

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: Tuesday Nov 21, 2023, 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

PAC MEMBERS (by Zoom title): Lynn Gosselin, Veronica Solimano, Wyle, Yolanda, Susan Pang, anne's iphone, Llynn and Sophia, Suzie Harrington, Leslie, Kemp, afsoon, Dorcas and Gavin Adrielle Pantion, Claire Wilson, Sophia Male

PAC Executive:

- Kemp Edmonds, Chair
- Wyle Baoween, Vice-Chair
- Leslie Hoolaeff, Treasurer
- Sophia Male, Secretary
- Lynn Gosselin, Member at Large

Administration/Teachers: Susan Dent, Principal

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Kemp Edmonds
- Approval of the minutes from Oct 17, 2023:

Moved	Lynne Gosselin	Seconded	Sophia Male	Carried

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- Call to Order – Kemp thanks Susan and asks her to give the Administrative Report
 - Principal's Administrative Report – Susan:

- Hello and thanks to the PAC as many of her updates are a result of a PAC initiative and she wants to express her gratitude.
- The Halloween Dance was a huge success thanks to Lindsay and Cheryl and the PAC and the costume swap was a good success too where we may have even gotten more costumes for next year which is great for the environment and setting the tone for re-using.
- The fruit and veggie program is up and running and it's great to see fruit and veggies coming into the school.
- The new outdoor space funded by the PAC is also a success and being used and Susan recognizes the efforts put into the new space and wants everyone to know it's been worth it and there are always kids using the space.
- The new trolley for the lost in found is a great help too and Susan is thankful for that. She says more stuff is being picked up.
- Movie night is coming up which will be great.
- Saleema Noon is being organized for the spring time.
- The ipads have arrived which Susan is grateful for and right now they are being formatted with various apps for students to use.
- Susan thanks Wyle for his Newcomers Welcoming group for families new to Wolfe and Canada.
- Food security – Schools don't have the student affordability fund from the provincial government this year but Susan knows people still are in need of help. There are some resources within the community people can access and Susan has a small ability to help with things like student lunches – a bagged lunch delivered by school board. So if people need support, see Susan.
- Holiday Hampers – this will be happening again this year. All ways we can support our community.
- Mural project – an alumni would like to do a mural for us on the sport court so the school mural project is still happening for those wondering.

- Wolfe is a busy school and we have the volleyball teams at play, chess club, soji, humanitarian club, and choir has started. There will be three learning updates happening this year, and the first one will go home on Dec. 1. That's it for Susan.
- Back to Kemp – great news on mural and fundraising by the student. Kemp says Susan is always available to talk which is great.
- **Treasurer's Report - Leslie:**
 - Leslie: Not a lot to report. Leslie shows financial summary up until Nov 14. A couple highlights are Halloween school dance - we were slightly under budget in terms of what we were expecting but that event isn't a typical fundraising event for us, it's just a social fun event. We got our grant funding through BC Gaming which was more than what we were expecting, and we are sitting at 12 K in revenue to date for the year. We are at about 4 k in expenses but a lot are accumulated and we are on track. Our biggest fundraising event is the walk-a-thon in the spring. We did move money from our general account into reserve funds so that has been taken care of. Any questions, ask Leslie.
- **Chair's Report – Kemp:**
 - Kemp thanks people for the dance and creating core memories like in the brilliant movie "Inside Out." He is striking with support from Leslie a "tech committee" and the idea is that we need to support kids to have the tools they need. The idea of this committee is to do resource in terms of how to support a class to have technology that would be upgraded every 3 to 5 years. We are going to sit down with teachers and do the research to how to help kids since the school board isn't going to help kids the way they need. Kemp asks Susan if the school board is on a 10 – 15 year cadence cycle?
 - Susan says technology is not her expertise but we have Ms. Soper who does a good job of taking care of the technology as best she can but the reality is that computers become obsolete and how do we create a system where the technology isn't all deteriorating at the same rate? Kemp explains the committee will help look into what it would cost to have technology.
 - Back to Kemp – next item on the list is the PAC room which is a space in transition. We are moving from the current space to where the server is. Susan explains they are trying to figure out where to put all the outdoor sports equipment so she wants the server to become the PAC room because it isn't being used. And it's been painted for a commercial so is fresh but awaiting to be repainted by the board before we can move into it. It's a good opportunity to look into what we have in the PAC room too.

- **Purdys fundraiser** – every year we buy chocolates and we are having the Purdys fundraiser again this year for Christmas. Order your chocolates through the school – it's a good way to support Wolfe.
- Question from the PAC – In terms of renting the school for commercials, do we get some of that money? Susan says it's considered a rental and we get a portion of the rental fee just like in after school program rentals. So we have ongoing rentals and this is considered a one off. She says they are school funds used for school purposes, not for the PAC.
- Back to Kemp – next on the list is an update from Helen Pang who leads up the hot lunch group as well as fruit and veggie group and last time we talked about the gap in funding.
- Helen – we only have 75% of the fruit that we got before and we decided to defer making the decision of paying to top up since we were looking at last two deliveries to see how much fruit was leftover. She says we don't have any waste on our end but we need to make sure we know what class gets more than others. With 75% a lot of parents came in to help and we have just done a short for every class, there is a 5-6 short per class and Susan said a few classes didn't have enough and a few had too much. So they get put in the office and then re-distributed. So just a delayed delivery. So Helen thinks they can make it work and hope it works out that kids don't feel left out. She says it's about \$450 to top up till the end of the year if we wanted to increase the amount.
- Susan – parents come to the school, they deliver the fruit it to the classroom and typically it gets distributed before recess. The fruit is seasonal... and there are seasonal flues. Some classes aren't there. And sometimes it's just a matter of time before we can distribute. And some classes are just bigger fruit eaters. So we are figuring it out.
- Helen says we are making it work and figuring out how to do it. So she says we can continue as it is this year and then reassess it at the end of the year for the following year.
- Kemp says it helps the PAC to decide at the end of the year too for budgeting etc... so if we decide at the end of the year it's easier to put it in the budget.
- **Hot Lunch update** - Helen says she has been looking at new vendors and may consider a new one for the following year and she is going to look into surveying the parents. Helen says there is a committee – 13 leads across the VSB - and they survey their parents in different schools as of Sept to see what the best vendors are.
- Back to Kemp who introduces Wyle to talk about movie night. Wyle asks Claire to update the group since she is heading up the movie night group. Claire says Super Mario Bros was the winner and we will have a concession. We have a volunteer committee and

families can bring a picnic and we have a wonderful student to help with the AV. Claire says it's just the popcorn machine we might need volunteers for still. Wyle says he will post a link to the volunteer sign up. Concession is cash Claire says, and it will be supervised. Claire says we might want to propose a new popcorn machine. It has been around for at least 7 years.

- **Wolfe Newcomer's Group Update – Wyle:**
- Wyle – we are moving along.... It's hard for people to figure out how to sign up and we are working on connecting with the teachers and Wyle thanks Susan for her help in connecting with teachers in terms of new students in class. It's hard since people don't speak English which is the point of the group – to help with language barriers. Susan has offered the library to have a meeting there. Wyle says we are looking for Spanish and Mandarin speakers if anyone knows how to help.
- Susan – Our school is still growing and adding new students and we are up to 377 this week – we are still getting new families, have added 20 students since the beginning of the school year, and we still have space so it's great to support new families.
- Kemp - Thanks Wyle and Susan and asks Claire if she can speak about looking ahead to the walk-a-thon fundraiser.
- **Walk-a-thon update** - Claire says Annie and her with the hands on guidance of Sarah Lacombe will be leading this event. Since last year we have switched it to spring due to the weather and all Pro Ds in fall. Claire is looking at dates, perhaps April 26 or May 3. Susan says there is a staff meeting in Dec. and they will look into it. Claire says it can take a while for the VSB to process our funds and it took a whole 30 days last year to see what they raised in May so that is a factor in choosing the date. Annie says she would prefer the May 3rd date for more of a breather from spring break. And the weather is better in May. Annie also says there are some resources she can connect Wyle with for the newcomers as well.
- Back to Kemp – **Other Business:**
- Question about play day. Susan says there will be one, maybe two and they are working on coming up with dates.

End of Meeting

Next PAC meeting Jan 16, 2024.