

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2024, 6:00-7:00 pm

Host: Angela Huang

Attendees: Lily Zhao, Eri Magon, Shelly Ren, Rex Xu, Jaime Wu, Theresa Gonzales, Enid Lau, Fritz Ho, Mr. A, Ms. Ng

1. Welcome and Introduction

All approved previous minutes & agenda.

2. Reports and Updates

- School Administrative Report

School budget committee talked about PAC wish list for this year and would like to dedicate more funding to technology. Asking PAC to fund approximate \$7,000 for 10 iPad, and the school district will match approximate \$10,000 for other technology equipment upgrade.

Angela mentioned that PAC budget is tight at the moment because we are still waiting for the gaming grant to be approved as they haven't received our application last summer. PAC wish the gaming grant can be approved soon and we can fulfill the wish list. We will see what we can do if the grant does not arrive before the end of school year.

School would like to repaint the mural board near the SE exit. Estimate cost would be around \$600 for materials. Enid suggested to do the repaint job and will save some cost.

Jan 27 – PD day. Ferris will be hosting a mini conference for SD38 teachers. 23 classrooms will be used for presentation. Topics will include medical emergency training such as procedures if encounter a student seizure. Angela said many parents don't know the teachers are on training during PD day, thus it's a good idea to let parents know what the teachers are learning. Maybe the school can give more info regarding PD day on the newsletter.

School has setup community fridges for kids to take food if they are hungry, no questions ask. Will also stock up some snacks in each classroom for kids that are needed. This program is funded by school district to make sure no kids get hungry.

Previous Friday was an indoor day due to cold weather.

Basketball season has started, many classes start having field trips too.

There are lots of traffic during drop off/pick up. School is working on parking lot to keep kids safe and walk to school is highly recommended. Angela mentioned that some parents got fine stopping at the

cul-de-sac at the end of Sunnybank Ave (South of Ferris). The cul-de-sac is a no stopping zone. Mr. A said the City does not associate with the school so remind parents not to drop off/pick up at the cul-de-sac.

Ms. Ng

K-Pop workshop in February – will split into 2 weeks-time due to the number of students. Students will perform on the last day of the week and is open for families, but limited to 2 people per family. School will send invitations and online registration to families.

- PAC Recap

We had a great success in the holiday party!

- PAC Financial Report

Almost \$1,500 from tickets

App. \$1,000 food & drink

Profit: app. \$1,300

Estimated total of \$10,000 profit from hot lunch for the whole school year. We have 4 hot lunches so far, app. \$4,000 revenue.

Another projected revenue is Fun Fair, app. \$10,000.

We will have enough to cover iPad wish list if the gaming grant arrives.

Storage Shack is set up. Thanks to the school for providing a space for us.

No District PAC meeting due to holiday.

3. Hot Lunch

- Jan 19th (Fri) - Pizza day
- Feb 2nd (Fri) - Sushi day
- Feb 23rd (Fri) - A&W
- Mar 8th (Fri) - Pizza day

Four lunches then spring break, will add Libby Kitchen after spring break

4. Items for discussion

- Timing of PAC meeting
 - To confirm the 2nd Monday of each month per the school calendar, and the time 6-7pm works for both the school and the PAC

5. PAC and PAC-supported fundraising and community-building events

- K-pop workshop – January / February 2024
- Spring Gym Sale – Proposed April 13th or 20th, to be confirmed by school
- Ferris Fun Fair – Proposed May 30th Thursday, , to be confirmed by school
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – May or June 2024
- Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea – June 2024
- Music in the Park – June 2024
- Grade 7 Farewell – June 2024
 - PAC will only cover year book for Grade 7 Farewell.
 - Fritz will coordinate with parents & school for the Farewell party.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Monday February 12th, 2024.