

Prince Charles Elementary PAC Meeting April 14th, 2025

In Attendance: Paul Allanson (Principal), Shannon Rose (Chair), Rosie Sandhu (Treasurer), Amanda Schoen, Maray Toews, Michelle Bastien, Brittany Geddert (Secretary)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Shannon Rose (Chair), called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

B. QUORUM - Quorum has been met with a minimum of 3 executive members and one non-executive member

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that Prince Charles Elementary is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation 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.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Principal's report (See attached report for full details)
- Enrolment – 286 children
- Jump Rope – raised over \$2k!
- Parent teacher conferences went well - 76% of kids had interviews
- Roald Dahl movie day – Willy Wonka movie went well
- Lego workshop – Grade 3's
- Book fair – successful turn out!
- BC Lions Presentation – Energy Champions presentation. Kids learned about saving energy, water, etc
- Basketball season kicked off! Practices have been Tuesdays after school and Wednesdays and Fridays at lunch.
- Questions – Grade 5 transition – why are they not doing the binder transition that has happened in the past? (Typically Grade 5's bring a binder to school to prepare for using a "universal binder" in middle school.) Answer – Brett Smith from Fraser will come to our school next week. He indicated that they were doing binder prep with the kids next week. Clayburn – Paul will connect with Kim McKimmon about this.
- Issues on the hockey court – Paul's plan is to get a sign made with rules for hockey and gaga ball.

E. MINUTES

Brittany moves that the minutes from October, November, January and February be approved as written. Michelle seconds. Motion carried.

F. REPORTS

- Treasurers Report – See attached minutes.
 - Rosie went over amounts in different accounts and profits from Candy Bag fundraiser, Movie nights, and Book Fair.
- DPAC
 - Secretary Treasurer Ray Velestuk came to the last DPAC meeting to present the district budget. The budget consultation survey is available until April 30 on the District's website for giving feedback. One issue that was discussed was the budget for replacement staff. Why is it so high? The cost of replacement staff has been increasing significantly over the past couple of years. Discussion about how the system works by paying for replacement staff. How is the district going to manage the increasing costs of replacement staff?
 - DPAC has an upcoming Parent Night – April 29th called “PACEs – Positive & Adverse Childhood Experiences”
 - Next Public Budget meeting is May 8 – Abbotsford School District Budget
 - Next DPAC budget is April 24th 7pm on Zoom. Deputy Superintendent Nathan Ngieng will give a high school report.
- Fundraising Report – SinAmen Bun – \$164 Panago - \$312
- Hot Lunch Report – no report. (Hot lunch next week). Popcorn Day May 9th, Favourites Day May 23rd.
- Book Fair (See Jenny's report)
- Grade 5 Committee Report
 - Meeting booked with teachers.
 - Michelle is doing the yearbook – needs to be submitted by May 19th
 - Pictures are still needed for this (basketball, etc) – Lots of baby pictures still needed. Still needing consent forms done.
 - Parents have opted out of fundraising
- Playground Report – account \$633.05 –
 - Brittany moved to approve up to \$150 for printing posters for playground fundraising. Maray seconded. Motion approved.
 - Paul discussed accessibility issues with Michelle Gehring. Looking at different possibilities for pathways. District is aware of accessibility issues at Prince Charles Elementary.
 - Gaming money can be used for playground, however special permission is required to hold funds longer than 24 months
- Family Fun Night Report
 - May 30th Inflatables, foam party, airbrush tattoos, photobooth, firetruck, book fair booked.
 - Committee will meet shortly to discuss games on the top field.

G. OLD BUSINESS

- Nil.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- Plan to sell freezies next week at some point. It will be decided on Sunday what days.
- Shannon has applied for and been approved for a business BCeID for Prince Charles Elementary PAC. It will be transferred over to next year's PAC executive at the end of the year. Gaming Grant has been applied for.
- BCCPAC AGM – proxy has been signed, Ashley co-signed. Shannon will be voting on behalf of Prince Charles at the AGM
- Nominations Open up in May – do we want to set up a nomination committee? Michelle and Shannon have agreed to do the nomination committee. Discussed what nomination committee is.
- Re-scheduling the May PAC meeting – plan is to do Monday May 12th.
- Paul is requesting a washer and dryer for the gym. Quote is for \$1,394 plus tax. Question about power for dryer. Paul is waiting on asbestos and lead report. Small amount of plumbing work to be done. Quote is from Darren in purchasing, suggested a machine for us. Same unit that was installed at King Traditional. Shannon moved to approve the purchase of a washer/dryer combo up to \$1,600. Michelle seconds. Motion is approved.
- BBQ needs to be replaced. Shannon found multiple quotes for larger BBQ's. We currently have a 3.5 foot bbq , 4 burner unit. Discussed having griddle included for making pancakes if that is something we want to do in the future. Space is available for storing a larger BBQ. Discussion was had about why we would need a larger BBQ for the size of our school. The current BBQ we have is very old. The new model would use more propane. Shannon moved that we approve the purchase of a new BBQ up to \$1200. Michelle seconds. Motion is passed to purchase BBQ.

I. OPEN FLOOR

- Rosie brought up the issue of the front door being locked during school hours. School is currently not locked during the day. Is there a way to have a buzzer installed in the front door that the school could be unlocked from the office? Paul would like to have a fob system to enter the school, which would cost approx. \$5k to install.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Next meeting: May 12th at 7pm in the LLC