

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Microsoft Teams virtual meeting called to order by Andrea Mori at 7:05 pm.

### **In Attendance:**

Andrea Mori, Amanda Berera, Bob Thompson, Heidi Gonzalez, Heather Svennson, Jenn Clarke, Jennifer Hastings, Kurt Morley, Dave Camara, Munmeet Brar, Ruby Jaswal and Karen Kang

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

**Motion** made by Jenn to accept Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, PAC Meeting Minutes, seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.

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

Provided by Bob Thompson and VP Heidi Gonzalez

Heidi started with:

- Brief recap for the month of April, we had Salima Noor come in on April 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> for the students which was after the parent info session which was held on Apr 6<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions for future presentations is to maybe hold the parent info session a few days beforehand, so they would have a bit more time to decide if they wanted their children to participate.
- April 11 there was a DPAC meeting, there was a discussion around a recent Brooking Institute Study which was conducted. The findings revealed were considerably brief in comparison to how thorough the study was given that around 24,000 parent/focus groups and 600 teachers provided feedback. There was talk about how to incorporate family and school collaborations and the result was that they would create a playbook.
- Jump rope for heart will come to an end at the end of the month. A celebration event was held last Friday with grade 6/7 leadership students helping set up. There were six class rotations, showcased jump rope skills. This is the final week of fundraising and so far, we have raised \$1200. The online donation portion is open until June.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> of 8 Skills for life parent sessions started on Monday and we have 12 households participating.
- Track and field well underway coaching before school and at lunchtime. May 10<sup>th</sup> is the Track and Field meet; May 12<sup>th</sup> is alternative date if bad weather and May 19<sup>th</sup> is the final district meet.
- The Grade 7's have some upcoming fun events lined up to celebrate year end. An amazing race event, Playland, dance and year end is planned.
- Grade 7 camp is booked for Sept for 2022/2023 school year

Bob continued:

- During the DPAC meeting, the Brookings Institute did an extensive survey and parents and teachers had interesting views of what each group valued more. It was interesting that some felt one group valued academics over social well being and vice versa.
- Reviewed upcoming school year budget, it becomes public tomorrow and will be posted on the district website
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a public meeting taking place around the budget. The Ministry of Education is asking the districts for a 3 yr budget, 1 more detailed for the upcoming year. The process will be stretched out, usually set in May but due to new requirements it won't be in place until early June.
- Staffing for upcoming school year will start shortly. Class setup to be reviewed, notice going out for class requests will be in the notice this week.
- We are currently without a school counsellor and are trying to find a replacement
- Thank you in advance for the upcoming teacher appreciation event

Jennifer Hastings provided the following:

- Stream of Dreams dates are set for week of June 13<sup>th</sup>, with additional parent support required the week of June 20 for installation.
- She met with Mark and Erin (Beehive) and some classes will go visit the farm in middle/end of May and some go in June. Kids will be able to return in September to see the progress of the beehives.
- There are going to be 2 in person Welcome to Kindergarten events, one on May 27<sup>th</sup> and one for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Last year the PAC provided a pamphlet with information so if we want to do the same this year to provide it and it will be included again.

## **PAC REPORTS**

### **Special events:**

- Andrea advised that to hold an outdoor movie night, the movie would not be able to start until 9:30 pm, so the contact person suggested holding off until Sept to do.
- Looking to see if we can do a bingo night or indoor movie night. Heidi put in work order for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the Bingo machine. The district is still trying to locate the machine so we may need to hold off on doing this event.
- Maybe looking at doing an indoor movie night on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Carnival will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
- Sports day will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and we are seeing if we can possibly run a concession.

### **Fundraising:**

- The past Purdy's and Neufeld orders did not generate a huge turnout
- No new fundraisers in May as we do have a few special events in the works.

### **Hot Lunch:**

Preeti & Maleena away

- Andrea advised no new update
- All sessions are now available online through Munch a lunch to order til the end of the school year.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Update provided by Amanda

- Operating account is at \$19,659.63 and Gaming account is at \$24,941.02
- Hot lunch has done well this school year and has been a great fundraiser.

### **DPAC:**

Update provided by Dave and Andrea

- Last meeting was what was discussed earlier about the findings of the Brooks Institute Study.

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

Sonja away

- No new update
- Bob and Sonja will continue to monitor the bins
- An early release drill will be held in fall

### **Newsletter:**

- None

### **Old Business:**

- Amanda advised that Sands Secondary reached out inquiring if we will provide Scholarship funds. We could look at contributing but will need a motion.
- We have received the accessible swing but are waiting for pathway to be done.
- Bob will follow up to see if a new outdoor wagon is still required for the outdoor learning and get back to us

### **New Business:**

Kurt will help organize volunteers for the upcoming special events.

May need some help to set up teacher appreciation event and Bob will get back to us for a time to get into the library.

Andrea advised that she has secured bouncy castle and games for the Family Fun night/Carnival. Quote was \$3500 and we went with a company called Fraser valley

**Motion** made by Andrea to allot \$5000.00 for family fun night/carnival, seconded by Kurt and all present voted in favor.

**Motion** made by Andrea to provide two \$500 scholarships (\$1,000 in total) for Gray Alumni graduating from Sands this year, seconded by Jenn and all present voted in favor.

\$15 per student for fieldtrips was approved via email by PAC for this year (until end of June)

Bob Thomson, Heidi Gonzalez and Jennifer Hastings left meeting

The PAC and remaining attendees continued with:

- Staff appreciation event we are offering Mucho Burrito for lunch. It is a build your own bowl and email went to staff for them to make their selections. Event is happening on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, which is cinco de mayo and therefore going with a Mexican theme, will have food, prizes, decorations. The cost of the burrito bowls is \$15 each x 60 staff members which totals \$900.00.

**Motion** made by Jenn to approve a budget up to \$2,500.00 for staff appreciation event, seconded by Amanda and all present voted in favor

**Motion** made to adjourn meeting at 9:07 pm by Andrea, seconded by Karen and all present voted in favor.