

Prince Charles Elementary PAC General Meeting November 21st 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Rose (Chair), Duane Penner (Principal), Michelle Bastien (Treasurer), Catherine Parekh (Secretary), Rosie Sandhu

QUORUM:

Quorum has **not** been met with minimum of five voting members (three executives and two others than the executives).

A. CALL TO ORDER –

Shannon Rose, President, called the meeting to order at 7.09pm.

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT –

We acknowledge that the Prince Charles Elementary is located on the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the long standing relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT –

Please see report.

Additional:

- Abby Community School programs are happening now- Guitar and ukulele postponed until next term. Indigenous art also postponed.
- The various Abby Community School programs will run through the whole year this year.
- If a family can't afford the desired programs, affordability grants are available, please contact front office for more information.
- FSA scores to be sent home soon after the school reports
- Royal virtues and recognition assemblies are running monthly and Dr Penner and students are enthusiastic about their return.
- Draw prizes for Royal virtues assemblies - need volunteers to find donations for these prizes. Catherine Parekh happy to help, can seek out more people also to share the job.
- Would be nice to have formal flags of BC and Canada at the school for assemblies - Dr Penner to look into this as a school purchase.
- Spirit Wear will be available to order until November 30th for delivery before Christmas.
- Christmas concert - 2 concerts at 1.15pm and 6.15pm this year! The concert will be free but we will have attendance tickets this year to make sure that we do not go over occupancy limit of the school gym. There will be a screen set up in the LLC for overflow as needed.

D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES –

Minutes approval deferred to January meeting due to quorum not being achieved.

E. CHAIR REPORT –

No chair report - please see attached meeting agenda

F. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Michelle reviewed Treasurer's Report for October 1st-31st (please see attachments).

G. DPAC REPORT

- Carla Danielson - talked about SEL, which is being done at all school levels. Soft starts are happening in classrooms in the mornings for most students. Carla also touched on the noon hour supervisor training which has just occurred - 80 parents attended over 2 days. They will be doing another session in January due to the long waitlist of interested persons.
- Corky Neufeld gave board update and reported on the recent annual BCFT trustee conference.
- Coming up at next meeting - Nathan Ngieng coming to talk about Student Voice at middle school level, and Student Voice within Indigenous education.
- Parent Night series on youth substance abuse - Nov 27th at Mouat @7pm in LLC. Fraser Health will be presenting.

H. FUNDRAISING

Please see attached report

- Bottle drive for playground - planning stages.
First choice of dates - Jan 13th/14th
Second choice of dates - Jan 20th/21st

I. HOT LUNCH REPORT

- Recently had J's Pizza day - Total raised = \$1045, leaving us after expenses with \$455 profit.
- Cutoff for Subway hot lunch is tomorrow 10pm.

J. GRADE FIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Jen Pratap left update with Shannon Rose. Jen is excited to start the grade 5 fundraising campaign, details will be coming out soon.
- There will be corporate and/or personal sponsorship opportunities - please contact princecharlesabbypac@gmail.com if interested.

K. PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE:

- No new information to report
- Online donation link - waiting for district to set up.
- Playground proposals will be put up on a board at the school for parents to see on the night of the Christmas concert.
- Duane to follow up with district re sports court approval.

L. FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

Nothing to report. Committee will be started up in January

M. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Emergency kits: Duane has talked with staff re granola bars and bottled waters. He will look into this further.
- b) Class parents: Still missing a class parent for a few classes- Seear, Jury, Calnek, Haist, Henry. Any parents welcome to volunteer.
- c) Artisan Market - see earlier in minutes
- d) Book fair - each classroom received \$115 worth of books from recent book fair

N. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Boundary meeting update - no changes for Prince Charles boundaries. Parents encouraged to complete emailed survey by Dec 1st. Any questions for City Planning, please make sure to include on the survey.

- B. Water refill station - Finally received bill - total was \$535.10 under original proposal. Michelle proposes moving those funds to the playground funds. However, quorum not achieved to vote on this tonight.
- C. Staff Christmas luncheon - Proposed date of Wednesday 20th December
- D. Fundraisers - Purdy's, Windsor Greenhouse - spoken about earlier, please see fundraising report.
- E. Parking on McKee and McKinley - bylaws were here this afternoon. Parents need to note no parking signs, especially at the bottom of McKee near McKinley that is prohibiting buses turning through the McKee/McKinley intersection.
- F. Talent Show - need to reschedule due to the change in the Farewell date.
- G. Bereavement gift - need a \$30 gift for a staff member
- H. Staff requests - none.

O. OPEN FLOOR

- Abbotsford Bingo Association - no attendees for their AGM, Catherine Parekh to send in paperwork that we will not be attending.
- Need new Square reader before March for movie night
- Monthly newsletter may be good to restart from the school/principal to keep parents informed of school happenings, and possibly incorporating PAC monthly email into this.

P. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned 8.46 @ pm