

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Draft Meeting Notes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Present: John Stephenson, Wendy Lahey, Wendy Campeau, Katherine Harris, Brigitte Rivet

Action Items:

1. Brigitte: Will follow up with teachers and Caroline regarding info sessions on literacy, mathematics, Google platform and PBIS.
2. Brigitte: Will consult with walltent committee and Sheila (and an elder/knowledge keeper) to have a feed the fire ceremony and grand opening of the wall tent (to be open all day for classes) on Wed Nov 14.
3. Wendy L: Will order a chord of wood to be dumped beside the shed with half moved to behind the shed and half moved to inside the shed.
4. Wendy L: Will assist Kerry Wheler in hosting our first outdoors committee meeting.
5. Wendy C.: Will suggest dates to admin for lunch fundraisers (one per month) which will now be arranged by the PAC.
6. Katherine: Will follow up with parent volunteer Rachel to consolidate information from the PAC Survey.
7. Wendy C: Will ask those interested in fundraising if they would like to find funds for a weather station.
8. Katherine: Will put together minutes for Sept.
9. Wendy L.: Will put together minutes for Oct.
10. Lisa or Wendy C. will try to send out an end of the month hot topics from PAC for parents.
11. Wendy L: Will invite Byron Fitzky to be in charge of set up/take down annually.
12. Brigitte or Rachel: Will review instructions for operating wood stove and translate them to be hung in the walltent.
13. Wendy C: Will send the PAC calendar events to Brigitte/Rachel to be posted on the website.
14. Wendy L.: Follow up with Miki E. to see if she has looked for any potential funds available.

1. Welcome and approval of agenda and minutes

- Approval of minutes for Sept will happen at November meeting.

2. Quick Standing Updates

a. Principal's/PAC Financial Report – Brigitte Rivet

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- We recently had one of the best shows we've ever had for children – a musical performance by Miranda Currie, Kerry Wheler and Andrea Bettger.
- We commenced dismantling the rink, next session is Saturday October 20 at 10 am. More space is needed for recess and the rink will be repurposed into a human foosball rink, if possible.
- Funding opportunities are available through CPF (Canadian Parents for French) but the NWT chapter is in jeopardy because more volunteers are needed. Please let the school know if you're interested in volunteering.
- Lots of mentorships happening between Grade 1, 2 and 3 teachers this month
- Fundraiser lunches will be organized by the PAC this year instead of having classrooms do this. Wendy C. will coordinate the first
- **Action:** Brigitte will follow up with teachers and Caroline regarding info sessions on literacy, mathematics, Google platform and PBIS.
- **Action:** Katherine will bring forward the idea of YK1 doing a Google classroom at the PAC Chairs/Superintendent meeting tomorrow.

b. Trustee's Report – John

- Elections were held on October 15. Trustees elected are Rajiv Rawat, Satish Garikaparathi, Jay Butler, Tina Drew, Terry Brookes, John Stephenson and new to the board Al McDonald - former long time YK1 educator. Al Shortt will not be a trustee for the YK1 Board. JHS will know who their board representative will be before our Nov 14 meeting. The new board is sworn in on Nov. 13 along with the annual organization meeting and first board meeting of the new board.
- Fundraiser dinner this Saturday for the Rockhill apt families.
- GNWT is going to France to recruit teachers. Remote areas are particularly short staffed.
- Borehole drilling report, re the new JHS site, was delayed. Anticipating it will be available mid-Nov and an information session will occur (date and format TBD).
- See communique link to NWT education leaders meeting on the topic of improving student success
<https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/minister-meets-nwt-education-leaders-discuss-initiatives-aimed-improving-student-success>

c. Communications Report

- **Action:** Lisa or Wendy C. will try to send out an end of the month hot topics from PAC for parents.

3. Hot Topics

a. Outdoors Committee / playground – Wendy

- Wall tent is up and complete with a wood stove.
- Instructions on how to use the woodstove will be hung in the wall tent.

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- Kerry Wheler has volunteered to start the fire during the week if teachers need the help.
- **Action:** Wendy will invite Byron Fitzky to be in charge of set up/take down annually.
- **Action:** Brigitte or Rachell will review and translate instructions on using the wood stove and have them hung in the wall tent.
- **Action:** Wendy and/or Kerry will have a meeting with people interested in supporting the outdoors committee.

b. Plant Sale – Katherine

- Katherine and Erica will do a short presentation for teachers at the November 6 staff meeting. This intent of this is to make sure all teachers are aware of the plant sale, how it contributes to the fundraising at the school, and how they can be involved (individually and with their classrooms).

c. Parent Information Sessions - Emotional Intelligence, PBIS, Literacy

- proposed dates for info sessions are in the PAC calendar
- **Action:** Wendy C. will send the PAC calendar events to Brigitte/Rachell to be posted on the website.

d. Walking School Bus - Wendy

- **Action:** Wendy will send an email to last year's small committee to see if they are interested in trying this again for this spring.

4. Other Items

a. Update on road safety in front of Sissons

- The City has put in red flashing lights at the stop sign to improve safety and slow down traffic.
- **Action:** Julian K. will follow up with City of YK about getting no parking signs on the road in front of the school.

b. Weather station

- Action:** Follow up with Miki E. to see if she has looked for any potential funds available.