

Peter Greer Elementary - Parent Advisory Committee

Agenda - October 8th, 2019

Attendance: Stephanie L., Cait, Susan M., Roslyn H., Jen J., Carlene, Craig C., James M., Jeremy S., David, Emily B. Emily G., Louise C., Shannon B.

1. Adoption of Agenda - Ros, Jen
2. Adoption of Minutes from September 11th, 2019 – Susan, David
3. Special Presentation - Alex Chan & Sheena Welsh: Art Proposal

Art project proposal – Sheena showed a video of a felter making murals and backdrops. The students would dye, prepare and sew the project. The indigenous advocates are also a part of this project. This would be for 2 classes of grade 3-4 students. They want to make a mural, masks to show the history of the Okanagan valley and peoples, and indigenous ways of learning. This would stay in the school and be shown to the younger students, and also possibly shown at an assembly.

Total cost for the 9-week project = \$3450.00 – the artist would come once a week for 9 weeks. Grant would cover 70% (if they get the grant).

\$1035.00 is the 30% remainder. They are asking \$550.00 from the PAC.

There was a motion to pay the whole \$1035.00 contingent on them getting the grant. – Steph brought the motion, Ros seconded– all were in favour.

4. Reports:

4.1.President's Report (Stephanie)

4.1.1. French Immersion survey is up and running. 180 responses so far. Stephanie is going to keep it live for a while longer. She has sent it to the other local schools and pre-schools, and on the Lake Country community website.

4.1.2. Harvest Social Wrap Up – Thank you to Carlene for donating the pumpkins. Feedback has been that it went smoothly. Set up with the grade 5 students went well. Gunny sacks need to be replaced for next year – Vogt's coffee in Vernon is somewhere we can get then next year. Cait says donuts too big this year (we can't get the smaller donuts from Winfield bakery anymore) – perhaps smaller donuts next year from Save-on. James wants to do the music next year, he has some good play lists. Craig notes more chairs needed next time. Do it end of Sept again, it was getting dark and cold at the end of the night. Family photo booth was popular – photographer Carly was good.

4.2.Treasurer's Report (Roslyn) – please see Ros' summary. She notes there is no longer a PayPal account, it has been closed.

Gaming money will arrive this month \$9300. This is less than last year and we are not sure why – perhaps because we did not spend it all last year. \$9300 is \$20 per student. We will be doing two \$500 COBSS bursaries – one to a French Immersion student and one to an English student.

4.3. Other Reports

4.3.1. Hot Lunch (Jen, Darci & Nadine) – One hot lunch so far, no issues. Volunteer slots are full until February. (Every other week.) Jen wants someone to help with the back-end work. Emily is interested to help her. We are going to go ahead with weekly hot lunches in the session running Dec 5- Jan 23. Steph will add in the new volunteer slots. This will be re-evaluated at the December PAC meeting; we will assess how the volunteer sign-ups are going then.

4.3.2. Noon Hour Programmes (Carlene) – Choir to start first Friday in November, the teacher would like to perform at the Christmas Craft night, which is Dec. 17th-ish.

4.3.3. Fruit & Veggie Program (Carlene) – Prune plums were delivered last month, next is Oct 23rd and it's going to be carrots. Volunteers are set until the end of January.

4.3.4. Social Media (David) - He is posting weekly WAAG, monthly newsletter, shopping fundraiser group set up. Next month he is going to work on our story, on website links. He would like clarifications on what he can post in terms of photos of kids. No individual shots, no faces with names.

4.3.5. Volunteer Coordinator (Roslyn) – no trouble with volunteers so far. 10 GESS students helped with face-painting at Harvest Social.

4.3.6. Yearbook (Cait)- Cait has made Google share albums, and sent the link to PAC members. She would like parents to add photos of school events.

4.3.7. Spirit Wear (Lindsay) - no report. She will put in order for teachers' clothing soon.

4.3.8. COPAC (Lindsay) – no report

5. Principal / Vice-Principal Reports (James & Jeremy) – Parent-teacher conferences are next week. This Friday, October 11th is an implantation day and there are no classes. 7 teachers attending Play Is The Way seminar. FI teachers are learning about team-building and resources. The rest of the teachers are going to a Wild School learning seminar at GESS – this is outdoor learning. They will be outdoors doing hands-on learning – bringing shovels and boots.

One class has applied for chefs to come in to the school, grow food and prepare meals – programme is called Chefs in the Classroom. School goals – social emotional learning, core competencies, self assessments, outdoor learning, indigenous ways of learning and others. Class review meetings starting tomorrow – discussions of resources needed for each class. FSA (grade 4) has started. 11 requests to not participate, only one family has actually refused to participate in the end.

6. Fundraising Reports

6.1. Art Cards - Steph – went out to teachers last week, the art is due to go home Oct 18th and then orders are due back in Oct 28th.

- 6.2. Funscrip Coordinator Needed – gift card fundraiser. Ros will look into it in January – there is a fair bit of work involved to do a big order, rather than just individual orders. Carlene will monitor it for now.
- 6.3. Vernon Teach & Learn - Adria – November 29th. We get 25% back in gift cards. Stephanie will make posters and put them up.
- 6.4. Purdy's – Roslyn – Flyers are made up – Nov 29th is the last date to order.
- 6.5. Poinsettias – Susan will set delivery date in early December, order dates TBA

7. New Business

- 7.1. ILC Music Lessons - Steph – ILC looking into guitar lessons with Travis, a local teacher. School has 7 guitars, they need 8 more guitars. Approx \$160 at Empire Music, Wentworth has a rent-to-buy programme, small guitars would cost \$400 for 2 months' rental of 8 guitars. \$220 each. We don't know how much lessons will cost yet. Keystone music also sells instruments. There is concern that the 7 current guitars haven't been used. We think it would be better to use the 7 we have and if it proves successful, to order more.
- 7.2. Bathroom Motivational Quotes - Steph & Jeremy – Mme. Catton and Mr. Maltais have asked for a Cricket Vinyl Cutter so the leadership group WEBAM can work on bathroom beautification with positive messages, and also to make a problem-solving arch. Cricket vinyl cutting machines are available at Costco. Rolls of vinyl are separate, fonts have to be purchased separately. Jeremy will ask the teachers to submit a proposal for us to consider buying one of these. Could come out of fine art budget this year.
- 7.3. Composting - Steph – Spa Hills out of Salmon Arm will do weekly pick-up programme \$45 per week. There would be one tote at the school, smaller classroom buckets would be emptied into the larger school bucket. David notes there may be grants available for waste reduction and he will look into this. Staff meeting Oct 24th – Stephanie will do a small presentation to try to get the teachers on board.
- 7.4. PGE Movie Night - Roslyn & Craig. We can borrow a screen from KLO. Date chosen: November 15 (22nd as back-up) 5:30 doors open, movie starting at 6pm. Craig will see about borrowing the screen and look into movie selections. Popcorn, candy, pizzas, same as last year.
- 7.5. School Dance - Adria & Steph – Valentines Family Dance, DJ B Mack, Feb 13th, 6pm, tentative date.
- 7.6. Indigenous Club Movie Day - Steph – they are looking to borrow the popcorn machine and to donate popcorn. Craig will get popcorn for this and movie night.
- 7.7. School Technology request - Jeremy wants a new iMac for movie editing, but request is on hold for now. This is for the film crew in grades 5-6, and he wants to get this rolling before spending money. He will price out the hardware.
- 7.8. Family Fun Night Games - Steph – need a crew to fix up some of the games, new ideas. One idea is a mini-obstacle course. More outside games would be great. Giant Jenga. Hockey games instead of just shooting. Beanbag toss. Fun night meeting planned for just before next PAC meeting, Nov 12 at 5:30.
- 7.9. Pizza fundraiser – starting November 1st. Pizza alternating with pasta. Using school cash online. First session ordering to be up by next week.
- 7.10. Christmas craft night date- December 17th 5-7 pm

8. School reading prizes: 1st place \$200 to LC Cycle – Tatum Bender-Bell, 2nd place \$50
Indigo – Ellie Calhoun, \$25 Indigo – Anna Roberts

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday November 12th, 2019