

PAC Minutes
October 2, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Jen Crosman, Michelle Johnson, Sherri Lynn, Vicky Maddocks, Colleen Tremblay, Cory Carmichael, Marilyn Ransome, Sarah Dewey, Louise Symes, Shane Symes, Candice Kruger.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Come Read With Me will be tomorrow October 3rd. This is for grade one students.

Orange Shirt Day was a huge success. Raft River was here to join us for a talk from Phyllis Webstad who was the child whose orange shirt was taken away. She gave an excellent talk for the students and staff. We had a presentation from Velocity Raptors in the library instead of the usual salmon ladder trip. It was an interesting afternoon with the speaker bringing in both a falcon and a Harris hawk to show the students.

On Wednesday the students did a bus safety course. They learned things like how to exit a bus safely, not to walk in front of or between the buses, and what to do in an emergency.

The whole School will be going to the salmon run on October 11th. Usually only a few classes are able to go but this year Mrs Young applied for a grant that allowed every student to attend.

Mrs Dunsten and Mr Allen's classes were able to have students from TRU come teach them about coding and animation.

Because there are 27 new students since the start of the school year there will be a new primary division. It will hopefully be a grade 1/2. We should have a new teacher by the end of the week and students will then be rearranged to make the new class. This class should be ready by the end of the month. The new class will be in Mrs Matthews room in an effort to keep all the primary classes together. Mrs Matthews will go to Mr Allen's room and Mr Allen will go to The old computer lab. This class should be up and running by October 10th.

We are also getting 1 more CEA

The painters are 3/4 done the gym. The bears have been painted over and will be replaced with a new sign that will have the new logo.

FUNDING REQUEST: The new slide was ordered. It cost approximately \$7500. The school would like the PAC to provide \$2500 towards this. All in favour.

CHAIR REPORT:

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth was broadcast at the high school. There were quite a few people in attendance.

DPAC:

The DPAC is offering funding for food safe. Candice and Lisa would both like to attend.

There will be an opportunity to meet potential trustees for our district at the next DPAC meeting on October 16th 7-9 at the Hennerly Grube Center in Kamloops.

TREASURES REPORT:

Regular Account:	\$11894.35
Gaming Account:	\$-1257.84
Hot Lunch Account:	\$2608.33
Outdoor Classroom:	\$800.37
Playground Account:	\$0

The gaming grant was applied for and approved for \$5736 and should arrive by the end of October. We have opened a sub account for the playground funds.

Old Business:

Fund raising:

The Back to school BBQ was not well attended but we did make a profit. We have a lot of leftover hotdogs.

The veggie fundraiser seems to have gone very well with around \$960 profit. Desert Hills provided extra potatoes due to a short fall at Horsting Farms. There were a few extra vegies that were sold by donation. If able to due multiple orders it would be nice to have room to put address and phone numbers of people so they are easier to deliver.

The coupon Book orders are due on Friday with the books being handed out early next week.

Purdeys order forms will be going home in November with orders arriving in early December.

Halloween- We would like to do a hotdog sale fundraiser on Halloween. It would use up some of our leftover hotdogs from the Back to School BBQ. We just have to check with Julianna to make sure there isn't a hot lunch that day

Playground:

Jen has sent an email to the playground companies to ask for a fund raising poster to show how much has been raised.

Grants:

Candice has the application for Community Forest and would like to know how much to ask for. The current play structure plan will be about \$15000. Jen will get some sort of info on the play structure to send in with the grant application.

Parent Sessions and Events:

There was only one response to the facebook poll. The respondent would like to see an anti bullying or anxiety session.

Sarah was thinking about a session on talking to your kids about drugs. She would like to include alcohol, vaping, cannabis, and other drugs. She has a number of ideas on how to proceed with this idea. Candice has offered to help Sarah with this.

Outdoor Classroom:

Mr Carmicheal asked the teachers to think about what they would like to have to make them more willing to use the outdoor classroom. There have not been any responses yet. Some parents would like to be notified if the outdoor classroom will be used so they can make sure their children are properly dressed. It would also be nice to have a heater to encourage use in the winter.

It is being used by students everyday during lunch and recess

The foundation has postponed work on landscaping until next year.

Communication:

Parents would like to make sure that if there is sex ed taught in the schools then they would appreciate a warning before hand so they can either opt out or be able to talk to their kids about it at home.

Some parents have expressed concern about a lack of communication between the school and parents. They feel that there should be more communication about frequent lock downs or hold and secure situations so that they can talk to their kids about these situations. They feel it is a safety concern. Mabey the school could send out an email with important info.

The school has three stages for an unsafe situation

1. hold in place – students are kept in the classroom. The doors are usually open but kids are not permitted in the hallway
2. hold and secure- usually involves gas leaks or animals doors are closed kids are not permitted in hallways.
3. lock down - generally means emergency services are in the building.

It would be nice to have a welcome package for new students. It would explain things like hotlunch, bell schedule and other things relevant to life in the school.

The school has not been using the synervoice system because they are working out a few bugs it should be up and running soon
remind app would be a good tool for communication.

Dress Code:

There have been some questions about what is or is not allowed. Mr Carmicheal has indicated that the dress code is on the school webpage. The rules are fairly simple.

1. no midriff
2. no inappropriate sayings (racist, sexist, profanity)
3. no lowcut shirts
4. no beer hats

Personal Electronics:

The rule on electronics in the school is there shouldn't be any electronics besides cell phones. They cannot be used in class and the kids must sign the electronic code of conduct. All electronics are brought at owners' risk.

Wild Play:

Sarah would like to know what the supervisors opinion on wild play is. Are they interested in allowing it giving kids advise on safety.

One to One Reading:

There is a new couch for one to one reading outside the library. There is one more couch coming for outside Mrs. Dunsten's room. The program will also be able to use the green room. The \$200 set aside by PAC for the program is currently not needed.

NEXT MEETING:

November 6th 8:45am