

Valleycliffe Elementary PAC Minutes

Monday 1th Nov 2018

Attendance: Carolyn Green (Chair), Lynne Bouchard, Cheryl Voight, Kim MacLeod, Jen Kelly, Ashley Oakes, Cathy Jester (Vice Chair), Jen Bayley, Christine Montgomery & Christina Walsh

6:00 Call to order

Adoption of the agenda – Kim & Ashley

October PAC Meeting Minutes approval – Jen K. & Ashley. Note: Cathy disagrees with the number (12+) given for past Nature Club attendees.

Principals report – Lynne Bouchard

- Staff say thank you for \$200 + Muff
 - Cross Country went well-thank you to Mr. Prescott
 - Floor hockey started - Mr. Prescott and Mrs. Doherty are supporting these events
 - Student Leadership results for outside Playground: Gaga Pit (won)-9 Square-hockey- we will start to move forward-location, buy materials, construct
 - Environment Enhancement team will be reviewing ideas. Most are requesting softer lighting (cost is about 100\$) a room to cover half the lights. So far 10 more rooms. We would like to order.
Check with Hardeep to see if the funds are available. Tabled.
 - Living Classroom: Liza taking the lead-Quest student possibly supporting our work-grant connection with Squamish Nation- everything is moving forward- Nov 29 Leigh Joseph doing a first walk through to discuss trail and plants.
 - Staff have created a Critical Thinking Continuum-this will allow students and teachers to have a dialogue on personal learning
 - Talent Show at Senior 55 Dec 13 from 12-12:45
 - School Learning Plan-went well
 - Starting to get ready for the Winter Recital Nov 26-Nov 30
 - Communicating Student Learning going home on Nov 29
 - We Day for leadership application (18 students will attend with Mrs. McClelland)
 - Still waiting to hear back from Soccer company for a week long residency (about 1000\$) and Curling (3 days- about \$200 a day) in the gym will also be booked after soccer.
Discussed the possibility of an arts residency. There is a sculptor who does \$200 per class with all materials and firing. Will look into this after the sports programs have been booked.
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Secretary

We need a secretary as per PAC constitution. Secretary will record minutes of meeting and edit & disperse to executive. Jen Kelly has volunteered. Cathy happy to help edit document after meeting.

Teacher \$200 Gift

In the last meeting it was agreed to gift \$200 per teacher but after further discussions between Lynne and Carolyn as there is more than one teacher per class in some cases the gift should be \$200 per class room.

Christmas Letters

Writing Day will be on Dec 7 at 1:30. Last year was very challenging because many letters were put in one "letter box" and there was huge difficulty in figuring out which child wrote which letter (multiple children with the same name). Usually they are separated by class. Due to the increasing number of students it is hard to keep up with the growth and keep the letters personalised.

The question is whether we go through Canada Post or scrap altogether. Carolyn received an email from parent saying its special to have parents answer it, CP too impersonal and we should just scrap altogether.

Decision is to have letter writing day but send all letters home for the parents to decide if they post or keep. The children do not need to bring in stamps as no letters will be posted from school.

Santa & Mrs come and talk to kids – also on Dec 7th. Is this needed as we are not handing back letters to the kids. Concerns were expressed about the number of Santas children see over the holidays and that this particular Santa/Mrs Claus are grandparents of a student and that it may spoil the secret.

Lynne will talk to Muff about this further.

Rummage Sale

Set up will start at 3:00 on Dec 17 and the sale will be the whole day Dec 18. Volunteers needed. Sale is made up of donations from households to sell at Santa's shop. Students are recommended to bring in \$5 to purchase gifts for their immediate family members. Help is needed for set up, to help younger children shop, wrapping and clearing up at the end. Unsold items need to be dropped off at Pearls or get Dev Dis to pick up. Squamish Elementary sale is earlier in the month so drop off to them is not possible. Ashley will ask Pearls if accepting.

We need used gift bags asap Jen has 100 bags or so. Put out call on FB. Tissue paper needed (Costco- Jen might go) plain white. Cheryl might know a company in the city to deliver via Greyhound. Or ask Stephanie from kaos

Volunteers: Cathy (lead), Jen Kelly, Cheryl V , Carolyn,
Jen will count bags she has. Will put out call on FB
Amazon tissue - 480 sheets \$40. Cathy will ask Stephanie first about tissue
paper, put out call on FB for bags & volunteers

Treasurer

Waiting on Georgina for shed
Teacher gifts, waiting for class/teacher list
Gaming account report needs to be submitted to province by end of
month, emailed to Carolyn to review description section & sign. Please
get it back to Hardeep this week.

Operating \$26, 867.09

Gaming \$3, 830.40 grant deposited in Oct which will be \$8090.40

Cheque for Sound Kreations ready but hasn't been mailed due to postal
strike. Give the cheque to them personally when they come to the
school.

Sound Kreations:

The evening performance is likely to have a large turnout. Encourage
parents to come to dress rehearsal instead Nov 30 @ 1:30

For the evening performance try to limit to 2 adults.

Small bake sale table & raffle for afternoon performance can set up in the
gym.

Fundraising team

- Auction going well- closes Dec 1 @ 8 pm
- Hot dog day & popcorn day going well. Popcorn doing \$60 more
than best day last year!! Is this due to better communication –
Remind App?
- Hot dog day- J & J prefer to just do am, and leave others to clean
up from 12 on. Need dedicated closing shift. J & J have to leave to
pick up their kids. If we don't get volunteers to take on closing shift it
won't run
- Jen & Christine to organize bake sale table for show(s)
- Tea fundraiser made \$330 for school.

Discussion - how to properly thank Shaun from Nesters due to his
continued support - tabled.

Video on FB? Newspaper- photos from each classroom?

Other business

Christina's DPAC NOTES from meeting Oct.22 @ Don Ross

News from Super Intendant Lisa McCullough

-Implementation Day on Nov 2

1. Lots of information and data for teachers on how to work with vulnerability and supporting students

2. A refresh to the pathways to learning

3. School district numbers are up and increased enrolment and the kindergarten numbers are quite staggering

Capital planning as Whistler to get a middle school over next 7 years

Whistler is growing quicker than Squamish surprisingly in relation to population and Pemberton is holding steady.

-Health Promoting Day (still in planning)

1. Bring cannabis awareness to students, teachers and parents

2. Concussion awareness

This to hopefully be led by Dr. Lecision

More info to come

News from Phillip Clarke - Director of Instruction SD48

-He reviewed the mental health survey results from last term and reviewing this was to be a pro-social district and to tackle learning achievements, diversity and inclusion.

-Levels of anxiety in Squamish are higher than the national average for grades 4-6 but is this because they don't understand the questions, social media, grades so it's trying to make meaning from the data. They are working on this.

News from Ian Kent - School Trustee

Recently re-elected and now working on budgets and agreements with the CUPE as it's a budget year. As well as school improvement plans.

Questions that came up were:

1. How long should it take to place children in classrooms at the beginning of the school year?

All schools agreed it takes about 3-5 days depending on age and grade but all follow the "return to your old classroom" and then begin to place kids through the end of the week.

2. Do schools pay for sexual education?

No, this is usually supported but the PAC

There were also elections for this upcoming year.

Meredith Gardner re-elected for President (child in Whistler Secondary)

Christina Walsh elected for Vice President (child in Valleycliffe)

Shauna re-elected to treasurer (two children in Brackendale)

Cheryl elected to secretary (child in Squamish Elem) as Celeste Bickford had to step down as she is new school trustee for Area C.

Next Meeting January 14 at Spring Creek in Whistler. Christina to attend and any others welcome.

Nature Club:

Weather great, big turn out. Parents did not get organized into gardening activities.

Katie does not want money to be the issue and is happy to continue without payment if that is the case. Maybe 1/month in colder months & twice in warmer months? 6 sessions agreed on (Dec, Jan, Feb, March and 2 in April) Voted, passed.

For future- attendance and age should be taken.

Remind app - people feel it is useful, so will continue

Kalinda talking to Cliffside People for fundraiser

Next meeting – Wed Jan 9, 2019

Adjourned at 7:36