



Parent Advisory Council Meeting (Virtual) MINUTES

Monday January 16, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 PM on Zoom

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In Attendance: Heather Schofield, Andrea Pieters, Marissa Ismay, Kelly Clauson, Alikie Knight, Ben Boon, Dagne Lownie, Bridget McNulty, Tristan Crowther (Principal), Brigette Gerandol (Vice Principal), Ashley Kelly (Librarian), Jaclyn Fairburn, Leonie Harper, Christina Currie, Erin Dodds, Larissa Orlova, Leora Fenner, Anna Sharonova, Andrea Michelle, Inbar Shai, Sabrina Driedger

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Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting called to order at 7:03pm - Land acknowledgement - Agenda for the meeting was approved (Dagne, Jaclyn) - Minutes from the Nov 21, 2022 meeting were approved (Andrea, Dagne) <p>Note that past meeting minutes are posted on the PAC website</p>	Heather Schofield & Andrea Pieters
Treasurer's Report	<p>Kelly provided an update on the 2022-2023 budget that was approved at the June 6, 2022 meeting. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Munch a Lunch revenue is on track for this year and currently \$6,500. - There have been more extracurricular costs than expected, but these can be accommodated in the budget. - Recent expenses included holiday staff appreciation, new books for the library and teacher support. - A reminder for teachers to submit their receipts. <p>The 2022-2023 Budget is available to view on the PAC website.</p>	Kelly Clauson
Principal's Update	<p><u>School Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – School Planning: A group met last week, which included parents. The group is looking for more feedback on where the school is at with regards to DEI. - Dragon Tails is starting back up again and will involve the students meeting with Principal Crowther and Vice Principal Gerandol on the last Wednesday of every month to have pizza and discuss what makes a great school. - With regards to athletics, triple ball is up and running. The school is gearing up for track and field in March / April and forms will be issued to parents before Spring Break. An opportunity to 	Tristan Crowther

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	<p>organize an after school athletics program for primary students is being investigated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal Crowther voiced his appreciation for the volunteers that help in the school and the process in place means there is more confidence on knowing who is in the building. - There are some new office staff (Kim and Christina) and some new teachers (Mahima Sharma and Frontiya Fernando) to welcome. - The library is interested in identifying any outdated library books, and is welcoming parent feedback. 	
Fun Food Days Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter Term orders are open. - Prices for Inn Cogneato, Well Fed and smoothies are up. - Frozen Fridays are returning for the Winter and Spring terms. There will be increased frequency in the Spring, to make up for the Fall term. 	Jen Cram (not present but passed on notes)
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A space on the PAC website has been created and content will be added over the coming weeks. - Members joined parents and teachers at the school planning event last week, with another planning session planned for Feb 10. At the last meeting, there were conversations around openness to change and learning and sharing ideas. - The next EDI Committee meeting is planned for Jan 31 at 7pm (Hybrid – JJ Bean and Zoom). Please RSVP to Shari. - Anyone wishing to volunteer with this Committee is encouraged to email emaildlpac@gmail.com or Shari directly at svirjee@gmail.com 	Shari Virjee Tanada (not present but passed on notes)
Community and Spirit Events	<p>Cocoa and Caroling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This “Give Back” December event on Dec 9th, was a great success and raised \$570 for the Harvest Project. Kid Choir conductor, Suzanne Fulton, helped with the event. Bean Around the World donated hot chocolate, which was sold by donation. <p>End of Year BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This event is being planned for June 8th. The permit applications are in and food providers are being sourced. Anyone interested in working on the planning committee can email emaildlpac@gmail.com 	Andrea Pieters
Fundraising Update	<p>Purdy’s Chocolates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purdy's Spring Chocolates ordering will be open soon, and the link will be shared with parents. Orders need to be made by March 20th. <p>Seycove FOS Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This event raises money for the Seycove Family of Schools (FOS), which includes Dorothy Lynas. Previous events raised over \$60k, with approximately \$8k coming to Dorothy Lynas, which helped to fund field trips. - Every division will participate in creating baskets for the auction, and further details will be shared with classes through their class reps. - We are looking for people to join the basket committee – please email emaildlpac@gmail.com if you are able to help. 	Heather Schofield & Andrea Pieters

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The theme of the event will be “Dancing in the Rain” and there will be 350 tickets available. <p>Silent Fundraisers are ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These include MaxFrut, Cobs Bakery (we received 5% of sales that mention Dorothy Lynas) and Mabel’s Labels. 	
<p>Other / New Business</p>	<p>Grade 7 Grad Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Grade 7s holiday shopping event was a success and they raised almost \$1,300. - The yearbook is coming together, although they need more photos. - Some upcoming fundraisers include a Valentine’s bake sale and a plant sale with Growing Smiles. <p>Windsor FOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leora Fenner is the PAC representative on the Windsor FOS committee. The next meeting is on Thursday, Jan 19th. It is a good place to share ideas and gather information around fundraisers. <p>Chess Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chess Club winter session is running, and all spots are now full. Registration for the next term will be announced soon. <p>Ski Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ski club is back, and is starting in February. <p>Lights Up!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This after school program is up and running, and will hopefully continue into the spring. <p>PAC Constitution and Bylaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PAC Exec are planning on making some minor edits to the Constitution and Bylaws to reflect that more than one person may carry out each of the Executive roles (i.e. Co-Chairs). Additionally, the Constitution and Bylaws need to be updated to reflect that meetings can be held virtually, as well as in-person. - PAC members will be informed of these changes 14 days prior to the next meeting and will be voted on at the next meeting. <p>Parent Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PAC would like to conduct a parent survey to get feedback and input on topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preferences for online vs virtual meetings ○ Fundraisers and their frequency ○ Speakers and topics of interest ○ Compiling a list of volunteers ○ Budget items ○ EDI education - Further information on the survey to follow 	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm - PAC Virtual Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2022-2023 are below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday April 3, 2023 ○ Monday June 5, 2023 (AGM) 	<p>Heather Schofield</p>