

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Andrea Mori.

### **In Attendance:**

Amanda Berera, Andrea Mori, Karen Kang, Bre Blackburn, Amanda Henderson, Madison Stewart, Kurt Morley, John Mann, Jennifer Hastings, Prab Nagra, Heather Svensson, Pamela Burt, Samantha McGee

Motion made by Karen to accept Agenda as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bre, all present voted in favour.

Motion made by Amanda Henderson to accept minutes from October 2023 PAC meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bre, all present voted in favour.

Introductions were made to welcome new faces to the meeting.

### **Principal's Report**

- Violence risk assessment
  - All Gray staff attended.
  - Started in response to an increase in U.S. school shootings.
  - Protocols were introduced to ensure all staff know what to do in each situation.
- School vision
  - The visioning stage began in August to come up with a school vision statement, keeping in mind the idea, “What do we want kids to leave Gray with?”
  - The new school vision statement: We are a community that supports each child’s unique path to success and well-being by promoting inclusivity, respect, and empathy in a safe environment. We are educators who prioritize connections, value the whole child, and provide a safe, inclusive space for their growth and development.
- Winter concert
  - December 20<sup>th</sup> in the daytime and evening.
  - Kindergarten – Grade 4.
- Candy Cane sale
  - Will be once again run by the Grade 3 teachers.
  - It will take place on Monday, December 18th.
- Wishlist
  - John wanted more information on how it works at Gray.
  - Once a wishlist is prioritized, a list will be emailed to PAC. Mounted projectors are a very popular request at Gray – 13 classes have asked for them. There is a high cost involved, approximately \$1000 per class, as it involves the hardware, mounts and labour. A suggestion was made to prioritize younger classrooms, as the little kids aren’t as mindful of the unit when it is in the way.

## Teacher Representative Report

- No report.

## PAC REPORTS

### Special Events

- Halloween Party – Friday, October 27th
  - It was a big success, with a good profit. Fun was had by all.
- Movie Night – Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Projector and DVD player will be needed from admin.
  - Movie licensing was received and paid for by John, to be reimbursed by PAC.
  - A suggestion was made to have other movie nights in January and April, Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the next movie night.
  - The idea of an intermediate movie was suggested, for grades 6 and 7, with no parents. Admin informed the group that parents would be required as no supervision is provided by the school.
- Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - It is sold out, with a waitlist of 4 vendors.
  - Posters have been put up around the neighbourhood.
  - Grade 6s will be running the concessions, Grade 7s will be running the bake sale.
  - John to email home a map of the layout and list of the vendors to families to encourage attendance.
- Bingo Night – Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - A machine will need to be rented, Kurt to try texting our contact to book.

### Fundraising

- Holiday Stockup
  - It is well underway, but not doing too well. Approximately \$1000 in profit so far is expected.
- Other ideas suggested, with kid run fundraisers in the future or bottle drives.

### Hot Lunch

- 362 orders have been booked until the end of December, orders have increased since last month.
- \$14,000 to date has been made, but does not include the costs to be paid to vendors.
- White Spot has increased their costs, but orders increased for this lunch as well.

### Treasurer

- Org account is at \$33,107.00
- Gaming is at \$2,683.62
- Halloween dance made approximately \$1,200 in profit.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

- Prab was able to get the binder!
- Found chew marks on the tent, we might need to look at purchasing tents, chairs, and replenish the toilet paper in the bin.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- Heather will be stepping down from Special Events effective December 3/23. An election will be held in January 2024 to elect a new representative.
- Tasty Tuesday
  - To begin in the new year.
  - Will need to increase prices as in the past few years we have operated at a loss, as more of a community builder. The idea of charging \$2.00 per item and calling it Toonie Tuesday was suggested.
  - A sign up schedule will be circulated so that more than one person can run it.
- Hardship students, PAC wanted to ensure that they were able to participate in the hot lunches. John advised that they were, Cora was assisting with the ordering.
- Christmas hampers
  - Gray staff will once again be providing hampers to hardship families, they will advise PAC what the family counts are, so that PAC can once again provide gift cards for grocery stores.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm by Amanda Henderson, seconded by Kurt.