

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
W.E. Graham Community School
Meeting Thursday November 3, 2022 6:30-7:30PM

Present: Lana McAdam, Naama Avramzon, Mike Hurley, Kylie Lichty, Jen Evdokimoff

Regrets: Christina Yahn, Heather Laurel, Angel Lefort, Pati McLaughlin,

Principals Report: (Mike to send report)

Zack Pinnet grade 5/6 class- positive energy to the school. Very pleased with teaching staff. Teachers are very professional and visibly trying to improve their practice and wanting to see our kids doing well. Two EA's this year, Tanya and Erin (Erin almost full time with Kingsley) – Signy is taking on a different role, the 7/8 group was always really big with behaviour issues sometimes being a struggle, this year, class is moving along, Signy time to work as a support teacher. VWP update.

Bullying, has been happening in our school, in the 7/8 class – didn't hear about it from parents, kids hoping it would go away, then almost 8 months later and parents are now coming to tell, school is digging into it now. Working and learning our way through it, not allowed to make excuses when it's bullying.

School goals are around writing. Bee gardening happening.

Hot lunch is so great! Everyone at hot lunch is so great.

Super Flex Program for young kids – social emotional regulation.

Short on bussing, even though we have cut back our trips.

Transportation budget for school trips/outings short and costs have increased dramatically what used to be \$200 per trip is now \$714 per trip.

Kylie: Let's try to raise \$2000 to cover what we should be getting, esp. as a rural school.

1. Lana as new Treasurer, setting her up for treasurer duties:

Kylie: Motion to approve Lana McAdam's name on the bank account so she can sign cheques and get statements to her mailbox?

1st - Jen

2nd – Naama

Motion passed, all in favor, none opposed.

2. Discuss details of Gear Swap Sale:

Confirmed all items donated to the PAC, the PAC will sell at affordable prices and retain the funds to go towards transportation needs.

Confirmed flat rate price for persons wanting to sell their own gear the donation to have a table is a sliding scale of \$10-\$20

Confirmed will be winter oriented, outdoor winter gear, equipment etc.

(Not clothing though). If successful – perhaps having another gear swap in the spring.

Kylie: Advertising (lets get some BIG SIGNS) Kylie will poster New Denver, Winlaw, Slocan, Nakusp?

PAC to do collective? : Make some BIG signs – old plywood and some paint?
Lets get at least two to put outside on the Sunday to bring people in.

Jen to advertise/share on facebook .. what about valley voice, pennywise?

Jen to Shannon: newsletter/email to parents Bake Sale: (Drop off on Friday the 18th)

Jen to Shannon: newsletter/ email (Lana's idea) Put out to bowls and plates request:
donate to w.e. graham school

PAC to do collective: bring large cardboard boxes to school for donations

Details to follow about when we will organize, price and put up tables.

Kylie available Friday before hand, we could receive baked goods that day for bake sale and do some organizing/pricing.

Jen to do: ask Mike - Check in on Tables

Kylie: Kids could run their own bake sale? Later in the year- motivated to go on trips!

3. December talent show Wednesday 14th – Mike determining interest – not for sure yet.

Early evening 6:30-8:00

50/50 draw, tea coffee, treats

Live - Videos - can submit

Class Talent, Group Talent, Individual Talent

4. DPAC – PAC to attend? Need a rep.

Naama can't go. (All parents are welcome at DPAC)

Jen to email our group: We need a DPAC rep

- From last meeting:
Angel: Gaming Grant, need to spend at least \$1500 this year
 - Mike: New funding available for food in schools for kids – should not need to use gaming grant money.
 - Commercial Kitchen Sink – Farm Sink – Deep
- talk to maintenance about sink (school district – to pay for)
- new faucet/spray faucet
- sanitizer
- Mike to do:** Contact district plumber to see what can be done.
- Jen to do:** Plan for separate meeting to pull this together.
- Drastic reduction of SLP services (and others?) at the school. I have talked to first the SLP service provider, then Mike, then a SD8 board trustee and I will now write a letter to Superintendent Smillie EA support – more is needed 0.5 LST teacher, money into collective 'block' model.

Jen to write respectful letter to address reduction of SLP services

Jen to write respectful letter to address need for more EA's/EA time.

1. Principals Report

2. Treasurer's report October 2022

4000.82 – General Account

5043.10 – Gaming Grant (1000 of that is for library)

November: General Account outgoing \$790 to Christina for hot lunch

3210.82 – General Account

5043.10 – Gaming Grant Account (1000 for library)

3. New Business

4. Old Business

- **Fundraisers:**

- **TO do:** CREATE CALENDAR: Annual things end of year wilderness program, congrats stuff – grant writing starts April for gaming grant...? (Angel & Jen to complete)

5. Updates required

Mike: Bike Rack – Mike has an estimate of \$7000. Mike and Pac will try to apply for grants.

6. Any items for Pac to vote on:

7. To do (ideally with more people on PAC): Discussion what PAC wants to see supported in the school, goals, sustainable, attainable. (See cost estimate)