

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting called to order by Amanda at 7:04pm

### **In Attendance:**

Patrick Klassen, Andrea Mori, Amanda Berera, Sonja Gustavesen, Jennifer Hastings and Karen Kang

Roll call for quorum, no quorum met

### **Principal's Report:**

Provided by Patrick Klassen

- Patrick took a look at Houle games to see what we could potentially rent with our deposit from Spring Carnival. The dunk tank seems like a good idea as it ensures we can socially distance. We could potentially do an arcade fundraiser, put arcade video games in gymnasium for 1 week and rotate classes through. Would be easy to disinfect.
- Patrick and Heidi are starting some new initiatives. Patrick is doing connectedness activity once a month. Heidi is looking into social and emotional learning in class and will be sending info home to parents so they are aware what is being discussed. District is doing online seminars as well on social and emotional well being as there has been lots of interest in upcoming virtual events
- There is a new initiative at Gray that is environmental advocacy. Kiran Olak and Erica Bain along with Heidi are spearheading and they could potentially get a grant of \$500 for posting online on social media platforms
- New Staff:
  - Ms Neall is off and Katherine Morrison is taking over her Grade 1
  - KerrInne Botter
  - Perminder Smog, EA in Ms Hewitt's classroom
  - Amandeep Mangat, EA but part of district staff
  - Still trying to fill position of p/t counsellor
- Terry Fox run raised \$750
- Library Lego wall has been built, we will need lego in containers in the future
- Wall hangings, lots of book jackets to do border should be done soon to complete
- Patrick would like if the PAC included on their social media page Health and Safety information. There are a lot of repeat questions posed on this, so if we could put a standard notice that goes out that encourages mask usage, social distancing and leaving school grounds after dismissal that would be helpful
- Remembrance Day assembly will not be like previous years as we cannot have entire school in gymnasium. The classrooms are all going to be doing activities leading up to Remembrance Day, like wreaths, symbols of peace and there will be moment of silence observed
- Diwali is coming up, he would like PAC to purchase Diya's for kids can do in classrooms, we will have a quote next week from multicultural worker who is our contact

- Halloween is on a Saturday this year and Patrick has gone ahead and booked a security guard for an 8 hour shift at a cost of \$200. This is to deter possible mischief, grass fires, playground equipment damage etc. Security guard will be there from 4pm to midnight
- Patrick has gone ahead and paid for licensing for Grade 4-7 for Athletics which is \$12.50 per student
- Patrick has also paid for Raz Kids for Grade 1-3 which is roughly \$1200
- Our technology is old about 4-7 years and he would like to upgrade. It would be ideal to have two Chromebook carts per grade. Each cart comes costs \$7000
- Patrick looked into this and determined that gaming grant can be used towards purchasing new technology
- 3x a year the grades 4 & 7's need to use the computers. FSA is 3-4 weeks in Oct, Jan & Feb it is for MDI survey (mental health), 2-3 days for school survey
- We have 5 ipads which are old and have cords missing
- Patrick is okay with PAC taking over the sale of spirit wear
- He is working on trying to update our school Owl Logo as our current one is very low resolution and hard to put clear image on items. He would like to have an indigenous owl, hopefully by a local artist and basically just looking to modernize it
- Hot Lunches can be done, as long as everything is prepared offsite and individually wrapped. Would be a cold lunch as we have different lunch times at our school. Another school in our district (Brooke) had success
- Both Patrick and Heidi are being evaluated this year in their roles as both in second year of Principal and vice principal roles, information will be sent out to evaluate

## **PAC REPORTS**

### **Special Events:**

- Position still vacant and nothing planned

### **Fundraising:**

- Jenn is away but provided information that wine will be added to holiday stock up. Also flyers to go out next week for Neufeld's, Purdy's etc
- Hot Lunches will be looked at to see what we could do that would work and if we want to try

### **Treasurer:**

Kristin is away and nothing to report

### **DPAC:**

Kristin away and nothing to report

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

Sonja advised nothing to report and she is still trying to obtain Binder from previous year with information.

Sonja was also curious as to what qualifies as an emergency where we would use our bins. Patrick advised that any natural disaster that would force us to remain outside for extended amount of time.

For example, a tree falling on our school or Sands, earthquake etc. Patrick also advised that our big release drill will be conducted in April/May

**Newsletter:**

Nothing to report

**New Business:**

- Jennifer Hastings advised that teachers are working on a wishlist of what they need in class and will put on website so families can donate
- Andrea asked about Christmas hampers this year and how many families are in need. Patrick advised Angela the child youth care worker would know the numbers and who is being supported. Also noted that this year no food donations are allowed and it would all be in the form of gift cards

Motion to adjourn meeting @7:55pm made by Amanda