

Oct 2024, PAC Meeting

Juniper Ridge Elementary School

Parents Advisory Council Meeting

Members present: Hari, Lisa S, Kristi S, Sarah M, Amy G, Tara P, Karla C, Deanna S, Vicky L, Jenna Y.

Welcome and Introductions 6.15pm

- **Introductions & Approve agenda**

- Lisa moves, Marlyse 2nds

Old Business

- Review and adopt old minutes.

- Lisa moves, Sarah 2nds

PAC Operations and Communication

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chequing: \$86 533.79. Approved spending: \$65 165.86. Balance: \$21 367.93

- Gaming: \$7 668.37. Approved spending: \$1 162.17. Balance: \$6 506.20

- Last Fiscal year fundraising:

- Hot Lunch: \$30 594.23

- Growing smiles: \$1 587.17

- 50/50: \$1 503.81

- Purdys: \$1 368.61

- Mables: \$53.11

- Mom's Pantry: \$737.48

- Spirit wear: \$705

- Track and Field Concession: \$459

- Dance: \$4225.19

- Expenses outside of fundraising: \$11 270.22 (includes \$260 in childcare)

- \$4780.01 will be added to the gaming account from chequing as monies earned from 50/50/raffles last year need to be deposited into gaming according to gaming grant rules, bringing gaming to: \$11 286.21. Chequing: \$16 587.92.

- 50/50 license requires monies to be deposited into gaming accounts

- Raffles monies need to be deposited into gaming account and separate from other monies generated

- **DPAC Report**

- Kevin absent, nothing to report

● Fundraisers

- Big Coupon Book – finish approximately the end of October, closing date not confirmed. Still ongoing. Current sales are approximately \$1 000
- WestJet – application is being processed
- Hot Lunch – order numbers are good. Pringle chips seem to be popular.
- Spirit Wear – open on 15th October for 3 weeks.
- Xmas Plants – Dec 3rd confirmed delivery date. Nov 17th closed for orders.
- Movie Nights – Thursday 28th November. Suggested purchase of a popcorn machine at a cost of \$650. Information regarding maintenance, cost of popcorn bags, popcorn, and warranty will be presented at the next meeting. Further details of time and pizza orders will be discussed at the next PAC meeting.

New Business

- Bylaw updates/amendments – district has suggested PAC's bylaws include wording that protects PACs from a majority vote for purchases over \$3 000. Will look at other PAC's wording for their bylaws. Potentially present a revised amendment at the next PAC meeting.
- Scholarships for past JRES students – Discussed the criteria require including, academic, financial need, process to apply and who decides either administration or PAC. No motion to discuss. Agreed this wasn't something PAC was interested in supporting.
- Grants: plants and sports legacy. Kamloops sport legacy fund has an application for \$500 for balls. Marylse to apply. WWF has a grant for \$1500 for plants, deadline end of October. This was further discussed in PAC initiatives below. No motion to pursue grant.
- Book Fair Volunteers: Thursday 10.30-12. 1st week of November. Volunteer slot fulfilled.
- Parent group of neurodivergent students: Jenna discussed the idea to potential have a parent group within the school for Neurodivergent students. After discussion, PAC felt this falls outside of their remit or function as a PAC. PAC offered to support by allowing group to use PAC webpage for advertising/announcements.
- PAC initiative – playground equipment for top field/front garden. Discussed the districts vision to indigenize spaces in schools which would incorporate native plants and indigenous cultural elements. This would happen in consultation with district aboriginal education leadership. Current projects within the school district are taking 2 years for approval. Need more information to decide whether to align our initiative with the districts vision to indigenous spaces – more information to come or to do our own research and revitalize the front space within district's guidelines for outdoor spaces. More details regarding the district's initiative next PAC meeting if available. Discussed monkey bars being installed on upper field. Cost, placement and viability need to be in consultation with the district maintenance department.

MOTION: PAC initiative for the next 2 years to improve outdoor space for the upper field/ other spaces.

Lisa moves, Tara 2nds

Motion passed

- Meeting dates set for the rest of the year: Nov 4th, Dec 9th, Jan 13th, Feb 3rd, Mar 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd.

Principal's Report

- Personal Digital Devices Use Guidelines and Expectations within the district. Each school will develop their own.

- Halloween costumes: no masks, no gore/scary props, no blow-up ones
- Sports: currently cross-country running, volleyball 6 teams, intramurals
- Criminal record check – some tech glitches with the code. Ongoing issue
- Follow up with digital literacy – speakers from the sheriff's department coming in, Grade 6/7 - online safety and social media. K-4 outdoor safety.
- Vision screening happening this month
- No formal teacher/parent interviews. Teachers will invite parents for a meet and greet in classroom in October.
- Picture day this Friday.

Meeting Closed at 8.06