

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

March 05, 2024, 7 PM Zoom Call

Approval of Agenda

Colleen moved, Gill seconded

Approval of Meeting Minutes From January 23

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Introductions - Corinne Hansen (Chair)

- Welcome all to the meeting - Land Acknowledgment
- Approved agenda and minutes from the previous meeting
- Colleen suggested to add Bear wear to the agenda

Treasurer's Report - Dragana

- Dragana presented the financial report for February, indicating a loss due to late delivery of holiday gifts and community service donations
- Total Expense was \$5777.69 and Net profit/loss for the months was \$263.41
- General account has around \$66942 and the gaming account is \$3545. Total Asset is \$70487.
- Corinne clarified that the money in the General Account is from previous years, specifically the covid year, when fewer events were run. We were able to do a lot of fundraising. She also mentioned that the extra money should be allocated to the playground fund, as parts of the playground needed updating.
- Dragana and Colleen discussed the usage of checks for different events, deciding to primarily allocate them to hot lunch as it uses a majority of the checks.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- Surprised we are close to spring break. Jamieson discussed the upcoming spring break and the distribution of report cards scheduled for March 14th. Community bulletin coming this thursday.
- Feeding future program - He highlighted the popularity of the Feeding Futures program among students and the ongoing challenges related to managing food access and usage. Jamieson also emphasized the importance of continued communication with students and families about the program's purpose and potential issues.
- He also discussed student behavior. Lot of students are talking about rude behavior, the kids are confusing mean/bully behavior with rude behavior. Ms Keller, and Kolbe run a snap program. It shows the emotional side of the conflict. It is a fabulous program. We always teach and empathize what to do in those situations. We are seeing positive results.
- We are not having a book fair this year due to space issues.

- We are working on roller blading now, the key concern is the equipment last year has deteriorated. We are working with a provider to understand when the equipment is updated. We know students love it.
- Joe updated that there are currently 243 students, and we are in the cross catchment phase. This is the time in the school year we determine the number of students will be next school year. Our school is really full and the place is very limited. We will not lose a division, it will stay at 11. More information towards the end of the year.
- On budgeting, Joe said he attended a presentation last Thursday on technology. District wants to think about how we are spending money on apple products. \$690 for an ipad for 2 years. We are looking at how we are using it. The team discussed the challenges they were facing with their iPads, particularly the issue of security risks due to outdated software versions. They also highlighted the difficulties in purchasing new technology or apps, due to the strict approval process.
- Colleen asked a question about new families, regarding catchment school. Joe said, initially they will move to catchment, but they get used to the school and some are leaving and some are staying.
- Colleen asked about the iPad and why it can't be used after 2 years. Joe clarified on the district reasons, it is mainly for security reasons. District is very careful on what technology is purchased and used.

PAC Updates - Corinne Hansen

- April 18th annual staff appreciation day. We provide lunch catered to our wonderful staff. The day before the appreciation day, door decorating happens on the 17th. Request parents to volunteer for this.
- Block party June 14th friday evening. We have a grant of \$1500. It is a community building activity.
- Bear wear, we have a team that is running the bear wear. We will be running that shortly.
- Colleen asked when the orientation of the kindergarten was, Joe said the date is not decided yet.
- Fund raising, thanks for participating in the read-a-thon. Colleen gave a rough calculation on \$6500. We will be raising around \$25000, but we are short of our target of \$32000. There will be a gap in the amount we raise this year. Potential future fundraisers, including a frozen food fundraiser and a spring photo shoot, were also discussed. Baker announced that they were seeking a fundraising coordinator and a co-chair for the upcoming school year.

DPAC Updates - Christie Nelson

- Corinee gave an update as Christie couldn't join. Last DPAC meeting, there was a petition to rebuild the school burned down in fire. Nearly 1200 students moved to our catchment this year.
- Colleen raised the petition to rebuild the school and the potential impact of the new students. Joe responded that he didn't have in-depth knowledge about the issue but mentioned the trends with families entering their community and the efforts to maximize class sizes

Grade 5 Committee Update - Gill

- Gill then provided an update about the Grade 5 committee, mentioning their progress with the yearbook, upcoming party, and a fundraising movie night. They also discussed an initiative to bring the grade 5 students together through the Rec center programs.
- Marianna organized a fundraising movie night on April 18th.
- Bus for water is budgeted at \$500, but the bus is \$950. The team discussed the need for either fundraising or reallocating the Pac budget to cover this cost. Colleen suggested considering the bus fund as a general grade 5 fund.
- Discussing the graduation party, the team also discussed the tradition of grade 5 graduation and the roles of grade 4 parents in assisting with the event.
- Colleen provided information about the 'Connecting to Kindergarten' event, which is typically held in late May.
- Pantea raised concerns about the increasing trend of young children owning cell phones and proposed endorsing a program similar to the US "Wait till the 8th" initiative, which encourages parents to wait until at least eighth grade before giving their children personal cell phones. Gill noted that while some students in higher grades do have cell phones, it is not the majority. The team discussed the American program where elementary schools encourage students to sign a pledge, which is then passed on to middle schools. Colleen suggested a larger discussion involving the parent community before implementing any policy. Corinne shared his family's approach of making their child take a course before being given a phone. The discussion concluded without a clear decision on how to proceed.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Gill moved, Colleen seconded

Attendees:

Rajesh Kumar, Colleen O'Connor, Joe Jamieson, Kelsey Keller, Corinne Hansen, Anghelescu, Betty Siu, Charmaine Draper, Christy Dirks, Cooper Ashley Heibloom, Darlene Johnson, Dragana, Gill Tempest, Grace Kim, Laura, Leigh Green, Pantea Afifi, Tamara Davidson

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