

JHS Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Meeting Notes - DRAFT

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

7 pm in the Music Room

Present: Katherine Harris, Wendy Lahey, Wendy Campeau, Brigitte Rivet, Rachell Simmons, Satish Garikaparthi, Darha Philpot, Stephane Sevigny

Action Items (by month):

(March 6)

1. Katherine will provide list of those who have offered through the survey to volunteer at Camp de Neige.
2. Update these notes after meetings (PAC Chairs meeting, Advisory Group meeting) happening this week.
3. Rachell will provide an estimate (based on previous years) for bringing an artist into work with the teachers, and she will ask Jen Walden if she has other ideas for funding (NWT Arts Council).
4. PAC will revisit the art concept in April.
5. Wendy will follow up about a wood box (right now some is in the tent, which seems to be working well).
6. Rachell and Brigitte will let the plant committee know the best location for the light stands.
7. Wendy will follow up at the PAC chairs meeting tomorrow on Google classroom for next year.
8. Stephane will provide an ECE contact and name of the funds.
9. Add in hot topics that looking for parents who could manage the walking school bus.
10. Wendy Campeau will add information to Hot Topics from the JHS Advisory Group meeting.

(Feb 20)

1. PAC to draft an email to request ECE hire an accommodation consultant as soon as possible.
2. Wendy L. will follow up with Martin Male about delivering a Google classroom parent information session in April.
3. Lisa will follow up with Jessica Payeur (CPF NWT Executive Director) about interest in the CPF YK1 representative role. Also email (or cc) Wendy Cardstart (CPF president until AGM).
4. Wendy will follow up with Stephane to find out what he needs for establishing the adventure playground.
5. Wendy will draft a statement for CBC based on comments on the revised timeline for the accommodation plan from this meeting.

(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 Steve 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

(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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- f. Welcome and approval of agenda and previous minutes – Feb
- Deferred

f. Quick Standing Updates

a. Principal's/PAC Financial Report – Rachelle

Academic Evaluations

MDI – grade 4/5 – sense of belonging in family, in school, outside of school
EDI (Early Development Instrument) for Kindergarten – looks at social, emotional, motor, vocabulary skills. Score each child on scale of 1-10 or 1-5.

Report Card completion

Naglieri Gifted Testing – Grade 3

PD Sessions/ Training

Feb 20 – Mentorship Grade 1

Feb 21-23 – Junior kindergarten (JK) Conference Edmonton (3 JK teachers)

Feb 25-27 – Indigenous Conference Edmonton (1 Teacher) – main topics on Indigenous culture, integrating into western way of teaching

March 7, 12 & 13 – NVCi (Non-violent Crisis Intervention)

March 11 – Chantal Larivière Science inservice – Grade 5

March 12 – Chantal Larivière Science inservice – Grade 3

March 13 – Chantal Larivière Science inservice – Grade 4

General Information

- Author visit Grade 2 & 3 – Louise Tondreau-Levert

Upcoming Events (March 7 – 14)

- Mar 7 – ASAP Dance performance / throat singing (two grade 5 students)/ Drop the Pop bottle presentation (each student will get a bottle)
- Mar 12 & 13 – Parent / Teacher interviews

- Camp de neige after March break – info out next week (2 days per grade; k-3)
ACTION: Katherine will provide list of those who have offered to volunteer through the survey.

Financial Update

PAC Budget – current balance is \$7,900

b. Trustee’s Report – Satish

- Department ECE and INF are moving ahead with hiring an accommodation planner (contract has been awarded to TAG). The accommodation planner will do meetings with parents and stakeholders. Accommodations planner will be in contact with YK1 directly and will be doing work according to scope of work. YK1 will coordinate meetings. The accommodation planner’s scope of work will be:
 1. Attend or facilitate engagement meetings.
 2. Prepare materials illustrating proposed move.
 3. Provide recommendations for the move and/or stacking plans.
 4. Assist with preparing cost estimates for accommodations.
- A JHS Rebuild Advisory Group is being established, starting from March 2019 and will continue for period of 10 months approximately. This group will have 6 members in total:
 - Staff Members (recommended is Principal +2)
 - JHS Parent Representation (3 Parents selected from PAC)
- Metro is heavily engaged in discussions and meeting with parents and teachers from schools. All communications on this topic will be through YK1 office for unified information.
- **ACTION:** Update these notes after meetings (PAC Chairs meeting, Advisory Group meeting on March 7) happening this week.
- Budget for 2019-20 (fiscal year ends in June) was a good, balanced budget, will come to Board for approval

c. Communications Report

No update.

3. Hot Topics

a. PAC funding allocation

- Stephane proposed a project, **Hebertisme** (natural structures/circuit outside), and is happy to help (advise not lead, help build it but not coordinate) parents make it happen. Great for kids’ physical literacy and cooperation.
 - The PAC could approach ECE for funding (leveraged funding – funding for in-kind work). Not a lot of money would be required for the Hebertisme. Businesses could provide donations. Project budget would determine what could be purchased and installed. Once determined, Stephane will identify what to purchase.

- Insurance, etc. would then need to be researched and presented as part of a proposal to YK1. Project will need to be aware of rules/criteria to be met.
- Motion to approve \$2000 for this project was completed over email. All in favour.
- Rachelle proposed the PAC cover the cost for 6 days of 1 substitute teacher to cover Camp de Neige (k-3) – 6x\$313= \$1,878. PAC usually funds this.
- Rachelle proposed the PAC cover some of the substitute teacher costs of On the Land experience for the next group (grade 4) (6 days for 1 person) – 6x\$313= \$1,878.
- Rachelle proposed PAC cover accommodation cost for 2 nights for 2 teachers and gas, etc. for the Hay River track and field meet in June ~about \$600.
- Question: How is Sissons supporting arts?
 - Jen Walden worked with grades 2, 3, and 4 and is now working with grade 5s. Next year school year she will do project outside with the whole school.
 - Students making coasters out of mosaic and then will make a mosaic on a big board next year.
- Proposal for an arts cart at school – package of supplies that kids could grab and do the project; could be different themes each month; school would provide dedicated space; PAC could provide supplies; YK1/school could provide professional development for the teacher – hire artists to work with teachers.
 - An art cart would be challenging. Art room is full of stuff.
 - There would be no more PD training this year, but next year could have artists (e.g., Tracy Bryant) show teachers how to use the material. Jen Walden could come in the fall to work with teachers. Robin Stewart works at Range Lake.
 - Paint night with one of the artists could be a good fundraising idea.
 - Space restrictions and time.

Decisions:

- No mascot
- Allocate funds for next year (September) for bringing in an artist– Jen Walden, others – go through what’s here and offer – sub time,
ACTION: Rachell will provide an estimate (based on previous years) for bringing an artist into work with the teachers. Ask Jen if she has other ideas for funding (NWT Arts Council).
- Motion: Approve substitute teacher for Camp de Neige (\$1,878); substitute teacher for On the Land experience (\$1,878); Hay River track and field. All in favour.
- **ACTION:** PAC will revisit the art concept in April.

b. Outdoors Committee

ACTION: Wendy will follow up about a wood box (right now some is in the tent, which seems to be working well).

c. Plant Sale Update

- Emails were sent to teachers and parents who volunteered to plant over a two-week period. Jocelyn and Kaja are taking over the project. Seeds are ordered for home planting kits – emails will go out soon.
- School is sorting out the light stand locations (not on back stairs).
ACTION: Rachelle and Brigitte will let plant committee know the best location.
- First weekend of June (June 1) instead of May 25th as the plant sale. Plant committee will have to confirm the date with Sissons.

d. Parent Information Sessions

- Done for this year.
- Action:** Wendy will follow up at the PAC chairs meeting tomorrow on Google classroom for next year.

e. Walking School Bus

- Stephane suggested the PAC could approach ECE and/or the City for Walking Bus coordinator funding. Some communities hire people to do this. Businesses might be willing to pay employees an hour to walk with the kids. Think creatively on how to support the project.
 - **ACTION:** Stephane will provide an ECE contact and name of the funds.
 - **ACTION:** Add in hot topics that looking for parents who could manage the walking school bus.

f. Promotion of CPF

- No update.

g. Arts at JHS

- See above.

g. JHS School renewal

- Update after tomorrow PAC chairs meeting
- Sissons Advisory Group meeting March 7-8.

ACTION: Wendy Campeau will add information to Hot Topics from this meeting.

4. Other Items

Next meeting – April 10th