

PAC General Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

6:32pm Meeting In Session.

Meeting facilitated by: Lucy Maloney, PAC Chair

Attended by: 26 members

Guests: Donna Emeno, Christopher Wee, and Brent Mansfield

Winter Thrift Sale -Janine Mac

- 2nd year of Kids Winter Clothing Drive -children and youth clothing + costumes
- Happening during Teacher Conferences
- Money raised will go to Jill in the Counselling office as she didn't receive a grant this year

Report from Chair, Lucy Maloney

- Save the Date: December 1st will be the Winter Market
- Thank you Freya, PAC Treasurer, for securing gaming grant!
- Pizza Lunch is off to a great start -over 300 orders, adult volunteers needed
- Update on Year Round School Street -refer to PAC email from Tues Oct 10th for more details.

Report from Mr. Brent

- Discussed 'Party Protest with a Purpose', and idea that emerged from Edible Education & his own interests
 - Opportunity to see change at national level - Canada is the only G7 country without a National School Food program
 - Opportunity to involve students for advocating for the rights of other children
 - On October 27th, as a way to demonstrate his commitment, Mr. Brent will run 200 laps around the schoolyard -that's 90km! Students will join between 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Parent volunteers will be needed on street corners from 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Students are invited to make banners, wear costumes, come up with their own ideas to take action and immobilize (i.e., make food stations, etc.)
 - Interested volunteers can email Mr. Brent at bmansfield@vsb.bc.ca

Report from Treasurer, Freya Zaltz

- Budget overview provided

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL
Fundraising General	1,000	
Back to school BBQ	150	
Holiday market	5,000	
Spring Plant sales	1,000	
Silent auction	2,500	
Pizza lunch	24,000	
FunFest	7,000	
+ Carry over from last year	28,000	27,815.54
TOTAL INCOME	68,650	68,465.54
EXPENSES	CURRENT BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
Not planned (e.g. donations)	2,000	
Fundraising general	1,500	
Welcome back coffee	250	
Back to school BBQ	1,000	
Holiday Market	2,000	
Spring Plant Sales	1,000	
Pizza lunch	10,000	13,306
FunFest	4,500	
Classroom support	6,520	
Babysitters	300	
Zoom + website	450	
Staff appreciation	2,000	
Meetings & previous year volunteer appreciation	1,000	
In person meet-up	500	
Volunteer t-shirts	1,500	
Renaming costs & major priorities	24,860	23,200
Buffer for next year	7,000	
Orange shirts	0	644
TOTAL EXPENSES	66,380	68,670

GAMING ACCOUNT

INCOME	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL
Gaming grant	12,000	9,500
Carry over from last year	5,922	8,847.15
TOTAL INCOME	17,922	18,347.15
EXPENSES	CURRENT BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
Teacher allotment – field trips	6,000	
Enrichment – arts, sports, music	5,000	
LunchLab	1,500	
Grade 7 graduation activities	2,200	
BCCPAC membership	75	
Beautification of outdoor spaces	3,000	3,348.29
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,775	18,123.29

MOTIONS:

Regular budget

- 1) Increase the pizza lunch expense in the general budget from \$10,000 to \$13,306 to account for a cheque from last year that was not deposited until the current fiscal year.
- 2) Add a line to the general budget of \$644 to pay for orange shirts from last year. The cheque was written but not deposited and now needs to be replaced.
- 3) Reduce the renaming costs from \$24,860 to \$23,200 to balance the general budget.

Gaming budget

- 4) Increase the beautification of outdoor spaces expense in the gaming budget from \$3000 to \$3348.29 to cover the portion of the stream of dreams cost that is not paid by a grant.
- 5) Defer balancing the gaming budget until the November meeting, where the PAC will make another motion to adjust the budget so the income does not exceed the expenses.

Seconded by Ian Rowe

18 voted yes

The motions pass

Approve New Webmasters

- Motion to approve new Webmasters Tom Lane & Evren Yortucboylyu
- No other nominees (asked 3x)
- Tom & Evren declared elected as new webmasters

Report from DPAC with Ian Rowe

- Discussion about how at Sept 25th VSB board meeting they put a pause on the division of field at Graham Bruce School, and how the Queen Elizabeth Annex parents are fighting to keep school open
- Discussion of a new working group that was formed regarding issue of dogs in schools, not just an LRE issue, it happens at many other schools too. *Noted that other school sites have experienced tension when they have put up fences to keep dogs out. If anything happens at LRE, remember to lead with kindness.*

Report from Acting Principal, Donna Emeno

- Preparing for parent-teacher conferences
- This Friday, teachers will be sending home forms for parents to request time and day. Please fill it out as soon as possible and return to the classroom teacher
- Playground gates will start to be installed Fri Oct 13th
- Staff appreciate support of PAC and a message has been sent to staff so no field trips are booked on Pizza Lunch days
- Staff needs: more sports equipment for recess and afterschool activities (i.e., volleyballs, foam balls, etc.), separate from gym equipment
- Field trips are being discussed -cost of school buses are prohibitive, so those may be covered by the PAC
- Q: Who locks the gates? A: The morning engineer will open them at 8am and the evening engineer will lock them at 6pm. They will be locked on the weekends
- Q: Any updates on the surface of the field? A: No
- Q: Can students stay in library or gym on rainy days? A: Maybe, if enough supervisors can be secured. Currently all students are to dress for the weather.
- Q: Will Frech or Spanish be offered as an extra curricular? A: We don't have anyone right now but Donna can talk to community school organizer

Report from Vice Principal, Christopher Wee

- Safety processes: The first fire drill was last week, and LRE did very well for a school of this size (clocked 2min 55sec!)
- The first lockdown drill will be October 23. The second will be Feb 3rd. Teachers and students will practice closing blinds, securing doors, going to shelter in place, and being silent.
- Two earthquake drill will take place - Oct 19th will be smaller drill for Great BC Shake Out - students will practice 'drop, cover, and go outside'. A bigger drill will take place on May 2nd where parents/caregivers will practice the reunification process
- Discussion about Code of Conduct -changing Late Slip to Welcome Slip to foster more welcoming culture in the school.
- Stream of Dreams brings much joy every time anyone walks past :)

Other Business

- The school already spent approx. \$800 on volleyballs and dodgeballs. PAC Exec will look at how funds can be distributed to cover that cost.

7:42pm meeting adjourned.