

Westview PAC

Minutes Oct. 17, 2024

Executive present: Alison Paul, Katya Gustafson, Alena Devlin, Lauren Inkster

PAC members present: Jill Dickson, Sherry Hannon, Carrie Stewart, Krislynn Storry, Gretchen Conti, Laura Berg, Jill Joslin

Principals present: Jennifer Kennedy

Teacher's Present: Natasha Sauce, Lisa Traer

1. Welcome/call to order at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of agenda

Adding: DPAC update, Band equipment, CMA

*Approved by all

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

*Motion to approve by Alena. Approved by all.

4. Financial Report

-Updated budget with teacher requests, library \$500 annual and golf nets (playground/gym equipment). Expenses were teacher gift cards and reimbursing design fee to Sherry. Incoming income was hot lunch \$10,077.17. Still waiting for gaming grant cheque. We have outstanding payment to the school for big event tents, this is to come out of gaming grant funds. Hot lunch was significantly less this term (around \$5000 less), thinking this may be due to how fast we rolled it out. We will have to keep an eye on this for future budgeting.

5. Principal's Report (see written report)

-Intramurals 4 days a week. Hosting other schools here at least once a week. District cross country happening next week (during school hours) at Henderson school, forms to go home tomorrow. Safety drills happening, fire drill last week and shake out today. Lots of field trips happening. Forms were stream lined this year to encompass all field trips instead of one for each trip. Learning goal this year is numeracy and literacy initiatives. Second goal is turning school environment into a safe space where everyone feels comfortable. WAG is primary form of communication right now.

6. Unfinished business

- Hoodie design update (Sherry)
 - We are still waiting. Jennifer has connected with the communication department about reaching out to the artist. They are waiting for her to finish a current project for the district before approaching them with a new project. One of the grade two teachers is very keen to be involved in this project and the learning around it. Jennifer will discuss new animals/colours as well with staff.
- Breakfast program - Any feedback on changes?
 - Katya has had questions/concerns from other parents about breakfast program and why it changed. Food options in the classroom has been awkward for kids to grab food when they need it without feeling singled out. Food no longer in the office as it created too much of a disturbance for Sue. As per Jennifer, the before school program has to be separated for licensing, so the changes were necessary. We have people hired to prepare muffins at the school program as it is necessary that any food given out has to be prepared by someone with food safe. We are requesting Jennifer communicate these changes more thoroughly with parents.
- Hot Lunch - Next round will we continue to offer both online and paper? Any feedback from parents? Are majority of orders coming in online now?
 - Numbers declining. Majority of the orders were online this last term. We would like to be solely online as it is so much more efficient. We only had about 6 paper forms this time. Note that we will take late orders if people message us. Some new families thought it was \$48 for one slice for 1 weeks, so hopefully this is more clear for next term. Forms for next term will go out November 4. We will revamp the reminder form as it had too much information last time. There was some feedback from the kids that they were sick of pizza. We will approach Panago about other options we could have instead of just pizza as this would be the easiest to add to munchalunch.

7. New Business

- Kiss and ride parking issues on kindergarten side

- Parking on that side is absolute chaos and not safe. Jennifer will try to address this issue. She will send out some communications regarding this to start.
- Front of the building is lacking supervision "blind spots". Jennifer said this is to be discussed at the next staff meeting.
- DPAC update
 - Gretchen is our new representative. She is looking to have a replacement for when she can't go (next ones January, April and June). Superintendent report where she talked about cell phone ban, construction going on at school. She wanted to draw our attention to the community guidelines on the SD website as a resource. New school growth plans will be out at the end of the month. They asked about our bylaws and whether they were up to date or not. Ours were submitted last year and updated last year also. Conversation happened about minutes, how do we do them and to review this annually. They would like them posted online on our school website and possibly social media as well. We could also send an e-mail annually to parents about where they can be found. Cool fundraiser (Edgehill school) with TruEarth laundry strips. We discussed this last year but it was cheaper to buy in store, so we can look again. We could also put a link in for Edgehill to help them out.
- CMA
 - Coast Mountain Academy. It's for grade 12s. Possibly it's not running this year. Gretchen is wondering if we were willing to lend our support, so she could discuss it at the next DPAC meeting. Jennifer will reach out and find out why it might not be running.
 - Motion by Lauren to ask DPAC about CMA program. Approved by all.
- Teacher requests
 - Culos/Bodie requesting 10 more writing tablets, transformers for a centre play activities, additional small carpets for alternative play and reading space for kids. PAC wants more info on the carpets due to cleanliness issues. Cost for everything without the carpets \$160.
 - Approved by all for the \$160 for writing tablets and transformers.

- Lisa Traer requesting ocean tiles, magnet tiles, Kahoot membership (to get rid of the ads), third grade readers, a book. \$300 for everything.
 - Motion to approve by Alena. Approved by all.
- Band equipment - Band teacher requesting instruments to stay in this school. 3 used alto saxophones for \$1500, base drum stand and mallet for \$675. Total cost around \$2500
 - Motion by Allison to approve. Katya second. Approved by all.
- We are wondering about the list of activities that used to exist and revamp it. This will help so that kids can get exposure to as many activities as possible. Motion to increase the amount for activities (other educational) to \$10 per student, new total \$3600
 - Motion to approve by Allison. Approved by all.
- Date for next meeting
 - November 14 and then December 10

8. Correspondence

- None

9. Adjournment at 8:45pm