

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

October 10, 2018
6:30pm, School Library



Attendance: Angel Delange, Wendy Heshka, Sabrina Moss, Tiffany Tsutsumi, Brenda Fisher, Gaynor Charnock, Melanie Roth, Andrea Button, Natalie Lecuyer, Michelle McMillan, Caroline Hodgson, Irina Stafeeva

Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

September meeting minutes were approved. June minutes were not available and will be presented at November's meeting.

Principal's report:

- Admin was conducting class reviews and meeting with teachers
- Profile of class, strengths and interests
- Supports financial, time, EA
- Teachers well prepared; Principal is impressed
- Focus will be on strengths and teaching instead of what to improve

Makerspace: Mr. Freed is very happy and thankful to receive PAC funding for his request.

November 9th will be a Remembrance Day Assembly.

A group has planned to come in for French Language Support, Cirque de Soleil theme with dance, escape room, circus. More info forthcoming with details.

Busy re-looking at spaces. Admin is thinking of reorganize the library to make shelves more accessible and offer an improved selection with more French picture books.

Air quality check in new classroom passed and the new blinds are in.

iPads will be at school for Inquiry project, set BC science. Special education technology - BC

The Foundation Skills Assessment will be conducted in October. Assessment written by students for teachers. It's a snapshot of where kids are academically. Problematic because it's conducted in English ; teachers/parents have concerns with it being published

Melanie will look into getting keys for PAC for the new space.

Treasurer's Report:

- Gaming funds received. \$10,632 and will be distributed by student (474) and have to be used by year's end.

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- Teachers can use for bus, entrance fees, etc.
- **Gaming account \$**
- General account \$35,347.30
- Signing authority has been updated and changed over to new PAC executives.
- Closed playground account.
- Bagel Cafe money is coming in since it's started.
- We are still waiting for bill from SD69 for the Buddy Benches.

Budget

- Mr. Freed's request for up to \$500 was approved by the PAC.
- Movie nights: AFC license will be paid 50/50 between PAC and school, and for streaming it's \$0.30 more per child. We can charge an admission and sell concessions with the license. School contact will be Sandra Donaldson. School can pay PAC their half.
- Bagel cafe is doing well with an awesome group of volunteers who've signed up for the entire year. PAC is hoping for the pre-paid list from school counsellors. Some come right when the bell rings because of the bus.
- Fruit basket has been very successful and is funded by Bagel Cafe.

Late slips have changed to Welcome slips.

Food Safe: Andrea Button will survey PACs to see if DPAC can bring in a teacher on a Saturday. The class could be hosted at Oceanside.

BCCPAC membership has been paid.

Bullying Concerns

- Bullying is a term that is often overused nowadays. It's a power imbalance, intent to hurt, and ongoing.
- Admin does a full investigation for each concern thoroughly. They keep track of baseline behaviour, and if needed, there is a whole process of involving professionals. Confidentiality is maintained.
- WITS is taught often and encouraged repetitively.
- Conflict is normal and necessary to learn to solve problems.
- Students can perceive it as real and admin works to ensure everyone feels included and whole.
- Mr. I is the Counsellor who is here 4 days a week.
- Admin is being proactive in teaching students to stand up for themselves instead of being a victim.

Faculty Funding requests

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- PAC would like to reduce paperwork and give \$100 per teacher for whatever the teacher would like for the classroom. No candy is allowed.
- Anything over \$100 can be requested to the PAC after being cleared by Admin first.
- PAC will work on a process for how they would like requests for above \$100.
- Mr. B, the music teacher, has a request for about \$6,000 for about 14 xylophones through Tapestry Music, a local company, which will be going to the district first. Principal will decide with the school if this is something to fund. Staff meeting is on the 24th.
- Motion by Andrea Button to pay up to \$3,000 for the music program over the course of the school year. Seconded by Wendy Heshka. All present in favor.

CPF Poinsettia fundraiser will be done 50/50 with PAC this year. Hilltop in Victoria can deliver Dec. 5th and is who we're working with. We're hoping for that date.

Angel reviewed who is running which program or fundraiser.

- Personalization on spirit wear will be yellow and all caps.
- Last year the money earned went towards sports jerseys for the school; admin will inquire if more are needed.
- Fundraiser form: a copy needs to go to the office.

Other Business:

- Rotary coat drive boxes are there until the end of October.
- We would like to look for grant opportunities, especially for playground equipment. Principal will work with SD69 regarding where and what we can do.
- Principal got a stereo with a mic at her last school to play music via iPhone for about \$120.
- Brenda's husband cleared water on crosswalk on highway. Min. of Transportation or RDN needs to be notified.
- We have access to a big popcorn machine and would like to do it with Spirit Days run by Student Leadership, once a month on Fridays. We could split the grades (k-3 at snack, 4-7 at recess) in order to serve all students.
- Class photos will stay the group.

Next meeting to be held on November 14, 2018 at 6:30pm in the EOES library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.