

## Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Andrea Mori.

### **In Attendance:**

Amanda Berera, Andrea Mori, Jenn Clarke, Bre Blackburn, Amanda Henderson, Madison Stewart, Kurt Morley, John Mann, Jennifer Hastings, Prab Nagra, Heather Svensson

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

Motion made by Heather to accept minutes from September 2023 PAC meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea, all present voted in favour.

### **Principal's Report**

- Dress code is being discussed at the District level
  - It has previously been challenged all the way up to the Human Rights Tribunal.
  - The School District has developed wording for students to ensure they are appropriately dressed for their day.
  - Specific wording has been removed from the code about certain clothing items.
- Vulnerable funds
  - John would like to track it monthly through the year, to come up with a budget for next year
  - \$1150.00 has been spent this year to date
  - 3 students needed financial support for camp, 5 for school supplies, and others for the pumpkin patch field trip
- Emergency Preparedness
  - There is \$10,000 to spend this year.
  - 2024/2025 the money will again be collected by the school for all students, but then the money will be given to the district to spend on restocking the bins where needed.
  - Gradual release is planned for the year, a discussion can be had after on what supplies will be needed for that. Covers for the tents should be checked on, as it was brought up that they could be damaged or missing.
- Assemblies
  - Two assemblies need to be held to accommodate the whole school.
  - This year, 2 for Primary and 2 for Intermediate are planned.
  - John is looking at ones to book, mentioned the Goh Ballet and Sarah McLachlin School of Music as possibilities.

### **Teacher Representative Report**

- Jennifer Hastings let the PAC know that the staff were very thankful for their classroom funds allotted in the previous meeting.

- Field trips are starting to be booked, and the teachers were hopeful that an announcement could be made regarding what funds they might have to work with.
- Kindergarten and Grade 1s went to the Pumpkin Patch this year, a great (muddy) time was had by all.

## **PAC REPORTS**

### **Hot Lunch**

- Karen sent a report in with Andrea, advised that 233 lunches had been booked to date. Wanted some input from others on how to increase numbers as the orders are lower than they were last year.

### **Special Events**

Halloween Party – Friday, October 27th

- Suggestions were made that the next time tickets are needed, we could print them with some kind of watermark so the tickets could be sent home with students ahead of time.

Movie Night – Friday, November 24th

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 35 of the 40 tables have been booked.
- A Facebook event is needed – Amanda B to create
- A face painter has been booked, to be paid for by PAC to entertain the kids so parents can shop.
- Grade 6s will run the Concession
- Grade 7s will run the Bake Sale

### **Treasurer**

- Org account is at \$27,384.55
- Gaming is at \$2,683.62
- The Gaming grant was denied due to a 2021 report being reported as missing – PAC has appealed. This has happened previously, and when appealed the grant was given.
- The Welcome Back BBQ earned \$431.30
- The Christmas Market has earned \$1346.00 to date.
- The hot lunches have earned \$13,000 + to date.

### **DPAC**

No report.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Prab is still waiting for the binder, will check with Teresa to see if she has it.

### **Newsletter**

No report.

## Fundraising

- Holiday Stockup
  - Amanda B offered to organize, has contacted Neufelds, Purdys and the Delf Wine Group to once again be included.
- Bre asked about the possibility of having a pub night – will look at possible venues, and days in the spring.
- Amanda H asked if school swag is possible at Gray. John is going to look into it, and see if the logo can be updated.

## New Business

- Hardship funds
  - It was decided to go month to month this year, and John would request funds as needed.
  - A motion was made by Andrea to give \$1150.00 towards vulnerable families. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kurt. All present voted in favour.
- Undercover pod
  - It is locked every day for lunch and recess, with no access to kids. A question was asked if it could be unlocked for the kids to have undercover space as the weather got worse. John has put in a request to have a door installed into the hallway for the sensory room, which would allow the outside gate doors to stay open. He will advise on this.
- Remembrance Day
  - Will Gray lay a wreath at the ND Rec centre this year? The last few years they have not had any students at the ceremony. John advised that he had already taken care of it, and Gray would be participating again this year.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:28 pm by Prab, seconded by Kurt.