

Peter Greer Elementary - Parent Advisory Committee

Minutes - September 15th, 2020

Attendance: Ros, Katie, Emily, Darci, Jeremy, Lindsay, Tammy, Louise, David, Crystal, James, Jen, Carlene, Adria, Shannon

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Executive Positions 2020-2021
 - 2.1. Secretary - David Wylie: Motion: Ros / Second: Shannon, Lindsay (elected)
 - 2.2. Vice-President - Caitlin Harper: Motion: Ros / Second: Lindsay, Darci (elected)
3. Adoption of Agenda: Motion: Ros / Second: Emily (carried)
4. Adoption of Minutes from June 9th, 2020: Motion: Ros / Second: David, Lindsay (carried)
5. Special Presentation: Mme Dewolf - Big Life Journals
 - Mme Dewolf was unable to attend, but may be able to at October meeting
 - Seeking financial support from PAC for Big Life Journals
6. Reports:
 - 6.1. President's Report (Stephanie)
 - Full report below
 - 6.2. Treasurer's Report (Roslyn)
 - Posted under Minutes on PGE PAC website
 - 6.2.1. Bank Account Vote
 - Vote to change bank from TD to Interior Savings
 - Motion: Tammy / Seconded: Ros, Lindsay
 - 6.2.2. New signing authorities
 - Motion to add Stephanie Lawton, Roslyn Hazen, Caitlin Harper, and Shannon Bender-Bell as signing authorities
 - Motion: Ros / Seconded: Emily, Tammy (carried)
 - 6.3. Other Reports
 - 6.3.1. Social Media (David)
 - Nothing to report
 - 6.3.2. Yearbook (Cait)
 - More than 100 yearbooks from 2019/20 school year sold online
 - Only one person left to pick up yearbook
 - There are extras copies available for purchase

- Jen will help Cait with yearbook this year
- Mrs. Dion will be the teacher contact
- 6.3.3. Hot Lunch Program (Emily - See President's Report)
 - Hot lunch not possible this year (nor any food fundraiser) due to COVID-19
- 6.3.4. COPAC & Spirit Wear (Lindsay)
 - Nothing to report on COPAC
 - Kindie shirts order will be here in one week

7. Principal / Vice-Principal Reports (James & Jeremy)

James:

- 480 students attending school
- 22 families interested in remote learning, with 15 accepted into e-school program; others have changed their mind or are waitlisted
- New staff includes a Grade 2/3 French teacher and a counsellor (at the school Tuesdays and Wednesdays).
- 45 registrations over the summer, about 15 families left the school
- Smooth startup to the year

Jeremy:

- Developing a social and emotional learning team at the school
- Reminder: there are no drop-offs before 8:20 a.m.

8. Fundraising

8.1. Colibri Fundraiser - Now (Darci)

- Reusable snack bag fundraiser goes until Sept. 21, 2020
- School makes about 45%
- Buy from www.colibrifundraising.com

8.2. Art Cards - October 5th (Stephanie)

- Working out logistics

8.3. Poinsettias - Date TBD (Roslyn)

- Haven't been able to pick delivery date yet
- To be picked up outdoors, social distance

8.4. Purdy's Chocolates - Date TBD (Roslyn)

- Signed up, waiting for pamphlets

8.5. Funscrip - Ongoing (Carlene)

- Variety of gift card sales, with 2-7% going to school
- Can be shipped directly to home
- We lose 1.99% if credit card is used

9. New Business

9.1. Vote: Sports Equipment (James)

- James asking PAC to help pay for new sports equipment

Motion to cover full cost, about \$1,800. Motion: Ros / Seconded: Tammy, Lindsay (carried)

9.2. Music Lessons with Heather

- School gathering teacher interest, and it has support
- PAC to put on the budget as an item after contacting Heather about cost

9.3. Harvest Social 2020

- Cancelled

9.4. Grade 5/6 year-end event

- Uncertain/TBD
- Meeting to be organized in January for parents

Next PAC Meeting: October 13th, 2020

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2020/2021 Peter Greer Elementary PAC Executive

President : Stephanie Lawton

Vice-President: Caitlin Harper

Treasurer: Roslyn Hazen

Secretary: David Wylie

Member at Large: Shannon Bender-Bell & Lindsay Roberts

Committee Leaders:

Hot Lunch: Emily Buss

Hot Lunch Distribution: Darci Vickery & Nadine McKay

Social Media Coordinator: David Wylie

Fruit & Veggie Program: Carlene Evans

Lunch Program Coordinator: Carlene Evans

Yearbook Coordinator: Caitlin Harper

Spirit Wear Coordinator: Lindsay Roberts

COPAC Rep: Lindsay Roberts

President's Report – September 15th, 2020

Welcome to another school year. First of all, my apologies for missing the first meeting of the year. Thank you to Roslyn Hazen for stepping up and chairing the meeting in my absence.

For those that don't know me. My name is Stephanie Lawton, I have two daughters attending PGE in the French Program, one in Grade 4 and the other starting Kindergarten this year.

As we all know this year will be different, we've all accepted that. As a PAC and as President this year my goal and focus will largely be on communication. Unfortunately we are limited in the programs and fundraisers we can host. School events this year will also be suspended until further notice. As a school we focus a lot on community and even though we cannot come together through events I'd still like to focus on this. I'm planning to be in regular contact with our admin to both stay fully updated on ongoing protocols and ways to support the school and each class, as well as to communicate parent concerns and voices.

One of our biggest fundraisers throughout the year is the Hot Lunch program, unfortunately Hot Lunch programs have also been suspended for this school year. The same goes for the Grade six (or Grade 5 & 6 this year) pizza Friday fundraiser. As we will discuss later in the meeting we have been given the green light on a number of other fundraisers.

For those that have been following my progress with regards to extending the French Program to the new middle school. I've been in contact with Rhonda Ovelson (our superintendent) and Amy Geistlinger (School board trustee). Rhonda has been great with keeping me informed of progress. I'm anticipating a community survey to be put out by the school district this fall, followed by a potential forum.

Throughout the year if you have questions, concerns or ideas to bring forward please feel free to send me an email at any time. (pge.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca)

Art Cards Fundraiser Report:

This year Art Cards will be launched on October 5th. Students will work on their art in their classes with teachers. Once completed the art will be set home where parents and guardians can turn their Childs art into various products such as cards, mugs, blankets, posters, magnets, ornaments etc... Final products will be delivered the week of December 1st. More info will be sent out to teachers and parents once launched.