sidney Elementary School PAC Meeting**

The regular meeting of Sidney PAC was called to order by:  
Kristina Littlejohns at 6:30pm on November 14th, 2017

#### **PRESENT:**

Kristina Littlejohns, Christine Etele, Christina Smith, Adi Parker, Terrisa Tate, Lesley Goodwin, Anita Dzus-Spady, Liz Richmond, Jessi Petrick, Allison Scott, Rachel Goddard, Jessie Wellbourn, Donna Douglas, Tom Vickers, Carolin Meausette

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Kristina Littlejohns, seconded by Rachel Goddard to approve the minutes of October 10th, 2017.

#### **ADMINISTRATION: Principal - Tom Vickers**

Appreciation and recognition of extra time and effort PAC members put in make school a richer place.

Fresh Grade: More productive than traditional report cards. Parents receive weekly and daily upgrades. Teachers using Fresh Grade in second year do not require traditional report cards until June, while year 1 is a more formal reporting.

Thrifty Foods will be handing out 20 food hampers to families in need this year. Teachers will be signing up families they believe to be in need. Santa's Anonymous forms are being filled out in the office making sure these families will be supported.

Anawim House - we will continue to support this. One of only charity where you can meet people directly as you are handing out. Powerful opportunity for kids as they get to make the bags and hand them out.

Winter sing a long date TBD in December.

New initiatives: Yo-Yo club on Fridays, Maker Space Area in front part of school, Tech Tuesdays for intermediate students 7:55am Mrs. Kaecher with help from Darcy McNee from North Saanich Middle School.

Thank you to Jessie Wellborn for her work on the new school poster "our Bee-liefs"

Update on the Outdoor Learning Space from the Grounds Department: one company is most reasonably priced and has experience in this area and we will move forward with them. They will provide different quotes based on different options such as a more basic design, or covered area etc. Will be meeting with them on Thursday November 16th. Submitted an application to the Sidney Rotary Club for funding.

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

##### **PRESIDENT/CHAIR - Kristina Littlejohns**

Army and Navy Airforce Veterans Canada in Sidney has invited us to come for a presentation and to receive a cheque from them. Last year they donated \$2000 to the PAC. Friday November 24th at 4:30pm there is a presentation which will be attended by Kristina, Jessi, Christine and their children.

Policy 1100 Meeting:

Attended by Kristina, Adi, Carolin and Tom.

Was intended as a parent participation night with round table discussions about the core competencies in the new school curriculum. Divided into elementary, middle and high school groups.

Grade level expectations, FSA, Provincial Exams, Indigenous Content were discussed.

Middle school, self assessment posters in classes has been very effective.

High school levels, see more emphasis on career planning.

Parent Information Nights provide info for parents in regards on learning and education. Interest in Sidney School hosting once will look into it and put survey out to all parents to gauge interest.

**VICE PRESIDENT - Jessi Petrick (Nothing to report)**

**TREASURER - Christina Smith**

Holiday Raffle and Holiday Fair money need to be separated due to gaming license.

We received the BC Gaming Grant of \$5800 based on last years enrolment numbers of 290 students.

The intermediate field trip was added back to budget.

Miscellaneous expenses were changed to general administration expenses.

Instead of issuing cheques to teachers for up to \$250 we will implement this change for September 2018. Reminders will be issued in April, May and June for teachers. Motion passed for us to use previous system having office pay teachers for expenses. Everyone in favour.

PAC Policy Handbook is very outdated and missing details on each position, We will rewrite the details for each position and present in May at Annual General Meeting when voting occurs for Executive Positions.

**SECRETARY - Liz Richmond/Anita Dzus-Spady - (Nothing to report)**

**COMMUNICATIONS - Jessie Wellbourne and Heather Carley (Absent) - (Nothing to report)**

**FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR - Christine Etele**

Bad Mom's Movie Night November 30th. The 8:30pm show has sold out and the 9:00pm show has about 40 seats left. Profit sitting at about \$610 gross. Will advertise at the Holiday Fair.

Holiday Fair: Intermediate group will set up tables and chairs. We have about 45 tables 39 are vendors.

Thursday evening will put signs up outside advertising. Doors will open at 8:30am for vendors. Parking on blacktop.

We need more volunteers for middle of day. Serving vegetarian chili and buns for \$4.00, hot dogs for \$2.00. We will have a bake sale table, also serving hot drinks such as coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

Doors open at 9:30am.

Will sell the remainder of raffle tickets for the 2:00pm draw.

Accepting food bank donations for entrance, will wrap boxes for decorations.

Door prize donations are asked from vendors. Christine is looking for an ATM to be moved on site for the day.

Holiday Raffle: Current profit is \$5972.62. Had sponsorship of \$1100 which helps out greatly, We have had a great response overall. Draw of 4 prizes of family movie nights available to anyone who sold all their tickets.

Next movie night will be in February.

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM - Maggie duMonceaux**

Thank you to all parent helpers. We will need help counting money and cheques for the New Year when the new forms go out.

**BREAKFAST CLUB - Terrisa Tate**

Our fridge is now working. Asked that parents check the kitchen for dishes if we are able to.

Volunteers needed for December as Terrisa will not be available as much.

Asked for funding for 16 plastic containers for each division. This was approved.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:52 pm.**

**Next meeting December 12th, 2017 at 6:30pm.**