

# Edgehill PAC

## January Meeting Minutes

### January 21, 2025

**PAC President** (Jessica Jantz/Emily Janes); **PAC Vice-President** (Diana Vasquez-Amundsen); **Treasurer** (Joy Cross); **Secretary** (Tyanna Wasylowich); **Head of Events** (Jamie Giesbrecht); **Edgehill Principal** (Jamie Burt); **Hot Lunch Coordinator** (Aja Plows)

**In attendance: Emily J, Jess J, Joy C, Tyanna W, Jenn Y, Jodie Y, Jamie B**

#### **Principal's Report; Jamie Burt:**

- We are 2 weeks into the shortest term of the school year, which is only 9 weeks long.
- Reading and numeracy assessments are happening again post-covid and increasing our scores as a school and as a district-wide goal. Elementary school is the foundation that sets the tone for future goals. These assessments:
  - o Are performed throughout the year, on every student within the school district.
  - o Allow staff to see where and how to best support students individually and as a group.
  - o Provide data to allow the district to see where improvements can be made to help our children be as successful as possible.
- Student led conferences will be taking place on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**.
  - o Please check your email to sign up for a time to meet with your child and their teacher.
  - o Dismissal will be at 1200 on this day, and there will be no after-school program. Before-school care will happen as usual.
  - o Reminder that additional meetings can happen with teachers at any time.

*Student led vs Parent teacher interviews: Both offer valuable insight (Student led = Kids are proud to show what they've accomplished, Parent Teacher = Opportunity to speak with the teacher alone)*

- Some updates will be coming to our outdoor learning areas this year. Our school received a *Go Wild* grant for \$1500 through the World Wildlife Fund, with the help of our Eco Team. We will be working with the Tla'amin Nation to:
  - o Re-establish a private sanctuary in outdoor classroom #1 by adding plants that are native to the area.
  - o Continue to create a safe haven for students as planned renos begin in the spring.
  - o Conserve our other outdoor areas.
- Our WITS program has had a successful start. Students are beginning to learn the language for it and utilize it in their daily interactions, changing the dynamic and lessening potential conflict.
  - o What are some ways that we can further help the needs of students to keep busy and help prevent conflict?
    - Provide additional activities/events that benefit different types of learners (i.e., different age groups, gender, activity level)

- Family literacy week is next week. There will be many ways to participate and activities happening all week. Some additional information:
  - o Classrooms are encouraged to share their favourite books by posting them on their bulletin boards.
  - o There will be a pop-up book swap in the hallway.
  - o Reading bingo was sent home to families this week to play.
  - o There will be opportunities for students to win house team points.

### **Fundraiser Updates:**

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraisers, making them so successful.
  - o Our Purdy's fundraiser raised \$654, which will be going towards the Rippers to help them update current equipment and buy new equipment needed for the success of their club.
  - o Appointment spots for our Winter Family Photos fundraiser sold out, and we look forward to growing this fundraiser next year to accommodate and have more families join us for a fun filled day.
  - o We will be holding a spring fundraiser through *Growing Smiles* after our successful winter greenery fundraiser.
  - o Purdy's fundraiser this spring to help towards the construction of our Gaga-ball pit.
  - o Dominos Dough-raiser to take place on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**.
  - o Tru Earth fundraising continues. Magnets with QR code available.
    - Deposits not being added to account for this. Jes to follow up on this.

### **Popcorn Machine Update:**

- We have a lead on a new popcorn machine to replace our current one, with a price tag of \$389. Our current machine was unable to accommodate popcorn for the entire school and needs to be replaced.
  - o All present in favour of this.
- Popcorn fundraisers to begin outdoors after school to help recover cost of new machine for \$1/bag.

### **Hot Lunch Update:**

- Dominos pizza has been very successful so far.
  - o Reminder to get orders in for future hot lunch dates.
- Volunteer to connect with Subway re: their hot lunch program for future dates. Jes will reach out to Aja for this.

### **Gaga Ball Update:**

- Remainder of Gaming grant to go towards construction of Gaga Ball pit.
- Construction of this remains top priority, as the school will soon lose access to 4-square courts with renovations beginning.

### General Housekeeping:

- Palm Beach Day, Fun Day, upcoming hot lunch invoices, and \$500 scholarship still to come for PAC fees.
- Gaming grant to act as a safety net for PAC funds each year.
- Meeting minutes to be posted on school website.
- Jes and Emily to attend DPAC meeting January 22 to share success of fundraising and future events at Edgehill.
- Hoodie and T-shirts will be re-assessed in June for order next year to enable families to buy at the beginning of the school year.
- Treasurer's report to be done monthly.

*SD 47 Director of Operations invited to attend our next PAC meeting on **Wednesday, February 26** to discuss our upcoming renovations.*

