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Minutes of Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting June 13, 2022

In attendance: Wendy Cocksedge, Jason Gow, Megan Kaukas, Katherine McIntosh, Ashley Nordman, Maxime Paquette, Bill Rounis, Siona Rounis, Amanda Zaikow

1. Principal's Report

- Field trips every day, plus some bigger ones: WildPlay Div. 1. Grade 6/7 Band Trip. Choir to longterm care. Grade 3/4 Tla'amin Indigenous Day. Grade 7 leaving ceremony. Mowat Bay whole school via bus. Grads Tour on last day.
- IEP meetings this month.
- Admin Day at end of month
- Bill has been attending event to transition.
- Some staff changing schools 2022/23 so will welcome 6 new teachers.
- Planning Day last Monday with teaching staff and EAs: School goals – Literacy, Numeracy, SEL - continued from this year.

2. President's Report

- Reflection: measure of safety and comfort is in flux again after 2 years of restrictions. This is a good opportunity to align our values as we decide how we move forward with deciding which traditions we keep.
 - Parent Welcome Night – slideshow of what PAC does, then signup sheets for our events. Step it up next year to highlight for families who haven't been on-site to be welcomed. Second Thursday in September.
 - Start sending minutes out with PWAG or post on the website.
 - Action item: Ashley to create survey
- PAC book rack being used. Kids are pumped. These books need to come back. Action item: Bill will order bookshelf for hallway.
- Invoice for 50 jerseys received. Dean at Taws was amazing.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Budget for 2021/22 shared.
- Draft budget shared and updated.
- Need to be intentional about Gaming Grant to follow guidelines.
- Need to continue the discussion of revenue and spending yearly as we align our values with our budget updates.

- Having passed on some of our fundraisers (pizza, movie night, May Day) to specific divisions, it shifts the responsibility to the families involved in fundraising instead of the PAC raising and dispersing.
- Reminder that PAC funded resources need to stay on site with teachers changing schools.
- Streamline certain events we fund, ie. Grade 2 swimming, Grade 7 Graduation Experience.

4. New Business

- Thank you from Maxime in regards to a successful Tofino trip
- With Dean taking on a district role, could possibly shift teacher prep to library instead of PE. Jeannine has accepted PE for next year. So maybe in the future.
- Bill's recommendation: Rack of raingear like at Kelly Creek. One numbered set per division with some gumboots on hand. Share costs PAC/School/District?
- Discussion: how to get more parents involved and fundraise. Ideas: Pay a flat fee once a year instead of doing fundraisers. Spring Concert – by donation. Volunteer time in classrooms.
- Social fundraiser for parents with babysitter in the gym.

5. Executive 2022/2023

President: Ashley Hull

Vice-President: Amanda Zaikow

Treasurer : Jason Gow

Secretary: Megan Kaukas

Next PAC meeting is in September 2022.