

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Notes – DRAFT
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
7 pm at JH Sissons Music Room

Present: Lisa McShane, Rachell Simmons, Wendy Lahey, Kerry Wheler, Wendy Campeau, Satish Garikaparathi
Regrets: Katherine Harris, Brigitte Rivet

Action Items (by month):

(Jan 16)

1. Satish will ask Mac's gas station about providing milk crates to make benches for inside the wall tent
2. Wendy to buy 2 black sleds to help transport wood and stuff out to the wall tent
3. Rachell is meeting with Jessica Payeur - CPF NWT Executive Director in the near future to discuss. Rachell will update Lisa on when the meeting is.
4. Wendy L will send a hot topic email to update parents on the town hall meeting
5. Wendy C will follow up with Al Shortt/Trevor Kasteel for an update on his email with Kevin McLeod Dept of Infrastructure regarding the geotechnical report
6. Our PAC is going to try to meet with the all PACs to listen to their concerns
7. Share Stephane's ideas for the playground (rope and tire equipment, human fusbll) and let him know what we would be interested in supporting.

(Dec 12)

1. PAC to discuss at March 2019 meeting how PAC funds should be spent. Ideas collected include Stephane's requests for the playground, \$2000- 3000 for forest and nature school programming, mascot, math parent information night.
2. Wendy L. will follow up with Reitsmas/Greg Skauge about his shop class building a wood box.
3. PAC to discuss access to visual arts (currently no visual art room) – visual art carts, supplies, mentorship/training

(Nov 14)

1. Wendy will follow up at the next PAC Chairs meeting about interest and logistics for a parent information session on Google Classroom.

(Oct 2018)

1. Brigitte or Rachell will review instructions for operating wood stove and translate them to be hung in the wall tent.

(June 2018)

1. A communication package for new families, including types of events and when, PAC, resources available, etc. is in progress.
 2. Miki will ask Centre for Climate Services about funding assistance for a weather station at the school. Miki has a meeting in February to discuss this.
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1. Welcome and approval of agenda and previous minutes

- December 12, 2018 minutes approved. No changes.

2. Quick standing updates

a) Principal's/PAC Financial Report - Rachell

Academic Evaluations

- English Language Arts (ELA) –Fontas & Pinnell, Grades 3, 4, and 5

Professional Development Sessions/Training

- Dec 17 - Mentorship JK
- Dec 21 - STIP (Outdoor Experiential Program am/ teacher directed pm)

General Information

- Dec 19 – Winter concert (11 am JK/K; 6:30 pm grades 1-3)
- PAC treats for the teachers was really nice
- Cadeau de la lecture Dec 10-20

Upcoming Events

- January 18 - PAC movie night moved to February 1
- January 22 - JK-3 Parent Information Evening Math
- January 24 - 4-8 Parent Information Evening Math
- February 7 - JK/K Parent Information Evening 6:30
- February ??? - Petit Chefs
- February 11 - Literacy night for parents 1-3- Caroline Roux

PAC Financial report

- Subway lunch fundraiser \$1160, still awaiting invoice for December 13 lunch

b) Trustee's Report – Satish

- Mostly positive vibes after meeting last week about the school renewal project, most families Satish has talked to have been content with the proposed plan.
- Capital planning update:
 - The roof at William Mac needs to be repaired
 - NJ MacPherson is sinking and will need to be rebuilt in the next 5 years.
- YK 1 will be putting all the questions and their answers from the school renewal town hall meeting will be posted on the YK1 website, please

encourage parents to continue to send concerns about the school renewal project to yk1@yk1.nt.ca.

- Next meeting in February, the board will be making their planning days for next 3 years.

c) Communications Report – Lisa

- No update

3. Hot Topics

a) Outdoor Committee

- Wood was delivered to Rachell's house and parents are helping to bring it over as needed
- Wendy offered to show the teachers how to light a fire in the wall tent today and 1 teacher attended
- Kerry suggesting that volunteer parents can help light the fire in the morning and then the teachers can just keep the fire going. She'll start on Friday January 18, Rachell will organize a signup form for the teachers to sign up for times throughout the day
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- **Action Item:** Wendy to buy 2 black sleds to help transport wood and stuff out to the wall tent

b) Plant Sale

- Still planning on attending the February 7th staff meeting to follow up with teachers and will include a formal sign up sheet for teachers to indicate interest.
- Email was sent out looking for volunteer parents to take over the planning of the plant sale. Response has been slow.

c) Parent Information Sessions

- See above.
- Google classroom parent info night (district wide) – Wendy L. talked to Martin Male and will now bring it up at the PAC chairs meeting.

d) Walking School Bus

- Email sent out to parents interested in it last year - looking at beginning in the spring.

e) Promotion of CPF

- **Action Item:** Rachell is meeting with Jessica Payeur - CPF NWT Executive Director in the near future to discuss. Rachell will update Lisa on when the meeting is.

f) JHS School Renewal

- **Action Item:** Wendy L will send a hot topic email to update parents on the town hall meeting. This will include what happened at the meeting? Next steps? Where to find information? ECE, YK1, encourage parents to come to public meetings at both JH Sissons and William Mac
- **Action Item:** PAC is going to try to meet with all of the PACs to listen to their concerns
- **Action Item:** Katherine will follow up with Al Shortt/Trevor Kasteel for an update on his email with Kevin McLeod Dept of Infrastructure regarding the geotechnical report

g) Safety

- Drug free zone signs have been designed by Mike Gibbons, Rachell will have to follow-up. May not be necessary at this point.

4. Other Items

- **Movie night**
 - Looking at February 1, JK - 5, designated person to supervise JK/K 1:1
 - Plan to have fruit snack options again

Next meeting - Wednesday, February 13 at 7 pm

Review of Action Items from previous meeting