

Minutes of Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting November 21, 2022

In attendance: Alexandra Bissley, Caroline Brennan, Christal Hueston, Megan Kaukas, Clara Song, Kenton Hemsing, Amanda Zaikow

1. President's Report

- Hallowe'en Carnival – scaled down, community feel, very well attended, lots of volunteers. Successful event: \$4300 total, \$1800 forest for Maxime's trip, \$3000 for PAC

2. Flu season

- Increase in absences noted due to flu season. Parents are encouraged to report absence reason for accurate reporting. Staff are requesting updated guidelines at this point in the pandemic. PPE and Covid tests continue to be available at school. We discussed that it would be worth putting a reminder in the WAG to keep kids home when they are sick and have the Daily Health Check put on the school website.

3. Principal's Report

- Student Council events: Dec 16 movie night in the gym. Jan 25 Talent Show during school time.
- Affordability Grant: we requested PAC kitchen equipment, rain suits, extra food to send home. Approved for rain suits and extra food to send home for kids. Could use this fund for Winter meal.
 - propose \$10,000 in gift cards. Staff will identify ~10 families. \$100 per month, except \$200 December. Purchase gift cards through Brooks fundraisers.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Hallowe'en Carnival: ~\$4000
- Fresh to You: \$423
- Blueberry Commons donation (pumpkin patch): \$780

5. Fresh to You Orders

- Arrive Thursday

6. Teacher Funds – classroom enhancements/ activities

- Previously \$200 for classroom enhancements for: furniture, games, activities like gymnastics. Bill is covering more classroom items, so this fund could be shifted more for activities or other ideas: fidgets for SEL, special art supplies (ie. easels) or school-wide event.

- propose we pool this fund this year for school-wide event(s): Tidal Art, movie at Patricia Theatre, presenters like Science World
- talk again in December, solicit ideas
- decide at January meeting
- Grade 2 – swimming (in budget).
 - Offer 2-3 sessions for Grade 3/4s who missed this during Covid? What does it cost? Can we reallocate from Teacher Appreciation?
- Gymnastics and Climbing \$125 per class (in budget)
 - propose we change to Recreational Activities (Gymnastics, Climbing, Swimming, Skating). One-time outing per division.

7. Winter meal and Winter Wonderland (Dec. 20 & 21)

- Every class has been booked at Winter Wonderland over 1½ days. PAC pays \$1000 for skate rentals, ice rental, snacks. Share cost with the school. Parents welcome to skate and tie laces.
 - Snacks – 260 mandarin oranges and mini-candy canes – need to pre-order (**Clara**).
- Missed our window for Salmon meal this year due to timing.
- Winter meal - tentatively Dec 22
 - Could have salmon as part of our traditional chicken Winter lunch.
 - Previously \$4 donation. Could use Affordability grant to cover this.
 - Last 2 years we ordered turkeys cooked and carved from Quality Foods.
 - Parents cooked: mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, salad, gravy.
 - Lead (**Clara**) for food, lead for volunteers, team day before, team day of, team after for clean-up. 2 sittings of 150 in the gym.
 - Amanda has the lists of previous orders, volunteer stations etc. & this year's parent volunteer list.
 - Send home care packages of left overs.

8. Band instrument rental

- Put sponsoring student' rental (\$200) into next year's budget (**June**). Or slowly purchase one of each instrument over several years.
- Put call out for donations in the WAG?
- Could use Covid grant to cover this?

9. Winter Thrift Market Dec. 9 (4-7pm)

- looking for donations for Brittany Stainton's class event (all ages plus gift wrap)

10. New items

- looking New item to consider: create long term affordability fund to support families (**June**)

Next PAC meeting is January 16, 2022 at 7pm.