

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

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

In person meeting called to order by Heather at 7:09 pm.

### **In Attendance** (in person and virtual):

Andrea Mori, Ruby Jaswal, Heidi Gonzalez, Kurt Morley, Heather Svennson, Amanda Berera, Sonja Gustavasen, Pam Grewal, Kim Watson and Karen Kang

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

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

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

Provided by Heidi Gonzalez

- Past events, last month we had different fieldtrips like pumpkin patch, ice skating, art gallery, ski for grade 6 and we had Nathan Wilson bring his journey canoe which is available to the district
- Assemblies are being held at half capacity as student population is 562
- Grade 7 volleyball resumed
- Fire drill and hold and secure was done
- Kindergarten – grade 3 assembly was held with fire fighters in to discuss hazards and fire safety
- My Ed new system for report cards is out, only format changed
- Bob Thompson has been absent, full time medical leave effective Monday. Arrangements have been made for Heidi Gonzalez to be acting principal and we will have a teacher to help reduce load and be teacher in charge. A letter will go out to families tomorrow, and to the teacher stepping up, those parents on Friday which will be effective for Monday. Hoping Bob returns after Christmas break.
- Kim Watson has a list of numbers of families that will need Christmas hampers and will provide once finalized
- No candy cane sale this year as there are many other fundraisers taking place

### **Teachers Representative Report:**

Provided by Kim Watson

Upcoming events:

- Next Monday is a Pro D Day which will focus on heart and mind
- Dec 1-16 food drive
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> report cards available on parent connect
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Entrepreneur fair

- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> K-4 Christmas concert, there will be 2 concerts, 1 in the afternoon and 1 in the evening. There will be 2 tickets per family, parents may request more and if capacity allows may be allowed additional
- Various other spirit days are upcoming, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> read all day and pajama day and we will have 21 guest volunteers in to read
- Grade 5-7 Spring Music concert

## **PAC REPORTS**

### **Special Events:**

Update provided by Heather

- Christmas market is 10 days out, only have 4 empty tables which we may be able to fill. Posters are being made to put up around community (rec centre, library, etc.). Still looking for volunteers, will add request to newsletter.
- The grade 6 students will take over the concession at the Christmas Market as a way to fundraise for their ski trip.
- Movie night is this Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, which will be featuring Minions Rise of Gru. We will need a tech projector and perhaps set up a row of chairs along back for parents who want to sit. Still need a few more volunteers for movie night.

### **Fundraising:**

Amanda provided update

- Stock up orders are due Friday Nov 25, 2022. All orders to be picked up at Christmas market except for Neufeld's which is Tues Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Neufeld's orders are due Monday Nov 28, 2022.

### **Hot Lunch:**

Maleena and Preeti away

- Heidi was wondering if we can include a note to let parents to know if their child is away that day, they can pick up from office.
- Pam Grewal mentioned that her brother-in-law owns a Subway in Burnaby and if we are interested in utilizing him for our Subway orders. Info will be passed along to Maleena and Preeti.

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

Provided by Andrea

- Gaming account is sitting at \$22,796.28 and Operating account is at \$21,508.17.

### **DPAC:**

Position vacant

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

Provided by Kurt

- Binder has been received and will be reviewed
- Kim Watson recommended a tourniquet if we could purchase one to include
- Trying to find energy and protein bars with no nuts to add into the emergency bins as current ones contain nuts.
- Vanessa Heal is the district representative who is in charge of making sure all the schools emergency bins are inline with each other.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

- Bingo night date, options are Feb 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, opted to go with Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The district owned Bingo machine is no longer working.
- In the past, PAC has paid for cultural performances. School has 3-4 district provided funding. Maybe Heidi can find one geared toward primary students. We will revisit in January.
- Someone emailed the PAC and advised that they had a baby grand piano they wished to donate. Unfortunately, school has no space to hold
- Lego is always a popular toy and if anyone is purging it would be appreciated
- The gingerbread houses are all ready to go, we will package candy during market to add to each class

**Motion** made to adjourn meeting at 7:58 pm by Heather, seconded by Kurt.