

Kanaka Creek PAC Minutes

Monday, Sep 16, 2019

7:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions of the Current Executives - Chair: Amanda Maliwat; Vice Chair: Amanda Griffin; Treasurer: Kelly Tainton; Hot Lunch Coordinator: Anthea Publow; Fundraising Co-ordinator: Ashley Binns; DPAC Reps: Marlene McCaffrey & Chris Sandve; Secretary: Christine Calvert; Communications: Eva Mentz

Attendees: Chad Raible, Jackolynn Wright, Dawn Flanagan, Janine Strachan, John Stables, Cathy Josic, Tiffany Carson, Amy Naylor, Annemarie Dobler, Erika Michel, Faiza Karim-Jadavji, Angela Downey, Shawna Johnson, Stacey Bylund

2. Approval of Minutes July 10, 2019

Motion: Anthea Publow

2nd: Amanda Griffin

Note: Add Heather Lambert & Angela Downey to our Members at Large

3. Approval of Agenda Sep 16, 2019

Motion: Marlene McCaffrey

2nd: Amanda Griffin

4. Reports

4.1. Chair's Report: Amanda Maliwat & Amanda Griffin

- Feedback received in the past from the parent community is that they haven't been heard with fundraising ideas. We'd love to hear ideas for fundraising and we have a sheet to circulate tonight in case people want to jot down ideas. Thank you in advance.
- Saleema Noon – Sexual Health educators. Last year we missed doing iGuy and iGirl sessions for our then Grade 6 & 7s (how to stay safe on internet and social media). We are working with Saleema to schedule make-up sessions as well as other sessions for the students this year. No dates yet but will send updates when we hear back from their availability. Info on their programs here: <https://www.saleemanoon.com/>
- Movie license for the school - we will renew it as it's an annual license. The fee is \$500~. **Seeking approval to renew (Call for Vote): all were in favour.**
- Hot Lunch site: pre-booked entire year of Hot Lunches but opening the portal for ordering 1 term at a time. Feedback is very positive so far. We are playing around with the landing page functionality to make it more intuitive. We need help encouraging parents to re-apply (it needs to be re-set each year since it is class based). Received feedback that the Staff Login isn't set up yet – we will send something out to Chad to approve and will get this activated.
- New role on PAC this year – Communications – Eva Mentz is fulfilling it. Other schools do a split role for Secretary and Communications, so we are trying it out too. The aim is to help improve communication on PAC initiatives with the parent community and the teachers/administrators.
- DPAC has asked if we want to host a DPAC meeting at our school. All seemed in favour of it – Chad said we'd be able to do the Feb 20th date. Marlene looking into it with DPAC.

4.2. Principal's Report: Chad Raible

- Staff update: Ron Lawrence - new Counsellor. Ms. Shay Hudson - new Child Care Worker. Ms. Leon - new Aboriginal Education Support. Welcome back to Ms. Bazette (for Mr. Chinna). Ms. Mantel is taking over for Ms. Wakeling. Job shares: Ms. McCune and Ms. Lyman; Mr. Byer & Ms. Mah.
- Took longer to do class assignments this year due to waiting for District to tell us if we'd have 23 or 24 divisions. Ended up being 23 so we have more combined classes than before

in order to make the numbers work. We are very full, no room to change class placements. We lost students at grade 6 level to the new school.

- Focusing on social emotional learning – self-awareness, self-management, good decision-making. Activities to promote:
 - Have a monthly focus (detailed in newsletters). September is “community building”. We read a story called The Invisible Boy at Welcome Assembly on the first day back. Also talked about Buddy Bench and explained its purpose to kids.
 - Mr. Raible’s Reading Corner will continue this year, weekly for younger divisions.
 - Friday recess dance party – new this year
 - New Kanaka spirit wear – news to come in a Friday blast
 - Put more quotes around the school
- Meet us Morning – Thursday Sep 19 at 8am. Coffee and muffins. If you are with your child, you can give them a muffin, but they’re intended to be for the parents. Welcome to go into the classes and meet the teacher before school starts
- Terry Fox run next week – RCMP will come run with us again. Thomas Haney leaders will come too. Kindergarten kids stay in the field and run at a different time. Primary kids run with buddies.
- Sep 30 – Orange Shirt day – honour negative impact that residential schools had on aboriginal community.
- Friday blasts have changed format – hopefully easier to read on phone. No longer doing newsletters as this replaces them.

4.3. Treasurer: Kelly Tainton

- General account – \$24,990.10
- Gaming account – \$8,345.47. No grant yet, should be within the month. Once that comes, disbursement for the school will be \$6,300ish.
- 3 cheques issued this year: Grad bursary went out to be paid, Earthquake supplies being paid, Popcorn supplies being paid
- Received 1 cheque from Lunch Lady for the last school year. We were not expecting it but glad to see it. Background: Her website states that if parents of a school order through them, the school’s PAC gets a rebate. We had not been receiving one for quite a while, so we stopped supporting the program.
- \$16,000 benchmarked for new iPads – order has gone in but Chad hasn’t heard back yet.
- Popcorn – supplies cost ~\$750, already made our money back since we have 174 pre-orders

4.4. Hot Lunch Coordinator: Anthea Publow

- 1st term hot lunches are all set up in the system
- Treat day: coffee & hot cocoa. Still looking for vendor.

4.5. DPAC: Marlene McCaffrey

- First meeting is Sep 26 at Webster’s Corner at 7pm. All parents welcome.
- Posted a list of all the DPAC meeting dates for the year on our Kanaka Facebook page
- Interesting meeting is Dec 12 – may want to attend

4.6. Fundraising Coordinator: Ashley Binns

- **Ongoing** - Cobbs Bread’s “Dough program” – sign up with them, anytime any parent goes to Cobbs bread and mentions our school name, 5% of the purchase goes back to PAC. They will keep track all year and send us a cheque in July. 207th location.
- **September** - Coffee fundraiser – start running early next week.
- **September** - Cobbs Bread: will do an order, run with the coffee. Set to deliver Friday before Thanksgiving (cinnamon buns, scones, & tarts will be the 3 options parents can buy). Sell for retail price and PAC gets 25%.
- **October** – Halloween dance – Thurs Oct 24 (Friday is ProD day). 6pm – 8pm in the gym. DJ. Parent participation (no drop offs). Bring siblings. Admittance fee. Photo booth. Need a

planning committee and volunteers on the day of. Please see Ashley after if interested or reach out to PAC. **Seeking approval to conduct (Call for Vote): all were in favour.**

- **November** – Neufeld Farms. Need to pick a date, end of Nov (Wed. Nov 27th delivery).
- **November** - Meridian Meats – gift card program, 30% of sales go back to PAC. Could pitch that you can save your gift cards for turkey at Xmas time.
- **December** – Movie Day @ Hollywood Cinemas in Pitt Meadows. Propose Dec 1 or Dec 8. 9am open theatre, 10am movie starts. Cost \$8 to us per movie (includes admission, popcorn, drink). We can choose the movie playing or bring our own and they can play it for us. 2 theatres, 100 ppl maximum per theatre.
- **December** – idea for a pancake breakfast. That would require more volunteers and coordination.

Questions from parents in attendance:

- Is there an option to do PayPal in addition to or instead of credit cards for the Hot Lunches? Some people don't have credit cards. PAC shared that we considered this last year when we launched it, so we kept a cash option. We can accept cash – you just have to identify it in your child's planner so the teacher can send to the office (or drop off at office directly).
- Can we send more paper notices home as another way to communicate? We used to but the school wants to be environmentally friendly and conscious of paper usage. We are only allowed to send paper 1 time per term.
- Could we use emails to ask for volunteers? We do – we update the communication that Chad sends out weekly, we post on Facebook, and we can send emails via the portal. Once people register for the portal, they'll see more communications that way.
- Note: we need to clearly articulate to parents the difference between the SD42 Parent Portal, the Hot Lunch parent portal, Facebook, school newsletter, etc... - all the various ways we communicate with the parents.
- Note: discussed having PAC at the Meet us Morning on Sep 19th and have computers/iPads available for parents to register to the Hot Lunch portal right then and there.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

Next meeting will be Monday Oct 21 at 7:00pm in the Library