

North Glenmore Elementary PAC



Meeting Minutes from the North Glenmore Elementary Parent Advisory Council October 20, 2020

PAC Executive Present: Jennifer Eberle, Christa Jenn, Becky Furney, Jamie Hudson-Zecchel, Shawna Shoranick

Staff Present: Jared Birkeland, Jill Voros

Parents Present: Heather Csikos, Nicola Sheldon, Ashly De Muinck, Courtney Schilling

1. Welcome from Jennifer Eberle

- a. NGE PAC introduced themselves to attendees

2. Approval of the October 20, 2020 agenda for the Meeting

- a. Christa made a motion and Shawna seconded the motion to approve the October 20, 2020 agenda

3. Approval of Minutes for the September 15, 2020 Meeting

- a. Jamie made a motion and Christa seconded the motion to approve the Minutes for September 15, 2020 Meeting

4. Principal Report from Jared Birkeland

- a. Thank you to the PAC
 - i. Jennifer for doing the paperwork and PAC taking the chance on the \$50,000.00 loan for the playground
 - 1. Going to tender and bids have been submitted
- b. October 9th Implementation Day – focus on Indigenizing Learning and Classrooms
 - i. Worked on preparing the staff to be able to meet curriculum outcomes
 - ii. Started on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission – 94 Calls to Action
 - iii. Staff became familiar with available resources
 - iv. Theme was centered around a quote: “Education played a huge role in getting us into the mess, and education must play a huge role in helping us get out of it.”
 - v. The afternoon was spent outdoors participating traditional aboriginal activities (Olympics)
 - vi. Staff wrote their learning or teaching intentions for the remainder of the year and they wove those intentions all together – the plan is to display it in the school
 - vii. The intent is to continue to focus on this through the year
- c. Halloween
 - i. Classes will be doing their own thing



- ii. There will not be a costume parade this year
- iii. Students can wear costumes (a change of clothing is recommended) and avoid face-paint, violence, weapons, etc.
- iv. Do not bring treats or food to the class
- v. Jared will send this information to parents via email
- d. Playground update
 - i. Recommendation of the loan was approved so we have been granted the \$50,000.00 loan
- e. Key Upcoming Dates
 - i. Kindergarten Vision Screenings coming up
 - ii. Remembrance Day on November 11 – there will be a Zoom assembly
 - 1. Becky – question about how the students may participate in the assembly
 - 2. Jared – unsure yet, but hopes to share a link to parents and will try to figure out how to involve the students, perhaps also by Zoom
 - iii. Lockdown drill on November 12
- f. Jill and Jared - Staffing update
 - i. Esmee Rothfusz is a new indigenous advocate for students who have claimed indigenous ancestry – the first time the school has had a full-time advocate
 - ii. Judy Voss was a CEA who retired this past week – she helped with the lunch program
 - iii. Dean Armstrong was a custodian who is moving on to Peter Greer and we are awaiting a new custodian
- g. Jennifer – asked about I Ride
 - i. Jared – It does not seem to be happening; it was scheduled for April or May last year but was put off

5. President's Report from Jennifer Eberle

- a. Gaming Grant came in
 - i. \$11,400 was granted
- b. COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society)
 - i. PAC gives COBSS \$500.00 each year as a scholarship to a former NGE students with strong work ethic and involvement in a community activity – cost is \$525.00 (\$25.00 for admin)
 - ii. Jennifer put forth a motion to provide \$525.00 to COBSS
 - iii. Jamie approved the motion, Shawna seconded the motion and motion was carried
 - iv. Deadline to submit is November 25
 - v. Christa received a letter from last year's recipient, Finlay Nye (currently at UBCO in Science, moving toward a Teaching degree and then may pursue a Masters or PhD) – she read the thank you letter to the PAC meeting attendees

6. Vice President's Report by Christa Jenn

- a. Nothing to report



7. Treasurer's Report by Shawna Shoronick

- a. The Gaming Grant came in
- b. Posed a question: Between the gaming account and our community account, we have enough pay down the loan in total or we could donate some of the money as additional funds toward the project; what would we like to do with the current funds?
 - i. Keep in mind that teachers are likely to ask for some funds, particularly for Christmas
 - ii. Jennifer – we had talked about fixing the sand box
 - iii. Shawna – we donated that money to the school in June
 - iv. Becky – out of our typical contributions, what will not be funded this year due to COVID-19?
 - 1. Jared – there will be fewer field trips
 - 2. Jill – the staff conversed about how much they financial support they have received over the last 5 years and how they are grateful
 - 3. Jared – recommends following the schedule and keep it slow
 - v. Shawna – we could set some of the funds aside to be dedicated to the pay back
 - vi. Jill – some of the technology that the PAC has purchased is coming to end of life and anticipates requests in the next couple years for more tech
 - 1. Shawna – what were the purchases and costs like?
 - 2. Jared – there were iPads but are now unable to update effectively (about 170 in total – each classroom has 5) and there are iPad carts
 - 3. Shawna – do you get good discounts?
 - 4. Jared – because it is Apple, we can only get a very small discount
 - 5. Jill – there is a refresh cycle system in the district and we will not be able to come up in the cycle for a few years still
 - 6. Jennifer – were there laptops purchased as well?
 - 7. Jared – PAC bought some laptops quite a while back
- c. Teacher request for funds for Pumpkins
 - i. Jill – Don-O-Ray farms is offering pumpkins at \$2.00 each to the school in lieu of Pumpkin Patch visits this year
 - ii. 170 pumpkins for Kindergartens and Grade 1's (\$340.00)
 - iii. Jennifer proposed a motion to fund the purchase of pumpkins for the Kindergartens and Grade 1's for up to \$350.00.
 - iv. Christa approved the motion, Jamie seconded the motion and motion was carried
- d. Teacher request for funds for Costumes
 - i. Mrs Weststrate and Mrs. Wong have requested \$300.00
 - ii. Jennifer proposed a motion to fund the purchase of costumes for the Christmas extravaganza for up to \$300.00.
 - iii. Christa approved the motion, Jamie seconded the motion and motion was carried

8. Fun Lunch Report by Jamie Zecchel



- a. Fun Lunch is still on hold

9. Fundraiser Coordinator's Report by Tana Hammett

- a. Tana was not present – the following notes are a combination of her written contribution to the PAC committee prior to the meeting and Christa's additional updates
- b. Tana – Scentsy will be going out tomorrow
 - i. Christa – Tana will be giving her the materials to distribute to the teachers to send home
- c. Tana – Created by Kids art cards were approved and will launch on October 26
 - i. Jennifer – are these going to be themed for Christmas or other?
 - ii. Jared – in the past this project has been a winter theme so that they can be used as Christmas cards and it may be the same
- d. Tana – thinking about poinsettias this year
- e. Christa – Mabel's Labels first cheque was received from those who have ordered

10. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020

- a. We will be using the same Zoom link for subsequent meetings
- b. You can email PAC at nge.pac@sd23.bc.ca for the Zoom link if you lose it or do not have it

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm