

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Microsoft Teams virtual meeting called to order by Andrea Mori at 7:01 pm.

### **In Attendance:**

Andrea Mori, Heidi Gonzalez, Kurt Morley, Jenn Clarke, Amanda Berera, Bob Thompson, Heather, Jennifer Hastings and Karen Kang

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

**Motion** made by Karen to accept January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, PAC Meeting Minutes, seconded by Kurt and all present voted in favor.

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

Provided by Bob Thompson and VP Heidi Gonzalez

Heidi started with:

- Some key things that occurred in February were the Lunar New Year, front bulletin display and students were invited to wear their festive clothes. On Feb 4 we had the Play all day event and that was enjoyed by the whole school. Feb 14 was Valentine's Day and we celebrated with a spirit day and kids were encouraged to wear red, white and pink. Kicked off Kindness and Compassion. We held an Emergency Drill which included drop, hold and cover, 60 sec earthquake drill as well as Shelter in place. Shelter in place is done when there is an environmental hazard outside that could impact those inside the building. Normally regular school activities do continue.
- District day was last Friday, and the focus was on Indigenous and call to action as well as how to implement, there was a keynote speaker.
- Tuesday our teacher candidates came and are here until spring break. 4 of them are from SFU and this is a shorter practicum, and they will return in the fall for a longer practicum.
- Today is Pink Shirt Day and the focus is on kindness and compassion.

Bob continued:

- Pleased and happy that we can go ahead with the Grade 5 Entrepreneur fair, we will use the gym and a few classrooms so the school can view the items
- The grade 5 teachers are hoping to share the product list with the parent community so they can see what is available on Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> the day of the fair
- March 4 there will be a fire drill at 9:30 am
- Report cards for Term 2 will be available on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- On March 10<sup>th</sup>, parent/teacher interviews will be held and are optional. Parents can reach out to teachers to schedule if any questions or concerns
- March 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day before Spring break

- Beehives have been purchased and 8-9 teachers will be participating. Bob will touch base with the farm for the fieldtrips after spring break
- Skills for life, trying to make that happen through the DPAC so it can be utilized this spring
- Jennifer Hastings confirmed that Stream of Dreams has confirmed for the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We received a grant for \$6459 and the remainder estimated about \$2330 will come from PAC. They will reach out the week of June 20<sup>th</sup> for parent volunteers to help attach the finished product along school.

## **PAC REPORTS**

### **Special events:**

- None currently

### **Fundraising:**

Dave is away

- Purdy's email will be in Newsletter this Friday

### **Hot Lunch:**

Preeti & Maleena away

- Andrea mentioned that order #'s has been increasing

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

Update provided by Amanda

- Gaming Account is at \$24,941.02 and Operating Account is \$18,245.23
- Jen asked a question about when gaming funds expire, and it was noted that we generally have 2 years to use them

### **DPAC:**

Dave away

- Andrea advised that there was no meeting this month and the next meeting will be with the trustees

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

Sonja away

- Bob advised that we may need to purchase a few things on our own and replenish the water bins

### **Newsletter:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

Andrea had a question about the new dog park that is now open in Mackie Park. She is wondering if we have had any issues with dogs off leash during school hours when students are outside or if there has been an increase in foot traffic? Bob and Heidi advised none yet

Andrea was also asking if a grade 7 parent meeting has taken place yet and Bob advised that the Gr 7 teachers are in the works at arranging something

New outdoor play equipment has been received for the pods; they need to be filled with air. Gr 6/7 in leadership roles will help with that and then distribute to the pods

Jennifer Hastings had a question about field trip funds and if we are providing. Bob said some teachers are doing virtual fieldtrips (some free & some at a cost).

**Motion** made to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm by Jenn, seconded by Kurt and all present voted in favor.