

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

November 24th, 2021

Microsoft Teams virtual meeting called to order by Andrea Mori at 7:02 pm.

In Attendance:

Andrea Mori, Ruby Jaswal, Bob Thompson, Amanda Berera, Heidi Gonzalez, Jennifer Hastings, Jenn Clarke, Kurt Morley, Dave Camara, Bonnie, Sonja Gustavasen, Heather Svensson and Karen Kang

Motion made by Dave to accept Agenda as presented, seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.

Motion made by Dave to accept October 27th, 2021, PAC Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jenn and all present voted in favor.

Principal's Report:

Provided by Bob Thompson and VP Heidi Gonzalez

Heidi started with:

- Photo retake day was at the beginning of the month
- Diwali was celebrated at school which was nice to see
- Remembrance Day assembly was held virtually and emceed by Grade 6 & 7 students. It was nice to see classes share poems and students from each class participated in laying of the wreaths. The school wanted to share with the parents, so the display was left up outside
- Later on this month the Grade 6 & 7 immunizations will take place at the school
- Volleyball is ongoing, Division 1 is playing against the staff this Friday
- The Scholastic Virtual Book fair is on until Nov 26th
- Spirit Day is on Nov 30th and theme is funky socks and masks

Bob continued with:

- Lots of things planned for Dec for Christmas, trying to ensure some things are accessible for parents
- Students will be participating in making Christmas cards for our neighbours and there will be walking fieldtrips to deliver them
- There will be a festive music contest, trying to guess what staff member selected which song and there will be prizes
- Teachers will display artwork in windows, and the pods will be decorated for the season
- Candy cane sale is on Dec 9 which is run by the grade 3's
- Lots of things going on to make Dec special for our students
- Staff is currently in the middle of writing report cards which will be out online on Dec 8th, 2021
- Volleyball continues until Christmas break
- Update on school property, there were pumper trucks out yesterday to clear the basins. Working on contacting private companies to access the trees to ensure safety

Teachers report from Jennifer Hastings:

- Thank you for the art drying racks, they were received and assembled
- Staff is looking to see what families may need some additional support over the holidays, hope to organize and distribute to them the last week before break

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Special Events:

- None currently

Fundraising:

Update provided by Dave

- The Neufeld and Fall stock up was completed with about a \$900 profit, Neufeld orders were down from last year
- Purdy's closed on Sunday, to be picked up next week and distributed, \$760 in profit, overall \$3000 raised/spent. Dave will pick up orders and wants to know if he can sort in library like previous years, Bob agrees, possibly next Wed or Thurs and then they will be sent home with the students
- Next fundraiser is online and being worked on, trying to have website live for Friday. It's a virtual Christmas market with wood ornaments, poinsettias, gingerbread, beer & wine vendors and hoping for some spirit wear
- Dave is looking at ways to improve notices for fundraisers and any ideas/suggestions would be welcomed

Hot Lunch:

Preeti and Maleena away

- No updates
- There seemed to be low orders for lunch but once reminder went out 50 + people ordered right away
- Kernels open for last day of class for fun day

Treasurer Report:

Update provided by Amanda

- We earned around \$700 in hot lunches for November
- Accounts sit at \$15,195.27 for gaming and \$17,499.12 for operating. Grant hasn't been deposited yet which would make gaming around \$27,000.
- Need to spend some of these funds as it has accumulated over the past few years and there is a timeframe in which it needs to be used. Looking for ideas from school for what we can use funds for

DPAC:

Updated provided by Dave

- Treated to another Vision 2030 discussion
- Some talk about school events, more clarification coming. Sounded like students and immediate families may be possible at some point. There may be differing rules for high school vs elementary due to vaccination status
- Talked about fundraising and what different schools are doing, Gray seems more active. There is a school in Ladner that is fundraising for a new playground and they have a dedicated fundraising website
- Fieldtrips currently cancelled due to fuel shortage and can't go anywhere where proof of vaccine is required as our students are not vaccinated
- Question arose if vaccine will be offered at school but doesn't seem likely

Emergency Preparedness:

Provided by Sonja

- No new update
- Had quick chat with Bob and agreed to check the bins themselves, wanted to check how many pop up tents are available, if there is only 1 we may look at purchasing more
- Bob reached out to District Emergency Prep coordinator but no word back

Newsletter:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

Gingerbread House Contest is a go, the PAC voted via email. Every student will get 1 house to decorate and we will have a winner from each class, then that one will go into a contest with each grade and have prizes. This will happen during the second to last week of classes.

Dave suggested maybe investing in pop up tents for future fundraisers (delivery) and hope to store in PAC room as well as some folding tables. 2 tents and 2 tables are around \$800.

Motion made by Andrea to buy 2 canopy's and 2 folding tables with a budget up to \$800, seconded by Dave and all present voted in favor

Dave presented a potential fieldtrip/fundraising idea, Rain Bird Farms is a local urban farm across from Sungod. They set up beehives that you can purchase and you can collect the honey from them. Students would be able to walk there and check on the status of their beehives. This year the cost is \$350 for each beehive. Jennifer Hastings thinks there will be some interest from teachers in regards to this.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:14 pm by Dave, seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.