

(General) PAC meeting
Thursday January 20th, 2022
Minutes taken by Jennifer Halyk, PAC exec secretary
Present: 27 parents

Chair: Tim.

1. October minutes

Tim asked for someone to approve the minutes. Motion to approve: Heather Bradbury. Seconded: Lorie Metz.

2. School admin update / presentation: Jacquie: Challenging time for everyone; hard time for many families. "Swiss Cheese Prevention Model". "Shaming others does not prevent the spread of covid-19". "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain..." Vivian Greene

Really proud of our teachers who are fostering a love of learning in these very, very challenging times.

a. Staff news:

Cynthia - extending leave into Feb. Retired VP coming in for the day; next week, another retired VP will come in

Mme Brigitte - leaving the school. Going to Carnarvon, a teacher-librarian position. Very sad to be seeing her go. Last day is Friday the 28th. Natalie Zeoli - new teacher-librarian

Mme Perrella - had a baby boy - her job is still posted, interviews happening, TOCs in that position currently, hopefully will know more soon.

b. Report cards: Teachers working on CSL reports, "communicating student learning" - written report card to be issued January 31st, and another one in June. Teachers will be communicating other things as they arrange.

c. Lots of things on hold - student council / sushi lunch / etc.

- d. Somewhat going back to cohorts - being more careful again about mixing and gathering, focussing on health and safety and social-emotional well-being.

Questions for Jacquie:

Nancy - question about grade 8 applications.

Churchill only gave the school office enough applications for number of kids who are in the catchment. Cross-boundary application forms - physically in the office.

Classroom teachers collect the applications. School admin will send them.

Jacquie can't remember dates but will put into e-bulletin.

Churchill is doing an online teams presentation for Grade 7s next week. Kids going to Churchill will be able to participate in that.

Parent-info night - Jacquie will try to include that in e-bulletin as well.

e. Frequent notices about covid exposures:

Thank you for your ongoing support; trying to be open and transparent and communicating as much as we can. I know sometimes it can seem to be too much. Lots of notices going out.

Parent comments: thank you for the transparency, we appreciate getting the notices.

Tim: question about rapid tests - will the school have them?

Jacquie: still waiting, we are told they are coming, but still waiting.

3. Budget: Enoch presenting:

Profit and loss as of Dec 31st, 2022.

Columns:

First column: 2021 budget;

Second column: 2022 Budget was estimate;

Third column: the "% of Budget" is the percentage of where we are at now;

Fourth column: The "Jul 20-Jun21" is last year.

Enoch - "we just distribute the money - we don't really earn it or spend it - goal is to just fundraise what we need for the year.

Direct donations - just shy of our goal.

Gaming grant - got slightly less than we wanted - but most of what we were hoping for.

Expenses: Haven't spent much on PAC operations. The big cost is operating of website for Munch a lunch, and also the Churchill scholarship. We'll have to wait and see what's possible for cultural / extra programs. Laptops: 6,000 over four years. School enhancements - cycling / grade 7 grad / sports equipment

What is the "school growth plan" - admin makes decisions about this - for example, the outdoor garden. Jacquie: every school must submit a plan - our goal is social-emotional learning - use the funds to achieve this goal. Last year - classroom - fidget toys, wiggle chairs, etc. Also - sensory pads, sensory area - helps to self-regulate. Second sensory pass, still to be installed. A "motor lab" - a room where, if kids need some extra time or get wiggles out, there is a trampoline etc., we are hoping to update this area. Teachers who are teaching the zones - books, posters, etc to support social-emotional learning.

Question: Nancy: Saleema Noon booked? Jacquie: yes - two days in May - and parent session at the end of April.

4. Committee reports: Lorie: Happy 2022. Updates from the committees:

After school - on hold

Munch a lunch - on hold - will be back as soon as parents allowed back in the building, stay tuned

Ski club - snowed under.

Diversity committee - send emails to the lebpac

Yearbook - send in your photos

Spiritwear - Beastvan - link: <http://beastvan.com/lebspirit>

Question: Sports Day: possible? Jacquie: Maybe - Douglas Park - with smaller groups - could be possible.

Questions? Concerns?

Tim - asked to close the meeting. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Meeting adjourned 7:40pm.