

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2021

Zoom virtual meeting called to order by Andrea at 7:02pm.

In Attendance:

Andrea Mori, Patrick Klassen, Amanda Berera, Jenn Clarke, Heidi Gonzalez, Kristin Unger, Jennifer Hastings, Sonja Gustavesen, Karen Kang, Prab & Bonnie

Roll call for quorum, all in attendance.

Motion made by Kristin to accept Agenda, seconded by Jenn and all present voted in favor.

Motion made by Karen to accept Nov 25th, 2020 PAC Meeting Minutes, seconded by Kristin and all present voted in favor.

Motion made by Kristin to accept Nov 25th, 2020 Special Executive Meeting Minutes, seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.

Principal's Report:

Provided by Patrick Klassen

- He is working on a few things, like trying to get the Emergency Preparedness folder from Deborah. Hoping to coordinate a pickup time shortly to obtain.
- Heidi and Patrick will be meeting the new Trustee on Feb 2nd, along with Doug Sheppard & Jesse Dosangh. They will discuss COVID-19 protocols, the building and any questions parents have put forth and have a meet & greet in the future.
- Jump rope for heart will look different this year as all fundraising is being done online. Our goal this year is \$2,000 and we are already over that at \$2,200 and campaign ends on Feb 9th, 2021. Of this one student's family fundraised \$700.
- Stream of Dreams approached our school in early Dec to see if we were interested in participating in painting fish that would be displayed at another North Delta School. 12 classes at Gray participated.
- Upcoming school events are play all day, Pink shirt day, Lunar New Year & Family Day. Patrick advised that they decided to postpone play all day event to the 3rd term in hopes of better weather. This would enable lots more activities to be set up outside to facilitate play all day.
- Staff passes along their appreciation and thanks to the PAC for the thoughtful gifts as they felt appreciated and it was uplifting.
- Heidi is working with 12 teachers piloting the SEL Project (Social Emotional Learning) which also has a parent portion to it. 3 schools are currently in the pilot project, this project originated in the UK and has been around for 5 years. They have access to the program for 3 months, but parents will continue to be able to access for the rest of the year. If the project goes well, we may be eligible to have it free for 1 year.

- There is a request for Technology. School is down 25-30 Chromebooks (which is 2 full carts, 15 Chromebooks in each cart) Each cart is \$7,000 and we only have 5 carts remaining that are usable. 15 of the downed Chromebooks were sent to district for repairs and we were told they are not salvageable. Grade 4-7's will need them for upcoming surveys.

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Special Events:

- Nothing to report.

Hot Lunch:

Provided by Jenn

- Going very well, seems like the support this year for Hot Lunch exceeds previous years. Lots of orders and this next set of 4 hot lunches is bringing in around \$2,400. Lots of volunteers have been reaching out to assist as well and even some teachers/support staff are utilizing and ordering for themselves.
- Last hot lunch will be in mid June. We are offering Hot Lunch every Friday that school is open.

Treasurer Report:

Provided by Kristin

- Accounts are in good standing and healthy. We have \$22,183.13 in the Gaming Account and \$30,245.26 in the Operating Account.
- We do not have a lot currently in expenses and Hot Lunch is the primary source of funds coming in.

DPAC:

Provided by Kristin

- Not much is new, last meeting was just a review. Next meeting will be meeting new trustee and finding out what they plan going forward.

Emergency Preparedness:

Provided by Sonja

- She heard back from Deborah today who said she will get her the binder of information. She was advised that there is some food stock and water pouches expiring Feb 2021. Deborah does not think this would be a concern until the next school year. However, we will have to wait until we get the binder that holds the accounting and then determine the next steps.

Newsletter:

Provided by Jenn and Amanda

- No major changes, similar information every month with main reminders being about hot lunches.

Fundraising:

Provided by Amanda

- We are signed up for the Easter Purdys fundraiser. The books will be going home with students on March 1st. Paper orders will need to be in by Mar 11th however the online orders will have some more leeway. Purdy's orders will be delivered on Monday March 29th, 2021 and PAC will get together on Tuesday to organize and hope it will be ready to send home on Wednesday with students.
- The Return it Bottle account has about \$400 in it currently.
- Amanda was asking Patrick about when we can start getting spirit wear organized. Patrick advised that parent that is updating logo is close to completing it. She is working with a new program to try to get the highest level of resolution. He hopes to have it this term and once ready we will be able to use right away.

New Business:

- Andrea is suggesting we look into funding for classroom funds, to donate from operating account to be use at teacher's discretion.
- Patrick advised that camp is officially cancelled, and the money has been refunded. He is looking to see if there is anything else they can due in lieu, however its very difficult due to all the COVID-19 restrictions and rules in place. One possibility is Deas Island for canoeing for the Grade 6-7's. The principal at Hellings is the one in charge of that, so we can reach out to find out more details. Could be orientating and canoeing there? The biggest cost is renting school buses for this.
- Also looking at possible doing more virtual fieldtrips or STEM activities. We currently have 120 Grade 6-7's, everyone is just researching possible ideas.
- Jennifer Hastings advised that virtual fieldtrips are the most easily accessible and cost effective. The cost can range from \$30-100 and be split through multiple classes.
- The PAC is looking at how we could support the Grades 5, 6 & 7 in some way as they have lost out on most of the big milestone fieldtrips (Victoria, Skiing & Camping)
- Patrick suggested if we could do the Stream of Dreams project where we would paint fish to be displayed at our school this time. There is a virtual meeting held the day before explaining the importance of life cycle and there is an indigenous aspect as well. The cost is \$15 per student and the school is eligible to apply for a grant that could cover \$10-12 off per child.

Motion made by Amanda to cover up to \$5 per child if grant obtained for Stream of Dreams. This would be \$5 x 500 students for a cost of \$2,500. Seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.

If no grant is obtained, we can revote at that time.

- Andrea spoke about outdoor learning space. Patrick advised that they have put the school name on a waitlist. This is through the city of Delta, so if for example a tree is being cut down in the city, we could get called with one days notice and they would deliver it to us (and treated and cut down to benches we could use). We have no idea how long this could take to get, but name is on waitlist.
- Patrick advised that outdoor learning is huge right now and aligns with curriculum to get kids outside, however technology is what we need more of at this time.
- Heidi advised that there is a Practicum student at Gray who applied and received a grant through UBC. They are planning to use the grant at Gray and build a little free library.
- Patrick acknowledges Gray's 50th anniversary and that they have purchased a time capsule. They will have every class contribute and that will be done this year.

Motion made by Andrea to allocate \$15 per student for K-7 ($\$15 \times 500 = \$7,500$) to be used for fieldtrips. Seconded by Jenn, and motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 abstained.

Motion made by Andrea to allocate \$200 to each teacher for classroom funds, to be used at their discretion from the Operating account. Seconded by Sonja, and motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 abstained.

Motion made Andrea to purchase 1 cart of Chromebooks for school at \$7,000. Seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:43pm by Karen, seconded by Amanda.