

**Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
W.E. Graham Community School
Meeting March 2023**

Tuesday March 6, 2023 6:30pm – 7:20pm

Present: Lana McAdam, Angela Peace, Jessie Coonen, Kylie Lichy, Mike Hurley, Jen Evdokimoff

Regrets: Pati McLaughlin, Naama Avramzon, Heather Laurel,

Agenda & Discussion action items

Chocolate thing – in the future we need to be clear, plan in advance, are we doing it, who is doing what etc.

Grad Bags – Those who are able to hand out flyers/correspond and pick up items (no more than 6) Pati, Angel, Jessie, Kylie, Jen (ask Naama)

DPAC rep: Our new rep is Jessie! (She hopes to attend bi monthly if not more).

Bus/transportation: Question for Mike: Maybe can use some from affordability fund, budget is slashed and prices up used to get 9200 now 7200

Spring/Summer Gear Sale (selling 50/50 tickets too?)

June 10th Bowl Bash – Kylie happy to do clearing away, Jen to help – same as winter, take donations, bake sale, raffle 50/50 tickets.

June 16-17th Slocan Music Festival

Jamboree – soccer – find out dates? (Not dates of note in June but Matthew is happy to work with us to schedule a weekend date!)

JEN – to email Matthew /Kylie asking bout June 10 (DONE)

Discussion with Mike: School going from K-12? Mostly numbers, kids seem to want a richer school experience with more teachers, resources etc. In short, we would need many more kids. How about a regular 9-10 program? Some kids ready to go at 9, some would stay – hard to say and usually comes down to numbers, if we had enough kids willing to do grade 9 outside of vwp. Might be then a 7/8/9. Mount Sentinel is a good high school, yes of course shenanigans but overall a great school with great teachers and lots to offer.

Asking for student volunteers for doing dishes – hot lunch days

Notes:

Sporting equipment (jackrabbit program? Boots)

Art supplies/sports/technology – is that something we should fundraise for?

Bike rack update from Mike: guy will come when snow is gone for measurements and price etc. (need approval from school and head of maintenance as it will be in a fire lane)

- ✚ Gaming Grant application Start in April
- ✚ Looking for parent to paint yellow mountain line on the wall of the gym

Jen to add Jessies DPAC to meeting notes:
Feb 16th 2023 DPAC Zoom meeting:

Attended by 21 including Superintendent and SD8 Board Chair

- Guest speaker talking about ongoing speech and language assessments given by teachers are used as a balanced literacy screening. Discussion about lack of professional screening and assessment available for early intervention, especially for dyslexia. Suggestion to refer to Ontario Human Rights Inquiry- Right to Read. Discussion about wanting barriers removed that are keeping parents from volunteering with reading in the the classroom.
- 2 Resolutions that were in BCCPACs pile of pending resolutions were chosen and amended by Natalia and Lisa. They were both related to directing money and programming toward early assessment and learning centers specifically to address Dyslexia. Both resolutions were passed by a majority of DPAC. Now they get submitted to BCCPAC to rejoin the pile.
- Natalie was chosen as 1 of 15 participants from BC, to participate in an OECD consultation survey on a project called High Performing Systems of Tomorrow. Discussion about the background of OECD being an international economic organization to develop economic and social policy, and this project specifically proposing *that as robots develop greater cognitive capabilities, humans should develop social and metacognitive intelligence that complement and harness artificial intelligence.* (from the background paragraph to Stakeholders). Concern around if sharing information with this entity is appropriate or alarming.
- School Reports:
 - WE Graham report:

I brought up these two items.

1. Busing funding for field trips: They said PAC should not be paying for buses. There is money in the SD8 budget that is available for reallocation in the Student Affordability Fund. If Mike has asked for this already and heard silence, then the PAC writes the Superintendent with this request.

2. After School Sports and Arts Initiative: The DPAC chair said she didn't know anything about after school programs and said it is not likely a SD8 program. The School Board Chair Lenora Trenaman was at the DPAC meeting and she did not know anything about it. She said she would look into it. I will prod her further by e-mail. (Mike, any more information I can have on what changed with this program would be good to have. Who was it funded by before?)

1. Principals Report

Principal's Report:

- 1) SkiDays – rescheduled – Tomorrow and then the 15 th . Thank you for paying for one of the bus trips to the ski-hill.

- 2) Report Cards – a. Student Led Conferences – are being organized now....you'll be contacted by your teacher
- 3) Teachers will be asking for some Cross Country Ski Equipment.
- 4) VWP – Back from their Whitewater Camp.
- 5) OELP – Overnight winter camp last week.
- 6) Mr. Pinette's continues to be very busy.
- 7) WILD – Madame Gardiner carrying on as usual. They are really improving their reading and writing.
- 8) POP – A really great class of children. Lots of learning and fun.
- 9) Mixed senior Volleyball continuing with Madame Rexin, they're at Lucerne school tonight..
- 10) Valentines Dance was fun.
- 11) ASSAI – started with Jen doing dance, and now painting with Sarah. Tamara is the person of rapour.
- 12) Spring Break is coming quickly. I hope that you will have a great break with your families.

Sincerely, Mike Hurley

2. Treasurer's report March 2023

\$3053.40 – General Account

\$4873.52– Gaming Grant Account

[Earmarked money, \$1000 for library, Bussing Ski \$654.00, Volleyball rack \$290, books \$164.96]

3. New Business

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- **Annual Fundraisers:** Winter & Summer - Gear Sale/Bake Sale/50/50
 - **TO do:** CREATE CALENDAR: Annual things end of year wilderness program, congrats stuff – grant writing starts April for gaming grant...? (Angel & Jen to complete)
dpac member fee

5. Updates required

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)