PEXSISEN PAC Meeting Minutes

Location: PEXSISEN Elementary

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Admin: Karen De Cicco (Principal)

Executive: Kara Guan (President), Heather Morin (Secretary), Jenn Thompson (Event Coordinator), Heather Fulmore (Fundraising Chair), Melissa Austin (Hot Lunch), Jennie Nilsson

PAC Members: Laura Phillips and Nicole Winsor

Agenda items:

- Call to order and territorial acknowledgement
- Admin Update and Presentation
- President's report
- Financial report
- Fundraising report
- SPEAC report
- New Business
- Adjournment

Call to Order:

- 6:32pm motioned by Kara Guan and seconded by Heather Fulmore
- Territorial acknowledgment
- Introductions
- Adoption of agenda motioned by Matthew Morin and seconded by Jenn Thompson
- Adoption of minutes motioned by Melissa Austin and seconded by Heather Fulmore

Admin Update:

- Guest Presentation: Pexsisen Garden Plan by Matthew Kemshaw of Flourish School Food Society:
    - Looking to add elements where the grass is. Some ideas: a pathway, large perennial edible shrubs near the edges ex. raspberries, blueberries, honey berries as well as some apple trees growing to approx. 8ft tall and possibly some meadow habitat;
    - The result will create a green screen/wall;
    - This will create a true garden space and outdoor learning environment for the students;
    - Approval to go ahead with the idea and therefore a work party will be organized following Spring Break:
        - This will happen when the children are in school;
        - Matthew would coordinate with his staff and look for school community volunteers;
        - Students would do the planting and make some signs;
        - April 10th will likely be the community work party date.
    - Summer work experience program for high school students (grades 9-11);
    - Fundraising can be done to acquire supplies and to enhance the garden;
    - Consistent and ongoing support from Flourish School Food Society
- Admin Update: Moving to 21 Divisions next year – there will be 4 Kindergarten classes and close to 500 students;
- The nature playground area has opened to the students and they love it;
- Soccer for Grade 5s will be starting soon;
- International Club has been very successful;
- Choir and Drama have started up for the Spring session;
- The Concert was very successful;
- May 9th- Blessing Day at Pexsisen;
- May 28th- Kindergarten orientation;
- June 5th – ADST afternoon/evening for Grade 4s and 5s will be making arcade games;
- June 20th- Beach Day;
- Grade 5 end of year trip is in planning stage;
- Written Reports will be coming out on Friday before Spring Break;
- Informal reports will happen in April.

President's Report:

- Kara will be absent from the April PAC meeting.

Financial Report:

- Account sitting at $16,000 and Gaming is at $3800
- Expenses are all up to date.

Fundraising Report:

- $53 from Mable's Labels;
- $32 from Co-op;
- Easter Purdy's raised $306.80;
- Family Pizza Night raised $200;
- First Aid Kit Fundraiser coming up April 3-May 10th;
- April 6th Bottle Drive from 9-3 ****We will be looking for volunteers;
- Pexsisen bags/totes ordering 400 (90 for Kindergarten students) motioned by Jenn Thompson and seconded by Heather Morin and voted unanimously for the motion;
- Spirit Wear will be re-opened – stay tuned;
- Literacy Week raised approx. $1200
- Heather Fulmore made motion for giving $500 to the school for Grade 4s field trip to the Fire Hall for Fire and Life Saving Expo April 16 & 17th. Melissa Austin seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favour of the motion.

Events

- PAC will host Concession for the Grade 4/5 arcade event;
- Spring Fair May 30th
- March 14th Staff Appreciation (motion from Jenn Thompson and seconded by Jennie Nilsson to increase the budget from $250 to $400)

Hot Lunch

- Hot Lunch cutting back to every second week;
- Trying a new vendor – HiFive Chicken;
- Volunteers are still needed.

SPEAC Report:

- SPEAC position is still vacant.

New Business

- Fire and Life Saving Expo – Grade 4 Field Trip
- Pexsisen totes/bags

Adjournment:

- 7:54pm motioned by Heather Fulmore and seconded by Jennie Nilsson

Action Items:

- Jenn to follow up with Glenwood Meats regarding the receipts dropped of on January 10, 2024
- Subcommittee to be formed for the Spring Fair planning;
- Parent Education Day.

Next Meeting:

- April 2, 2024