

PAC Meeting
Thursday 2019-09-26

26 PAC members + 4 Exec attending

Welcome to PAC

Looking to fill a Secretary position, please let us know

Call to order 7:06PM

AGM minutes could not be approved, they were not emailed out: Nancy?

Natalie

Welcome Cynthia to the school

Some small changes on the 3rd, and then a smooth start to school on the 4th

Staff update:

- Tassi (OAA: Office Administrative Assistant) help support transition, unfortunately not French/English bilingual, welcoming Natalie (#2) Gagné as replacement
- Thank you to the Garden Committee, very nice to have taken care of over the summer
- Happy to run the program with the whole school, cannot be fully PAC supported, but hoping to find funding for full school
- Graines de Chef for some divisions, conducted in French
- Tassi removed pink slips from Safe Arrival, slight change to procedure, still need parents to help, but fewer required thanks to improved procedure
- Name plaque update: Removed on July 23rd, left with a canvas.
 - Discussed with Exec
 - Would like to do something artistic there, but not sure what it should be, and don't want to go too quick to just put "something" there.
- Adding outdoor program with Grade 5s "Sea to Sky" in late June
 - Securing a time to meet in November to discuss with organizer and decide if it's something that we're willing to proceed with
 - Having something 4-7 makes for a nice flow
 - Has an ecological, outdoor slant

Cynthia

- WITS: Initiative started with supervision aids to make sure they have strategies to deal with conflicts (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help)
- Supervisions aids have been having success, kids are talking and relating to it
- New this year, link coming out in ebulletin (WITS program foundation) for more information
- Aiming to have Gr5s become "WITS leaders" for peer help
- Assemblies to explain and reinforce with children

Q (Tim): Direction of safe arrival? Aiming to phase out?

- Idea is not to eliminate, just trying to streamline/move online without pink slips
- Encourage parents to call ahead if late or not attending

Q(Nancy): Can we email instead of call?

- Can email, but routine is in bulletin

Q(Trish): Can we notify for full week, need to call every day?

- Yes, OAA can mark for whole week, etc.

Nice to have as human element on safe arrival.

Message from the Chair

- Vice Chair is all about learning
- Looking forward to planning for what we can accomplish this year
- Great community at the school
- Lots of volunteers
- Great relationship with Admin
- Occasionally we have contentious issues, but highly likely we could avoid many of them with improved communication
- Posters will be posted for news at North/South doors, will be kept up to date
- Starting new email service, coming soon
- Website coming up soon as well, minutes, bylaws, notifications, contact info, etc.
 - Acting as a centralized location
- Listen-and-learn sessions coming up in music room:
 - Oct 10th 9-9:30
 - Oct 15th 2:30-3pm
 - opportunity to talk to pac exec, offer feedback if you can't make other places, don't like email, etc.
- Subway is gone due to lack of sales, removed due to number of volunteers required vs. amount of money/effort/tradeoffs
- Wednesday currently open, looking into other options, nothing committed to yet
- Pizza has been changed, might be able to change
- Sushi has also been changed, more changes coming. California/Tamago were dropped due to artificial sweeteners which is against guidelines (Never Sell), not allowed in elementary schools
- School board is not telling us what to feed kids, they're directing what they're allowing the school is allowed to offer
- PAC Exec would prefer not to be involved with food, rather hoping coordinators can work with vendors and school
 - Exec only to get involved if escalation of problem

Q: Food committee not part of PAC Exec?

- Volunteer run, PAC Exec doesn't run it, only got involved due to escalation of problems
- Dynamite roll only one division with strict allergy
- PAC Exec trying to be more visible: Booth at welcome back bbq
- Going to do "welcome brochure" for next year, especially for next year

Code of Conduct

Three strike policy at PAC meetings

Introduction to the PAC

PAC is the community of parents

You're automatically a member!

No fees or forms

Can make motions, have voice heard at meetings

PAC Exec helps run PAC community

- Try to help sponsor things
- Not our job to fundraise, however the goal of the PAC is build community, so only fundraising for that purpose
- Looking after your interest from a general perspective

Fiona: Looking for future vice-chair

Due process:

- Discuss issues
- Can put forward motion to vote
- Optionally form committee, and loop back to motion to vote as necessary

Treasurer's Report

- Moving from Excel to Quickbooks Desktop
- Moving to real accounting software, accruals, YTD, etc.
- Re-entered last years, so we can compare to last year's
- Last year's budget is not yet finalized, next meeting will have final numbers for last year and numbers so far
- PIN money has been issued to all teachers (\$100), also reminded that they have \$200 for field trips

Q(Nancy): Can you post budget?

- Yes

Q: Possible to put years farther back into Quickbooks

- Not too easy because of existing data format

Vice-Chair Report

Halloween Haunt coming soon, coming up Oct 30th

- Tim/Peter:
 - Need parent leads in place for all of K/1, 2 sign, 345, 6 (in place), 7 (Cheri for haunted house).

- First meeting next week, will need help
- More info for volunteering coming out in e-bulletin

Q(Nancy): For BBQ and Haunt, talked about doing rotation?

- Would be good, try to plan own successions
- There are events that the 7s run, they now run the haunted house
- Self-planned succession

Q: What is the Halloween Haunt?

- Evening 5:30-8
- Just general event for fun, not really a fundraiser

Safe Arrivals:

- Thanks for volunteers, going well, OK for numbers but feel free to volunteer, approx 1h in the morning every other week, let Cheri know.

Musical:

- Colleen Cotton, going well, first practice yday

Choir:

- Choir for Gr 1-7
- Hasn't started yet, the VSB has changed the rules on choir, VSB is saying that any non-curricular providers must cover liability, etc.
- Might need to be cheques instead
- More information coming soon
- Tentatively Wednesday at lunch

Book fair:

- Oct 23/24 Scholastic Book fair, only 1
- Karen taking over this year
- Book sales, 60% goes back to teachers
- Happens on parent/teacher conference days
- Can send money for lunch purchases or open in evening
- Gr 6 generally run most of the operations, a few parent volunteers required
- Teachers will have bags of you want to donate books to classroom

Sushi:

- Started this week
- Styrofoam will be gone by next week for compostable boxes
- Dynamite still there, but unavailable due to allergy in one class

After school activities:

- Laurie/Nancy
 - They have started up

- Not too late to register
- Schedule available, pay directly to service provider
- Open to suggestions, but need to do some legwork to find good provider
- Don't know upfront what's going to be successful
- Gym space often isn't available

ProD activities, some things that didn't quite work might be good for ProD

- Possibly hip hop
- marine awareness
- one day coding
- financial literacy
- D&D?
- Movies?
- Suggestions welcome

Speaker Series

Three days

- First one in October screen time, how to relate
- May 21st, tentatively booked Dr Ian Pike
- Feb open, looking for interesting speakers

Grants

- Options to apply for grants
- It's a lot of work to apply for grant, many available, but uncertain pay-off
- If we have anyone that is familiar with grant writing, it would be great to have a lead
- Potential supplement to fundraising

Direct donation

- Coming soon, starts after Halloween
- Try to avoid small bake/chocolate sales/etc.
- Prefer to have parents direct donate to fund activities
- Sushi, BBQ, Pizza, etc. are fundraisers as well

Graduation

If your kid is in Gr7, it is time to form a committee to organize that!

There is some money in PAC budget for this, please