

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

October 5, 2020, 7 pm Zoom Call

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michelle moved, Erin seconded

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 11

Cheri moved, Michelle seconded

TREASURER REPORT - Terri Besworth

- 2019/20 budget was \$33k, we spent \$25k and raised \$17k.
- 2019/20 key spends included IT needs (in class laptops and ipads), school supplies, extra curricular activities (rollerblading, curling etc) and classroom consumables.
- 2020/21 budget is \$30k, we have \$27k in the bank which includes \$2,8000 from the gaming grant and \$2,800 individual donations from the school community.
- \$4k was spent on school supplies, \$2,760 has been reclaimed through the school community.
- SD43 was given \$1.2M by the Federal Government with specific guidelines, to spend on enhancing the safety of kids returning to school. The vast majority of this went towards providing full-time caretakers for the schools from 6am-11pm, in addition to providing hand washing stations, hand sanitizers, and reusable masks. Every school had the same spending parameters.
- In addition to this the school purchased plexiglass sneeze guards in class, arrow decals and distance markers in school.
- Motion: Terri put forward a motion to reallocate the \$5k for Field Trip transportation and \$2k for artwork to cover these expenses.
- Motion to reallocate funds approved by:Michelle Chan and Michelle Hunt
- Motion to spend money on aforementioned items, approved by: Carla Pasqua and Erin McKinley.
- Treasurer: Terri B put out a plea from a new Treasurer. Juliette has already stepped down, but will work with the new person to teach them the ropes.

BAKER DRIVE PARENT COUNCIL - Gill Tempest

- Gill explained how the new Parent Council website (previously the Hot Lunch portal) will become the hub for PAC, including:
 - All PAC meeting dates, minutes, agendas and documents
 - List of fundraising initiatives

- List of fundraising spends
- Calendar of events
- Volunteer requests
- As well as Hot Lunch
- Terri explained that we currently have 108 or 197 students in the system, to make this system efficient we need to enroll all students.
- Agreed that Terri and Gill work on a document to be printed and sent out with the Interim Reports on October 9, to instruct parents how to register.

FUNDRAISING REPORT - Erin McKinley

- Due to Covid we cannot rely on traditional fundraising like Hot Lunch (usually \$14k) and community events.
- We have enough money for this year, but we want to ensure that we are set for success next year, to enhance our school learning environment.
- Erin put forward a plan to raise money through using community business fundraising programs like Cobbs and Port Moody Liquor Store, to offer the community opportunity to donate at time of purchase.
- A survey will be sent out to the school community in the next 2 weeks to gauge interest in this proposal before starting a lot of research.
- While traditional events like the dances, movies and fireworks cannot happen due to Covid, we are trying to find new events to carry on creating that community feel.

GRADE 5 - Tina Papa

- Hoodies have been organised by Tina. MVP did a great job and have organised contactless delivery to all students.
- Note of thanks to Jill Reid for helping encourage parents to enroll on the Parent Council site and enable Tina to communicate with Grade 5's.
- A committee will be formed and the meeting date set end of October/beginning November. A lot of volunteers have already come forward. Jobs will be discussed at the committee.
- Yearbook work will start now. Jill Reid will ask Grade 5 teachers to take photos in class, as the committee will not be allowed into the room to take pictures for the book.

FALL BOOK FAIR - Zoe

- Book Fair will run on November 12- 13. Zoe has been working with Ms Romilly. They will work to make sure all purchases will arrive by Christmas.
- Promotion of the Book Fair may be promoted through a Bookathon.

HALLOWEEN - Terri

- Noted that Halloween is a big event at Baker Drive.

- Jill noted that costumes will be permitted on Friday, October 30. Costumes must be worn all day, cannot be changed into.
- Jill noted that teachers are working on ways to bring usual traditions to the kids in Covid friendly way, for example a costume parade via video for

SCHOOL PUMPKIN PATCH - Terri

- Motion: To create a pumpkin patch on the school field as a Fundraising event.
- Jill confirmed that children will adhere to covid protocols, keeping within the learning group, washing hands before and after and not letting the kids touch all the pumpkins, before choosing them.
- Will use the event ticket cost to fundraise for SHARE in lieu of the fireworks community event that we normally run.
- Motion approved by Zoe, Erin McKinley, Darlene, Cheri and Gill.

HOME ROOM PARENTS - Terri

- Terri noted that there are still a number of classes without Home Room Parents.
- Jill agreed that we can add a note to the Parent Council Sheet, handed out with the Interim Reports, to request volunteers.
- The request will also be added to the Parent Council Website.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Jill Reid

- Noted that it is remarkable what's been accomplished in a short time, and thanked PAC for being nimble and accommodating with expenditure.
- Teachers are looking at new ways to do the monthly recognition video, which was previously shown in a full school assembly. Jill will share videos with the school community, once all permission forms have been completed.
- Kids are following all Covid protocols very well and it is running smoothly.
- Lunchtime is running much smoother with the adaptation of school times.
- Orange Shirt Day was a success. It was noted that next year the school will run a fundraising event to sell Orange T Shirts to recognize the day more overtly. Thanks given to Ms Lowther for the video, and how it set the tone for a wider understanding of resilience and how the day is about more than the orange shirt.
- Interim report cards will be coming home on Friday, October 9, 2020
- November 25/26 will have shorter school days, to accommodate parent/teacher meetings.
- Written reports will come after these meetings. New structure is to help parents get as much information as possible about their child's learning experience.
- Distance learning families will work individually with Jill to create these reports.
- Jill encouraged parents with questions to reach out by phone to her at any time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms Cooper Retirement: noted that due to Covid that her retirement was not recognised by the school community.
- Jill agreed that teachers will work with children to create a card or video for her.
- Motion by Terri to spend PAC funds on a retirement present under \$150.
- Motion agreed by Zoe, Nikki, Erin and Carla.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn - Carla, Cheri seconded

Attendees:

Carla Pasqua, Cheri Keenan, Crystal Emy, Darlene Johnson, Gill Tempest, Jill Reid, Julie, Meynell, Michelle Chan, Michelle Hunt, Nikki Ki, Pierre and Michelle Hunt, Sandi David, Terri Besworth, Tina Pap, Zoe Santorum

Board Members:

Terri Besworth, Chair | VACANT, Treasurer | Gill Tempest, Secretary | Jill Reid, Principal | VACANT, DPAC Representative