



Don Christian Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes April 25, 2023 Hybrid Meeting

Call to order - 2:40 p.m.

Attendance: Carol-Ann, Andrea, Tracy, Tabata, Jamie, Erin

- 1. Approve Agenda – moved and approved**
- 2. Funding Request – Grade 5 Victoria Trip (additional \$750)**

Historically PAC has contributed \$200-250 to the trip (on top of field trip funds), but bus costs have gone up significantly (past years were around \$1,000, this year over \$3,000).

Grade 5s had a short window for fundraising and didn't raise much. Grade 5 parents would have liked to be more involved in fundraising and would have done more to help offset the costs. They may try to do a fundraiser to give back to PAC or help pay for next year.

Concern that \$900 of the cost is covering adult supervisors - question whether this ratio was necessary (20 adults for 48 kids seemed high), but safety on ferries may mean more adults needed.

There were concerns about asking families to contribute \$60-70 per child and hopefully it is made clear that it can be a "pay what you can" situation because we have the affordability fund this year to help offset. The point was made that some families might not be "in need" in the typical sense but this is a high cost that might be out of reach - there were concerns that people might not include their kids if they think they have to pay the full suggested amount in order for their child to go. (Even with PAC contributing \$1,000 total, it will still be \$60-70 per student.)

PAC has extra funds this year thanks to raffle and school has affordability fund to help cover as well, but may not be available next year, so fundraising should be the goal for Gr. 5 families next year.

Moved and approved to contribute an additional \$750 from gaming funds.

Adjourn Meeting at 3:05 p.m.