



MEETING MINUTES

Spencer Middle School, Parent Advisory Council ("PAC") Meeting

May 22, 2024 // 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Leah McNaul – President
Caralyn Laviolette – Secretary
Nicole Cyr - Communications Coordinator:
Sara Cain - Events Committee
Tanya Gesslein - Treasurer/Gaming Coordinator
Leanne Watkins - SPEAC Rep

Regrets:

Jen Nixon – Principal
Jaime Wells – Co-President
Tom Davis – Member at Large
Sona Kaur – Vice President
Amit Verma- Member at Large

1. Welcome and call to order

Leah called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.

2. Approval of November meeting minutes

The minutes of April 24, 2024 were approved.

Action Items Update:

- Games night is booked for October.
- Magician update – very lengthy step by step guide to implement. There is a \$500 non-refundable deposit. Ticket sales are split 50/50.
- Needs the deposit 30 days in advance.
- Tentatively booked for November.
- Sara will ask for references.

3. President's Report – Leah

- Leah will create the letter for the grade 5's.
- Nothing to report over and above the agenda items.

4. Treasurer's Report - Tanya

Tanya gave a verbal update:

- School Start is a go. Link has been shared on Facebook.
- Will go back to our previous spirit wear vendor Out of the Blue.
- Have purchased the freezies and juiceboxes for the back to school BBQ.
- Leah has reserved the Kal Tire bbq.
- ChevOlds grillverado is reserved.
- Bank statements for April – Gaming Accounts - \$8176.96, General Accounts - \$8905.56
- Welcome Back table on the first day of grade 6's. 8am – 9am. Coffee and muffins. Sara and Caralyn volunteered to work the table.

5. SPEAC Report – Leanne

Leanne gave a verbal update:

- April Update:
 - Capital plan is ready to go with a smaller budget.
 - Thank you to all for feedback on strategic plan.
 - CUPE reported vandalism at the schools.
 - Paul Block reported on the ERASE – reporting abuse anonymously. It is on our website now.
 - Gaming grant webinar held on April 23.
 - SPEAC Summit was held on May 16. Sara and Leah attended.
- May update:
 - Thrive Social Services presented. June 5 launch party through island health for primary care, substance abuse, mental health - foundry.bc.ca.
 - Budget funding will be approved late June.
 - Bus driver appreciation day on May 24.
 - English post secondary for new to Canada.
 - May 21 announcement funding for the new secondary school.
 - School bus card scanners will be rolled out in September.

6. Communications Report – Nicole

Nicole gave a verbal update:

- Will post ERASE, bus driver appreciation day.

7. Fundraising/Events Report – Sara

Sara gave a verbal update in addition to the items discussion under action item update above:

- Have waitlisted for WestCoast seeds fundraiser.
- Will email the magician.

8. New Business

9. Old Business

- Bursary Recipient:
 - Madison Herd, cheque was dropped off at the school.
 - Lots of good applicants.
- SPEAC Summit :Attended by Leah, Sara and Tanya. It was a great event.

10. Principal's Report

Jen sent her update by email as she could not attend:

- Playground has been ordered and hopefully work will be started very soon
- We recently did a staff appreciation coffee cart, which was very much appreciated.
- We have Teddy Anderson, the hoop dancer coming to Spencer for a whole school assembly
- In partnership with Westshore basketball and Westshore access we will be holding a wheelchair basketball game on May 29 at 7 PM. All are invited to attend, and this is part of the work. We are doing next week around accessible and inclusion week
- We were just awarded a \$400 grant to do some work for Asian history month. We will purchase some resources for that.
- Just voted in as the President of the President/Vice President's association.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. No official meeting next month.

PAC social at Leah's on June 20 at 7pm.