

JH Sissons Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Notes - DRAFT
Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Attendance : John Stevenson, Graham Arts, Wendy Lahey, Annie Casson, Jocelyn Apps, Kerry Wheler, Rosie Benning, Alyssa Titus, Carla Leclerc, Katie, Lisa McShane

Action Items:

(December 4)

1. Graham to see if PAC member could be on Indigenous language committee for the school.
2. Rosie to email further info about Tlicho language mentorship opportunity.
3. Jeff will confirm arts training for teachers which is an evening session Jan 16 or 30.
4. Graham will discuss bully action plan with Danika and share the school's bully action plan with PAC.
5. Graham will contact Katey Simmons at Mildred Hall regarding their approach to bullying.
6. Wendy will ask Katey Simmons how she approaches temperature procedures for recess.
7. Lisa to do monthly email from PAC to Graham to have in weekly newsletter
8. Steve place 1-2 thermometers around the school.
9. Carla will share simple ideas for a CEPA qualitative evaluation of kids experiences of the program to put on the website
10. Graham to talk to Emma and YK1 regarding interpretation of procedural approach to temperature cut offs and getting outside.
11. Graham to discuss plant sale sign up at next staff meeting - will share google doc sign up sheet.
12. Rosie will get in touch with John re: French for parents presentation for YK1 board (board meetings are second Tuesday of every month).
13. Jocelyn will send out treats for teachers email one week prior.
14. John will look into the process for getting a new school name.
15. Graham and staff will look into the process of saying good-bye to the current school. Ex. An open house, silent auction..?
16. Carla to email PAC costs and look into raffle for January.

(November 6)

1. Graham will email financial report to PAC email.
2. Katherine will contact Rachel and Jocelyn and ask if they can do a presentation about the plant sale at the next staff meeting (Nov 12, 4 pm) or provide a written summary (email) to Graham who will then provide the information to the teachers.
3. Lisa will attend the next PAC chairs meeting. Lisa will ask at the PAC chairs meeting about interest in parent information sessions, in particular inquiry-based learning and

social-emotional learning, as well as Google classroom and any other priorities from other schools.

4. Colleen will follow up on the sushi option (less fishy).

(October 9)

5. PAC will discuss the funding request to cover substitute teacher costs at the Hay River track and field meet in June and Camp de Neige in April at the next PAC meeting, once PAC has a clearer idea of current expenses since last year.
6. Annie could request at the next PAC Chairs that YK1 update their platform so that it is easier to sign up to the school newsletters on the school website (e.g., top of the page, rather than the bottom).
7. Satish will clarify Metro's request for playground equipment ideas at William MacDonald School (as part of the accommodation plan) and suggest that he seek parents' input through la semaine en revue.

(September 11)

1. Graham and Jeff to look into literacy night and propose a date at the next PAC meeting.

(June 13)

1. (Ongoing) Consider asking Centre for Climate Services about funding assistance for a weather station at the school.
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Added Agenda Items:

- Jan PAC meeting date
- Subway day
- Raffle idea
- Bullying prevention

- 1.) Welcome and approval of minutes
Approved

- a.) Principles update: SEE PRINCIPLES REPORT

Add: **ECE committee members** Jeff, Graham, Melanie

ACTION item: Graham to see if PAC member could be on Indigenous language committee for the school.

Tlicho language mentorship possibility

ACTION item: Rosie to email further info

Jan 23 is the Winter Concert

Jeff has been talking about organizing an **art evening** to train teachers- possibly an evening session Jan 16 or 30

CPF French sing along Dec 14 10-12pm

Bullying prevention: Is there a bully action plan in place? Concrete examples of what bullying is, impacts of bullying, role of educator and administrator, role of parent, how to support the bully, how to support the bullied, how to support the bystanders, the most important thing being that adults must be involved (Resource: prevnet.ca). Graham spoke to the current methodology being used which is not concrete, at times school discipline is used. Annie: there are advantages to using a concrete anti-bullying strategy including use of common language and standardization. Various anti-bullying techniques “Wee thinkers” “second step” “the WITS program”. Wendy C: anti bullying training for kids, “buddy not a bully”.

ACTION item: Graham will discuss bully action plan with Danika and share the school’s bully action plan with PAC.

ACTION item: Graham will contact Katey Simmons at Mildred Hall regarding their approach to bullying.

b.) Trustees report (John): see PAC email from John.

ACTION item: Rosie to get in touch re: French for parents (board meetings are second Tuesday of every month)

c.) PAC chairs meeting updates: accommodation plan was released, look over/review Superintendent policies, still looking for new JHS chair/co-chair

ACTION item: Lisa to do monthly email from PAC to Graham to have in weekly newsletter

3.) Hot topics

a.) PAC survey results: nothing new

b.) Outdoors Committee: Support for the program at the trustee board meeting regarding bush kids. CEPA program in first year, still finding balance between principles of the program and YK1 administrative procedure. Emma is working on finding a way for the administrative procedure to work with CEPA and Sissons school community. How can the PAC support this: work on the wording to counter the administrative procedure and then together support it to take forward to the YK1 board. Weather station: proposal needed, project was started last year.

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c.) Plant Sale: Graham has sign up list which will be online for teachers to sign up.

ACTION item: Graham to discuss at next staff meeting

d.) Parent Info Sessions: evening session (need date and location) Chantel to talk about inquiry-based Learning. To be announced to all of YK1

e.) Promotion of CPF: see above

f.) Arts at JHS: see above

g.) Treats for Teachers: Dec 17

ACTION ITEM: Jocelyn to send out email one week prior

h.) JHS School Renewal: library still being discussed. Final presentation to come soon from Stantec.

ACTION ITEM: John - does Sissons need a new name? What is the process for getting a new school name?

ACTION ITEM: Graham and staff - What is the process of saying good-bye to the current school? An open house, silent auction...

4.) Other items:

Carla's ideas: Raffle fundraiser in January around concert time- would need lottery licence to do and time to gather raffle items. Rosie willing to help with gathering items downtown. Ice cream/popsicle fundraiser at Valentines.

ACTION item: Carla to email PAC costs

Next PAC meeting: 15 Jan 2020