

# **Baker Drive PAC Meeting**

January 23, 2024, 7 PM Zoom Call

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Colleen moved, Keller seconded

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM November 28**

Colleen moved, Keller seconded

## **INTRODUCTIONS - Corinne Hansen (Chair)**

- Welcome all to the meeting - Land Acknowledgment
- Approved agenda and minutes from the previous meeting

## **Treasurer's Report - Corinne**

- Corinne discussed the fundraising efforts for the school year. She shared that the year-to-date fundraising total was \$9,985.74, with hot lunch, Halloween Dance, Trivia Night, and direct donations contributing significantly. It is projected to make around \$7,500 from hot lunch and aims to raise the remaining funds needed through the Read-a-thon.
- Concerns were raised about the lower-than-expected donations and the need to raise more funds. The PAC also noted that they had to replace the sushi option with pizza due to a price increase.
- Christie Nelson asked on the big ticket spending item for \$20000, Corinne mentioned it is usually the field trip, group activities like roller blading, curling. Colleen also shared the detailed budget, which highlighted the total operating expenses at \$24842. Budget for field trips is around \$5000, classroom consumables at \$3338, workshops \$2000, extra curricular activities around \$3850 and School performance artstart programs around \$2000.
- Corinne also discussed the recent school closure due to snow and wet weather and hinted at an upcoming multicultural day and spring break.

## **Principal Update - Joe Jamieson**

- Jamieson emphasized the importance of inclusion and celebration of diverse cultures within the school community, noting the upcoming multicultural event as an opportunity for students to develop prosocial skills and foster connections.
- He also discussed the 'Feeding Futures' initiative, which provides a variety of food options for all students and aims to support those experiencing food insecurity. Jamieson also highlighted the next step of integrating nutrition education into the curriculum. Furthermore, a professional development session focused on self-regulation and executive functioning was announced.

- Kelsey Keller discussed the concept of connection within their community, expressing curiosity about helping children understand the nature of their relationships and connections.
- Pro D coming up on Monday 29 January. District going to do a presentation. The thinking behind this is, our school is growing. Space in the school is well utilized. Where to do a self regulation break. Lot of students come to the principal's office to have a break.
- Grade 4: Tasked to do many different surveys. It is not for a specific student, it is a summary. Questions will be like, identify important adults in the school. District average is below 2. The goal is, there should be more than 1 adult connecting to a student.
- Also discussion on the budget allocated for capital projects in the school, specifically for Kelsey's classroom. Jamieson explained that due to the high cost of replacing a projector in Kelsey's classroom, a cheaper alternative was sourced instead. The conversation also focused on the potential renovations to enhance the classroom environment, with the addition of large whiteboards to several classrooms. Jamieson also mentioned that the smart boards, which are no longer serviced by the district, are being removed.
- Christie Nelson raised concerns about the lines in the undercover areas that could be repainted for games and the possibility of grade 5 using the gym at lunch, which JJamieson agreed to consider. Kelsey Keller shared the history of how an education assistant previously supervised the gym during lunch hour, but noted that there hasn't been a shortage of creativity in finding new play areas this year.

### **PAC Updates - Corinne Hansen**

- Corinne discussed the fundraising efforts, with a focus on community involvement and the positive impact of volunteers.
- Corinne also discussed upcoming events, including a movie night and a Read-a-thon fundraiser to raise money for the next year's budget. Next event is, baker drive movie night on February 2 in the gym. Order ticket for movie night and also have the option to order pizza for dinner. Read-a-Thon will happen from February 19 - March 1st.
- Corinne emphasized the importance of involving family and community members in the Read-a-thon fundraiser. The team also discussed the success of last year's Read-a-thon, the benefits of diversifying reading materials, and the potential for promoting the readathon during student-led conferences.
- We need to plan for Door decorating for the staff appreciation day on April 18th
- Also we have received a grant of \$1500 for the block party and were seeking volunteers.
- Lastly, Corinne put out a call for a fundraising chair coordinator and a co-chair for the next school year.

### **DPAC Updates - Christie Nelson**

- Christie Nelson covered several topics about the last DPAC meeting that happened on November 29. She mentioned that a treasure report was reviewed in the meeting. An update was given about Hazel Trimblath and a new anti-racism district principal position was created in the school district.
- Christie Nelson also discussed programs of choice for middle school and kindergarten, such as Montessori, French immersion, and Mandarin immersion.
- She explained the process of donating to the school for a tax receipt and how the money would be used for PAC fundraising.

- Lastly, she mentioned a parent from their school, Krista Parr, who presented at the meeting. Christie Nelson also discussed a presentation by a holistic nutritionist at a DPAC meeting, where the nutritionist shared advice on how parents can ensure their children have healthy, holistic food.

### **Grade 5 Committee Update - Gill/Terri**

- Kelsey Keller shared that the next Grade 5 Committee meeting would be on February 13th, with confirmation of the time still pending. She also mentioned that all Grade 5 parents are welcome to join these meetings.
- The tradition of grade 5 rites of passage was discussed, with the idea of having younger students walk their classmates down the aisle.
- Towards the end of the meeting, it was mentioned that QR codes have been added to the Read-a-thon sheets to facilitate online donations.
- The next PAC meeting was scheduled for February 27th at 7 PM.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn Kelsey moved, Cooper seconded

### **Attendees:**

Rajesh Kumar, Colleen O'Connor, Joe Jamieson, Kelsey Keller, Corinne Hansen, Cooper Ashley Heibloom, Grace Kim, Maryann Weaver, Leigh Green, Charmaine Draper, Fabio Silveria, Darlene, Nooren, Jason and Riss, Kristin V, Tamara D, Christie Nelson, Laura, Kate Blain, Cat, Kristy, Carli Hillis, Marianne Ouellet, Pantea Afifi, Christy Dirks

### **Board Members:**

Corinne Hansen Chair | Colleen O'Connor, Past Chair | Dragana Pavlica, Treasurer and Assistant | Rajesh Kumar, Secretary | Gill Tempest/ Cooper Heibloom Communications | Betty Wang, Kimberley McCarthy - Hot Lunch | Christie Nelson, DPAC Representative | Michelle Chan - After School Program Lead | Gerry Besworth, Milk/Fruit and Veggie | Joe Jamieson, Principal