

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Meeting Agenda - DRAFT

March 2, 2022

7 pm - Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Graham Arts, Sarah Kalnay-Watson, Chelsea Donaldson, Annie Casson, Bronwyn McPhail, Katie Johnson

Regrets: Susan Fitzky

Action Items:

September

1. Graham will create a parent feedback survey that will include questions about inclusion
 - Not sent out yet but it is in draft form
 - PAC survey to go out first, then Graham's survey (postponed)

December

1. Graham to purchase gift for John Stephenson.

February

1. Outdoors committee will make a list of things that need to happen for CEPA and land based programming upon return to new school and identify ways the PAC can help.
2. Wendy will reach out to Steve Reitsma for a wall tent quote.
3. Susan will coordinate Treats for Teachers for March 10th.

March

1. Annie will add t-shirts and planners to the next agenda.
2. Sarah will post on the FB group about the next meeting - we will make some decision about how to spend money and would like more people to attend that meeting.
3. Graham will reach out to Cindy about getting a new trustee for the JHS PAC.
4. Annie will reach out to Rachel about soil donation from Canadian Tire.
5. Annie will confirm Treats for Teachers with Susan and Shelley.

1. Welcome and approval of agenda and previous minutes (February)

2. Quick Standing Updates

a. Principal's/PAC Financial Report

- Schools must wait until ECE provides direction as to changes in Covid rules, so at the moment there are no changes to school guidelines and protocols around Covid

- Enrollment - 300, 12 new JKs enrolled already for next year, current students do not need to reregister
- \$18, 666 in PAC funds
- Report cards come home Monday - students are evaluated compared to the curricular outcomes for their grade, which have not changed due to the pandemic - parents may see a different set of “grades” that reflect some of the learning loss that has happened due to the pandemic
- Booking system for parent teacher interviews is open until Monday
- School resumes on Monday, March 28th
- Next week is school spirit week
- Thank you to Katie for speaking at the JK/K information night on behalf of the PAC, as well as for sharing her experiences as a parent
- Camp de Neige - first week back after spring break - will be reaching out for parent volunteers to transport equipment, provide snacks, and possibly volunteer for programming if public health rules loosen
- Draft school calendar going to trustees on March 8th (some suggestions were made about avoiding mid-week start and end dates, grouping STIP days to avoid having one day off a week in the month of November, etc)
- 6 classes would like to use \$100 for books on inclusion, there may be a few more
- Nancy Wise - former French immersion educator - offers two sessions, one aimed at teachers to support the diversity of learners in the classroom, another aimed at parents - combined cost would be \$750
- Graham will inquire if recording the sessions is possible
- Beginning of the school year would be the best timing

DECISION: PAC will cover half the cost of the Nancy Wise sessions.

- Bringing back planners for students in grades 1-5
- Considering the front matter that would go in the planner, would likely include “handbook” type information such as the school’s code of conduct, cell phone policy, home/school communication, school year calendar, Dene Laws (with permission), Wiiliideh vocabulary, school name meaning
- Could also include teacher contact info and a map of the drop off area
- Could the PAC fund some of the planner costs?

ACTION ITEM: Add planners to the next agenda

- Welcoming gift for students to the new school? Could the PAC help fund the purchase of t-shirts (possibly cranberry coloured)?

ACTION ITEM: Add t-shirt purchase to the next agenda.

- Wall tent needs to be restored/completely replaced
- PAC has historically helped with Camp de Neige

b. Trustee's Report

- Diana is no longer a trustee

ACTION ITEM: Graham will reach out to Cindy about getting a new trustee for the JHSPAC.

4. Hot Topics

- Inclusive Safe Schools
 - Outdoors Committee
 - Plant Sale and Seed Sale
- Two classes interested in doing gardening projects
 - \$50 per class for seeds

ACTION ITEM: Annie will reach out to Rachel about having the soil donated.

- Parent Information Sessions
 - Arts at JHS
- Would like to develop a project to commemorate the move to the new school once parents are back in the school
 - f. Treats for Teachers

ACTION ITEM: Annie will connect with Susan and Shelley to see who is organizing, and confirm Thursday, March 10th as the date.

- Subway lunches
- Communications

5. Other Items

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 pm