Ecole Oceanside Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Lesley LacCouvee, Braden Gordon, Angel Delange, Selene Griffin, Raani Desai, Hannah Perkins, Tiffany Tsutsumi, Elaine Young, Avrillee Kenny, Heidi, Sarah Garland, Stephanie Cornish

We would like to acknowledge that School District 69 exists within the territories of the Coast Salish People and with the shared traditional territories of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations.

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
    - January 2022 minutes approved.

2. **Principal's Report – Lesley LaCouvee**
    - Monday was a great Professional Development day. Teachers and administrators in the district attended a workshop to discuss equity in the system as part of an Indigenous Equity Scan. All schools are looking at the environment in which students learn.
        - Caroline Roberts was the keynote speaker.
        - A group of Grade 12 first nations students reflected on their school experiences.
        - On Friday the Equity scan team will share findings with the Superintendant, Peter Jory, and create a plan for our district.
    - There are three beautification projects in the works.
        - The foyer at the entrance of the school will be redecorated so it is more inviting. A mural will be painted on the wall, some plants will be added, more artwork and furniture added.
        - The school is going to work with the district to landscape the front entrance, by the roundabout and add new signage so the name of the school is visible from the road.
        - A First Nations artist is going to do a rendering of Lucy the Otter. Not to replace the current mural but to add another version.
    - **The District's second Long Range Facilities Planning Town Hall is tomorrow.**
        - The school district is conducting a facilities review and is consulting with the public.
        - If the district changes boundaries this could impact EOES. Would likely see an increase in English students.
        - Our school currently has 420 students and can accommodate up to 540. EOES is the same size as Springwood but Springwood is at capacity.
        - EOES has 80 students in the English program and are hoping to grow this program through kindergarten registrations or possibly through boundary changes or families moving to the catchment area.

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- Information on the review is available on the school district website.
- Second Town Hall is tomorrow, Thursday, February 10 at 6pm via Zoom.
- Zoom meeting link: https://sd69-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/64901899259?pwd=T3VSaUJQaElRVUJOV1VOTGVjZG16UT09

- Enrollment and Registration
  - The school is planning for four English classes and 16 French Immersion classes next year.
  - There are 32 registrations for French Immersion kindergarten so far. Expecting more to come as there were some difficulties with the online registration.
  - English Kindergarten - slow rolling numbers.

3. Vice Principal's Report - Brayden Gordon

- The ProD Day workshop was focused was on indigenous learners but also how to support all learners.
- Encourage parents/guardians to check out the keynote speaker Carolyn Roberts. https://www.carolynroberts.net
- Health and safety
  - Proud of all the families and kids for following all the rules at our school. Parents are doing a great job respecting the school's protocol to wear masks on school grounds.
  - Hopeful that after spring break we can loosen some protocols.

4. School Trustee – Elaine Young

- Encourage people to attend the virtual Town Hall tomorrow regarding the facilities review.
  - They want to hear from parents and stakeholders about what their interests are.
  - A boundary change could potentially affect EOES, possibly more English students.
- The district has sent out a survey looking for feedback to inform their upcoming budget.
  - https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Financial%20Information/Pages/default.aspx#/=
- There are a number of virtual district meetings happening next week that are open to the public.
  - Monday, February 14 - Finance and Operations at 10:30 and Policy Committee at 1:00.
  - Tuesday, February 15 - Education Committee of the whole at 2:30
  - Wednesday, February 16 - DPAC meeting
- Elaine is fundraising for the track. The fundraising committee could use some help. If you would like to help you can contact Elaine at eyoung@sd69.bc.ca.

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5. **Treasurer's Report**
    - Purdy's fundraiser total was 5,089.61! This is the most PAC has raised through a Purdy's order.
    - September 2021 income was 31,000 and includes the RDN grant and Gaming Grant funds.
    - Expenses were $18,000.
    - Profit of $22,000
    - Approximately $34,000 in the General Account.
    - This is Selene's last year as Treasurer. Thanks Selene for all your hard work!
    - Suggestion to consider getting a new laptop with new accounting software.
        - **Action - Angel to talk to DPAC Treasurer regarding software and look into laptops.**

6. **West Coast Seeds Fundraiser**
    - Orders are coming in.
    - Orders can be made online through West Coast Seeds until this Friday, February 11.
    - PAC will receive 40% of the sales back.
    - Hope to have the seeds by the end of February.

7. **Project Requests for PAC Support**
    - **Gaga Ball**
        - Mme Van der Mark's grade 5/6 class did a presentation and is requesting approximately $800 to build their own portable structure out of wood.
        - Inflatable version costs $2,339 USD including delivery (approximately $3,040 CDN). 24 feet across.
        - The inflatable version would be easier to store and set up.
        - All classes would be able to use it.
        - Since Gaga ball has no referee the game would be taught in gym class and then rolled out in an intentional and purposeful way since kids need to follow the rules.
        - ***Motion proposed by Angel: PAC spend up to $3,100 to purchase an inflatable gaga ball pit.***
            - ***Tiffany second. Approved unanimously.***
    - **Hockey Nets**
        - Waiting for quotes from Amber Van der Mark.
        - Need to be mindful of where we place them.
    - **Camara Club**
        - Amber Van der Mark has purchased 5 cameras.

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- $690 for a Canon DSL plus camera bag ($589 per camera)
- Photoshop program costs $130 plus taxes.
- $5,000 would purchase 7 cameras/bags and one photoshop program
- ***Holding this request for a future decision until we know that we will have a teacher to run this program.***

- **Gym Equipment**
  - Waiting for a proposal to come forward for discussion.
  - PAC believes we have multiple groups/classes using the gym and would benefit from financial support to purchase more equipment and resources.
  - Items that the school has identified they need:
    1. Pinies that fit primary aged kids, the ones we have are for middle school kids
    2. Mini footballs and smaller sized basketballs.
    3. Smaller basketball nets
    4. Hockey pucks with felt on the bottom for gym floor
    5. Dodgeball balls
- **Dome Climber**
  - Add a dome climber to the kindergarten area.
  - Quote from Green Roots is approximately $10,000 for a full installation but there will also be extra costs from the SD69 to prep the site/move logs, remove planters etc.
- **School Grounds Beautification Project**
  - School is looking for a financial commitment from PAC to purchase trees, shrubs, bark mulch, drought resistant tall grasses/plants to beautify the front of the school. Then get operations and maintenance to supply the labour and wood.
  - Angel found a BC Hydro grant PAC can apply for. It closes at the end of February. Grant could be up to $750.
  - PAC would like to see a plan before approving any funds.
  - Concerns were raised about the future maintenance of the plants by the district as the current grounds are not well maintained.
  - Another concern is that this project does not directly benefit the students as some of the other funding requests would.
  - PAC would like to see the trees by the bike racks turned into a meeting space and would be willing to pay for supplies so that the maker space class could build benches and planter boxes to make this a more beautiful meeting/teaching area.
  - Putting more trees by the fence on the field was also raised as something worth looking into.
- **Field Trips**

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- PAC gets a Gaming Grant each year that is close to $9,000 ($20 per student). PAC could use some of these funds to support field trips.
- Grade 7 students have chosen Hollywood as their grad theme and are planning three events. A couple will require buses and the school will create swag bags.
- Milner Gardens trips are happening.
- There may be a school wide beach day but unsure at this time as instructions were to limit field trips.
- Proposals may come to support field trips after spring break.

8. **PAC Executive Update for 2022/2023**
    - We need parents to fill these spots next year.
        - Chair
        - Vice Chair
        - Treasurer
    - Please consider applying to be on PAC Executive when nominations are open.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom
(Note: PAC meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of every month.)