

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

September 27th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Andrea Mori.

In Attendance:

Amanda Berera, Andrea Mori, Jenn Clarke, Bre Blackburn, Amanda Henderson, Madison Stewart, Karen Kang, Kurt Morley, Amardeep Grewal, John Mann, Jennifer Hastings, Teresa Sohal, Sat Rai, Prab Nagra

Motion made by Andrea to accept minutes from April 2023 PAC meeting. 2nd by Kurt, all present voted in favour.

Motion made by Andrea to accept Agenda as presented. 2nd by Kurt, all present voted in favour.

Principal's Report

- Email from District requesting Executive's contact information – Andrea to relay.
- The gravel field will be developed into a turf field.
 - The City of Delta is in contact with Gray advising when it will be closed for repairs.
 - Access will be given to Gray students to use the new turf field once completed.
 - The project is still out to tender, no one is confirmed yet.
 - The playground – jungle gym and swings -will need to come down. No information has been given on what will replace it and where.
- FSAs for Grade 4s and 7s are coming up.
 - They are a baseline on where the students and school are currently and can be used as a guide on how and where to improve.
 - BCTF will be sending out communication that they are not in support of the FSAs.
 - The District states that this testing is necessary, and every student in those grades must participate. If a parent requests that their child be exempt, the principal is required to contact the parent or guardian and ask why.
- There are currently 3 student teachers at Gray, and there are student EA's too.
 - This is a great model for the students as it shows that even teachers and EA's are still learning.
 - A positive reflection on Gray, with this amount of learning happening at the teaching level.
- Hot lunches. There are a lot of hot lunches at Gray.
 - We need to focus on recycling at Gray, the garbage pickup is paid for by taxpayers.
 - We should look at the current model of hot lunches and make good choices to follow Gray's focus.
 - Teachers have brought up excess amount of garbage produced from hot lunches and the school had to schedule extra garbage pickups to accommodate it.
 - Individually bagging each student's lunch is creating more garbage.
- Grade 7 camp was a huge success. Camp Jubilee always does a great job, this year was no exception.

- Terry Fox Run
 - Took place Wednesday, September 28th
 - Jessica Mann organized it again this year and the school raised over \$1000.00 as of September 28th.
- Orange Shirt Day is Friday, September 29th. Teachers will be recognizing the day in their classes in an age-appropriate way.
- Hardship
 - The Feeding Futures Fund (FFF) is for food support for families that need it, usually through gift cards. It will be continuing again this year, at the district level
 - Child & Youth Worker is in contact with hardship families
 - C&YW and Counsellor work together to provide informal extra help for students 5 days/week. The C&YW is now a full time role at Gray.
 - Starfish backpacks are put together by the Rotary Club and given to families in need.
- Music at Gray this year will be music, not band.
- Current student count – 563. If the school grows any more there is potential for portables.

Teacher Representative Report

- Jennifer Hastings advised that the dye cuts had been ordered and received and the staff were very thankful for them.
- Tuesday, October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day where they can recognize the extraordinary efforts of our custodians – Jas and Shobana. The teachers are working with their classes to support and thank them both.

PAC REPORTS

Hot Lunch

- The hot lunch team would like a spot inside the school to prepare the hot lunches this year, John suggested the daycare. All agreed this was a great idea.
- Karen advised that 340+ orders had been received for the fall set, and 4-5 lunches were included in the set.

Special Events

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd

- 12 of the 40 tables have been booked.
- A suggestion was made to send home information with students the week before, to promote the event to parents.
- John can include the event in the newsletter, but they are only sent every two weeks so we need to give him time.

Halloween Dance – Friday, October 27th

Movie Night – Friday, November 24th

Treasurer

Org account is at \$28,112.00

Gaming is at \$7,314.00

There are some outstanding expenses that will reduce these numbers.

DPAC

No report.

Emergency Preparedness

Kurt brought the binder into the school, Prab to take a look into it.

Newsletter

No report.

New Business

Tasty Tuesday

- We need more help, the idea of drawing up a schedule was brought up.
- The idea of raising the price too was mentioned, to be discussed further.

Christmas Stock Up

- Neufeld Farms – will check what delivery dates are available
- Purdy's – Amanda will sign up for Christmas campaign
- Gift cards – will talk to Alison, our previous years' biggest supporter, to see if she would be interested in participating again.

Gingerbread Houses – the staff thanks the PAC but they are now able to return to pre-Covid activities, so the gingerbread houses will not be needed this year.

Classroom funds

A motion to grant \$250/enrolling class for 23 divisions and \$50/non-enrolling teacher (8 in total) was brought forth by Amanda. 2nd by Andrea. All present voted in favour.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:36 pm by Amanda, seconded by Kurt.