

## **December PAC Meeting**

Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00pm

Peter Greer Elementary School/École Peter Greer Elementary

In attendance: Taylor Conlin (president), Josh Goode (vice-president), Danielle Lamb (treasurer), Stefanie Schumer (secretary), Laura Murphy, Justine D'Amico

By zoom: James Minkus (principal), Christina Catton, Kellie Ozanne, Erin Talbot, Caitlin Harper

1. Land acknowledgement (Danielle)
2. Adoption of agenda – Stefanie motions, Laura seconds
3. Adoption of minutes from November 14th meeting – Justine motions, Josh seconds
4. Vacancies for 2023-24 (Taylor)
  - a. Hot lunch coordinator – position is still vacant. The people who are doing it now would like a break. Can we repost this on ClassDojo and on the WAAG?
  - b. New PAC exec members will be needed for next year – this should maybe be mentioned to Blossom Montessori, New Beginnings and kindergarten parents to recruit new members. Pamphlets in backpacks are a good way to reach kindergarten parents.
5. Principal/Vice Principal report (James)
  - a. French immersion kindergarten parent session is on Jan. 16th at 6pm, both on Zoom and Microsoft teams. Anyone interested is invited. The goal would be to fill two full classes of French immersion next year. Info is posted in the newsletter  
We really need to get the word out about the FI program!
    - Email the info to the 4 local daycares and preschools
    - Post on FB Lake Country Moms and One Community
    - Post on Lake Country Calendar – Stef will check if it is in the *Lake Country Calendar* and *What's Happening this week?*

- b. Last year at this time we saw higher numbers than average for illness in students and staff. This has not happened so far this year, although the flu, RSV and Covid are definitely around.
- c. Report cards are coming home next Thursday. Term 2 will start the first day back in January. Report cards are increasingly assessing students in communication, collaboration, personal and cultural identity, personal and culture awareness.
- d. We need at least 2 more supervisors! We have 2 supervisors, but we need more people available to call in as needed. These positions are part time, (1-5 hours/week, depending on need), basic first aid would be an asset, but the school would be grateful for anyone at this point. Pay is \$22.38/hour. Hours are 11:14am-12:14pm on weekdays. Anyone interested would contact the school.
- e. Volleyball – The students are really enjoying it. PGE had a jamboree with Davidson and Oyama recently. Thank you to Ms. Guthry, Ms. Dion and Ms. Catton for coaching.
- f. Composting – thank you Mme Catton, Ms. Savage and gr5 leadership students. It's running really well. The kids are being very responsible and doing a great job!

6. Written reports to be shared if applicable:

- a. COPAC (Caitlin)
  - Guest speaker, Rhonda Ovalson(?), from Feeding Futures program gave a presentation about the programs they are running. This includes the Breakfast program, Brown Bag program, and the Backpack program (which provides food to families with food insecurity during school breaks). Food insecurity is a growing concern in our community. Over 1000 students are accessing the Breakfast and Brown Bag programs in Lake Country, and over 300-500 students need the Backpack program. Rhonda is working with the district finance team to create a donation option on School Cash Online to allow others to support this cause.
  - COPAC is working with the SD23 Learning Dept to offer a free, district-wide parent education program about Media Literacy and Online Education.
  - Caitlin received a survey from SD23 asking about playground enhancements. Apparently lots of schools are fundraising for playground materials without the district's knowledge. The process

for approval from the district is quite involved, and the district is asking requests be submitted. Caitlin confirmed there are currently no projects or requests.

- b. Treasurer (Danielle) – report is attached
  - Danielle submitted the gaming funds questionnaire on behalf of the PAC
  - Art Cards did really well this year! We received a bonus amount from them after the fundraiser.
  
- c. Fundraising
  - Socks (Taylor) – Thank you to Emily for her work on this. We made just over \$100, but this fundraiser has been a big hassle. The company running it is not organized, and we are still waiting on the cheque. We will NOT be doing this one again!
  - Growing Smiles (Taylor) – Brought in \$600. This is slightly less than last year, but still good.
  - Winter 50/50 raffle (Taylor) – This is running now. Draw is Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are currently at \$1140, which is low. We want to keep promoting and sharing this. Davidson and Oyama are both running raffles right now too.
  - Art cards (Darci) – This was a major success this year. We made \$2200!! The great quality art produced by the students really helped – thanks teachers!
  - Save-On - We are getting \$600 from Save-On. We need to keep pushing this one. We get 5% back on every gift card purchased in PGE's name. Laura suggested doing a booth in front of Save-On on the weekend and promoting this event with the community? It could represent all the schools.
  
- d. Events
  - Movie night – TBD more next meeting
  - Valentine's Dance with other schools – the other schools are very interested. There is also possibly going to be an End-of-Year Dance at Grenda, which would be for gr5s only.
  
- e. Fun Lunch (Jane) – tabled
- f. Fruit and veggie program (Sasha) - tabled
- g. Yearbook (Sue) –tabled
- h. Vice-president (Josh) - nothing to report
- i. President (Taylor) - nothing to report

7. Action items from reports

- a. Mme Catton requested some funds for the fencing program. This program benefits grades 1-5. Christine would like to book it before the Christmas holidays. She is hoping to run it the last week of April. The amount requested is \$1500. We have \$3000 available. It could also come out of gaming funds (\$20/student). Erin motioned that PAC approve funding up to \$1500 for the fencing program – Erin motions, Justine seconds. All in favour.
- b. Stefanie asked if a gluten-free option could be offered for Pizza Lunches so that kids with gluten allergies can also participate. Christina and James will check with Ms. Dion about this.
- c. Lost and Found- some parents have expressed frustration with the amount of stuff in the Lost and Found, and the fact that clothes are being donated when we are a school with families in need. How can we make it easier for parents to come in and check for lost items? James pointed out that:
  - The school gives 3 weeks notice before items are donated
  - Classes come down to check the bins for lost items
  - Clothes are kept in bags and held beyond the deadline so that people can come in and check after the deadline
  - Parents are welcome to contact the school to come in and look through the bins anytime

Perhaps parents could be encouraged to check the Lost and Found while attending the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 20? Christine suggested having leadership students take a video of the clothes and post it on the PAC Dojo and the PGE facebook page so that parents can see the items. This was well received.

8. Motion to adjourn – Erin motions, Taylor seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Next meeting: January 9th, 2024