

# PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Date:** May 16th, 2023, 6:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

## Minutes

**PAC MEMBERS (by Zoom title):** Annie Low-Beer, Veronica Solimano, Maria McClean, Kevin Day, Michelle Wiens, Stacey McEachern, Dorcas & Gavin, Sophia, Jesse Halperin, Cheryl, Lorrie McNeil, Lindsay, Katrina, RDL, C, Stephanie R

### **PAC Executive:**

- Kemp Edmonds, Vice Chair
- Leslie Hoolaeff, Treasurer
- Lynn Gosselin, Secretary
- Maddy Kipling, Member at Large / DPAC
- Sameena Nahal, Member at Large

**Administration/Teachers:** Susan Dent, Principal, Shannon Soper, Dee Mochrie

- **Welcome – Kemp Edmonds**
- **Land Acknowledgement** - Sameena Nahal
- **Call to Order – Kemp Edmonds**
- **Approval of January 2023 minutes**

<b>Moved</b> Annie Low-Beer	<b>Seconded</b> Stacey McEachern	<b>Carried</b>

### **Chair Report – Kemp Edmonds**

- Walk-a-thon – Thanks to Sarah and Leslie and all the volunteers. The fundraising numbers are not in yet. The day was a huge success.
- Movie Night – Thanks to Maddy, Hope, Kelly and Sophia. Was a great community night enjoyed by all.
- Board Succession – Seeking a new chair position as well as other positions. The PAC is a great way to get involved with the school community and contribute to all the amazing events and initiatives that our kids get to enjoy. You don't have to know what you are doing! You can put in as much or as little as you can, anything helps. PAC meets twice a month (once as an EXEC to prepare for the meeting and then for the monthly PAC meeting). If you have been enjoying what the PAC has been doing, now is the time to join the EXEC and contribute to the school community so we can continue to have amazing events, resources and more.

### **Administration Report - Susan Dent:**

- Heading towards the end of the year – the school is very busy! Lots of sports, activities and more.
- Thanks to the PAC for all the support and leadership.

- Walk-a-thon - fantastic event, kids showed tons of school spirit
- Movie Night – Fun evening
- Outdoor Classroom – limestone pad is down, picnic table and benches will be going in after the long weekend
- Events – Feels like a normal school year again, lots going on
  - Ultimate – just happened
  - May 4 Spring Concert
  - White Hatter – excellent presentation, kids thought a little long but overall good, parent presentation coming June 6th
  - Grade 5 student newspaper
  - Humanitarian Club – Climate Change Carnival
  - Plus lots of assemblies, field trips and more
- Remember to check the Wednesday Weekly for all the updates
- Questions
  - School/class organization – class configurations will be made public in September as everything remains in flux over the summer as the school population changes. Susan recognizes that everyone wants to know what will happen next year but we will all have to remain patient. Trust your teachers and staff that they have the best interests of all students in mind when placing them in classes.
  - Heat – trying to research if the air purifiers can work as air conditioning. At present, staff open/close windows/blinds. Can move to basement or outdoor shady areas as needed if classrooms are too hot.
  - Stepping Up – in the works. Invites have not been sent out yet but date is set – June 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 10:30am
  - Why were/are there so many split grade classes? – lots of different reasons. Some teachers prefer split classes. Has to do with numbers.

#### Treasurer’s Report – Leslie Hoolaeff

- Leslie shared the proposed 2023/2024 budget spreadsheet for the group to review. This budget was also shared in the meeting agenda sent out before the meeting.
- Capital Expense spending request
  - Leslie outlined a list of tech requests from the school that would be taken out of the Capital Funds account. The account currently has \$50,000. The proposed list costs \$23,720.00 Leaving the account with \$27,263.16 if approved.
  - Request is for – iPads, iPad cart, iPad keyboards, Ozobots, Lego robotics.
  - Lots of questions about how the items would be used/access – used in classrooms by teachers (all grades) as the cart can be moved from classroom to classroom, teachers work out a usage system, Ms. Mochrie currently does lots of coding in the library,
  - After the discussion and questions
- **Motion to approve \$23, 720 for the proposed tech package**
  - **92% yes, 8% no**
    - **Motion is passed**
- Review of Proposed 2023/2024 budget –
  - Review now and vote will be taken at June meeting on the budget
  - Leslie talked the group through every line item, describing everything – please see the following link of more details.
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RXYqLOtryjNOzWSkfAcWTcABcCR3fljTFPuCSWdVYWU/edit#gid=911731849>
  - Discussed using \$9793.10 surplus from 2022 to cover the deficit from next year’s budget
- Kemp encouraged everyone to review the budget and attend the June meeting to vote on it.
- **Community Events – Maddy Kipling**
  - Clothing Swap – emails going out, volunteer sign-up sheet, outside if good weather, outside, if raining, in the gym. Collecting clothing and book donations before event,

- Sports Day – volunteers will be there to hand out popsicles
- Overall call out for parent volunteer leads – Walk-a-thon needs new leads, Welcome Back Party needs a co-lead, and more
  - Claire Wilson and Annie Low-Ber have offered to lead the Walk-A-Thon for 2023/2024
- Teacher appreciation – Nuba lunch happening in the next couple of weeks
- **SEL/JEDI/TRC + DPAC** – Maddy Kipling
  - Working on plan for next year. Newsletters every month, speakers every two months
- **New Business** –
  - Shannon Soper – made a request for the PAC to consider budgeting in the future for laptops as the current ones are terribly out of date and the school does not have enough
  - Dee Mochrie – iPads will be very useful in the library , thanks to the PAC for all the support

- **Adjournment**

<b>Moved</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Next PAC Meeting is June 20th, 2023 at 6:30pm