

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

May 24, 2017

7:00 PM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister
Andrea Mori
Amy Burden
Zena Ray
Megan Paulson
Lucie Seba

Mike Keller
Amanda Berera
Laurence Ling
Nicole Braid
Kristin Unger

Sarah Wheeler
Terri Burton
Paul Hutton
Jennifer Hastings
Ruth Kaune

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

Motion was made (Mike) to accept the minutes from the 2016 AGM meeting, seconded (Paula). Accepted.

AGM: Election of PAC Positions

Chair – Amy Burden has one more year on her two-year term.

Vice-chair - Andrea Mori offered to let her name be put forward for the position of Vice-Chair and she was voted in by acclamation of members present.

Secretary – Sandra Baumeister offered to let her name be put forward for another two-year term and she was voted in by acclamation of members present.

Treasurer – Lucie Seba has one more year on her two-year term.

Newsletter - Kristin Unger will continue in the role of Newsletter Editor for another year.

DPAC – Kirstin Unger has one more year on her two-year term.

Fundraising/Special Events – Terri Burton has one more year on her two-year term.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Mike Keller ends his role in this position as he is now finished with his last year at the school. It was noted that Deborah Pettigrew may put her name forward at the first meeting in September.

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Ruth will continue for the next year and will continue to be open to having another parent shadow her and learn the position as this will be her last year at the school.

Motion: to provide a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 for one female student and \$500.00 for one male student from Sands Secondary. Passed

Regular monthly PAC meeting commenced at 7:16 PM.

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Principal's Report

Nicole Braid will be moving on to take a position of principal at Annieville Elementary. Her position will be replaced by Patrick Klassen. He comes from Chalmers and has worked in supported learning and was an inclusion team teacher. The library position will be filled by Mr. Louie.

Gray Elementary will grow by two more divisions in September. Supportive learning division will be moved over to McCloskey. Gray's enrolment will be close to 500 students in September.

The Ministry announced that Gray will get \$26, 000 from the Learner Grant. Zena will be obligated to report her plan to the PAC for how the money will be spent. Zena met with staff regarding the plan and noted it can be used for electronic support, athletic equipment, etc. Some items will now come from her wish list.

A discussion was held on how technology is used for kids to express their learning and is interwoven into the curriculum. Many teachers are using Google Classroom.

The gravel field that lays between the school land and Mackie turf is being turned into another turf field. Work will be starting in June on the turf replacement project at Mackie. The teeter totters will be removed however the swings will stay. The earthquake bin will be moved over the where the primary swings are located. The turf field will still be used for emergency release drills.

A discussion was held about the puddle and elevation concerns. Zena noted that the Grounds Department has made remediation efforts over the years but have been unable to stop the pooling.

A discussion was held on the playground with respect to the new turf and timing of approval from the Corporation's Parks Department. Sandra is currently waiting for council to approve the location and then we will be able to go ahead. Grant funding would be available in the new year.

Zena noted that there will be students from four schools gathering in the gym on Monday to participate in a coding display.

PAC REPORTS

DPAC Report

Kristin reported that the DPAC AGM took place a couple of weeks ago. She reiterated information about the Learner Grant of \$26, 000 for Gray. Doug Shepherd, Superintendent, noted funds for the Learning Improvement Fund are in flux until the government is workout out. Funds will be used for student enrichment. The election outcome needs to be decided first.

There will be a brochure coming out and it will be built around four big questions that parents can ask children about their learning. It will be intended as an aide to figure out how your child is doing.

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Hot Lunch Update

Ruth noted that the year is almost over and there are only six weeks left. Terri mentioned that Jenn Clark expressed an interest in helping with hot lunches on a part-time basis. Sonja may also be interested.

Ruth noted that she will not be at the school next year and the Tasty Tuesday event will be open for a new coordinator to take over.

Emergency Preparedness

Mike gave his final update. Mike was thanked for all the great years (7) of service that he gave to Gray Elementary and the local community. The bin continues to be well organized and up-to-date. Food and water will expire in 2021. Mike offered to have his name given to the new coordinator should they have any questions.

Fundraising/Special Events

Terri gave a recap of the Zumba fundraiser and commented that it went very well and the kids seemed to really enjoy it. Zena and Nicole noted that future Zumba nights should be done in the second term rather than the third school term.

Carnival committee has been set up and the new silent auction will be held in the library. Parent volunteers can oversee the bid sheets. Monday is the last day for raffle and bottle donations. Pre-order reminders have gone home. M & M meats will be doing the barbecue. Paula Hutton will organize the Grade 6 cake walk.

Sports Day was discussed. Paula stated that the field is in very bad condition. Zena will put in a work order to have it looked at.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be on June 21st. Details will go out in the June newsletter. The lunch will be a potluck of dishes donated by parents. Gift cards and flowers will be purchased and then raffled off.

Open House has been scheduled for September 21, 2017. Pre-order sheets will be sent home in the first week of school for food items.

Entertainment fundraiser will take place in September. Rash will help Terri with organizing it.

Reminder to mention Gray Elementary when you make purchases at M & M Meats.

White Spot fundraiser is still pending.

Kaboom is a self- defense and manipulation technique training system. The owner wants to give back to the community. He has donated gift certificates to bingo night this past year and also for the upcoming silent auction at carnival. The Kaboom centre is very busy but he is still looking to give back and will give money back to the PAC for any Gray student and families that enroll.

Menchie's will do a 20% reimbursement to the PAC on purchases made there. Terri will investigate further.

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Treasurer Report

Lucie did not have anything new to report other than to note she will be applying for the Gaming Grant tomorrow.

New Business

Grade 7 graduation events have taken place. The breakfast tradition of dads cooking for the students was carried on this year. Yearbooks continue to be worked on.

Motion: The PAC funds will be used to reimburse Grade 7 parents in the amount of \$291.85 for funds spent on the Grade 7 Breakfast event. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Amy. Passed.

On Friday morning, parents and volunteers are invited to come early to the school for goodies and coffee as a way for teachers to show their appreciation to the parent volunteers. The choir will be singing.

Laurence Ling offered his support and assistance to Lucie with treasurer functions.

Andrea Mori will need signing authority.

Motion was made (Amy), seconded by Ruth, to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.