

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

April 09, 2024, 7 PM Zoom Call

Approval of Agenda

Nikki moved, Dragana seconded

Approval of Meeting Minutes From March 05

Dragana moved, Tamara seconded

Introductions - Corinne Hansen (Chair)

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

Treasurer's Report - Dragana

- Total Revenue \$11474, Total Expense is \$5174, and Net Profit is \$6300. The biggest revenue is from Read-a-Thon around \$7559.
- The money raised from September to the end of March amounted to \$38,100 for the current school year. The meeting clarified that the PAC fundraising this year is for next year.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- Joe highlighted the community's strong support for students through the successful Read-a-thon challenge.
- Joe talked about the 2024-25 school year, there will be a total 244 students for next year. And he mentioned his submission for more classrooms due to the increasing student population. He also expressed concern about potential awkwardness with significantly different grade levels in one class. Joe emphasized the importance of parent input for student placement by a deadline.
- April staff meeting, outlined clarifying rude, mean, and bullying behaviors for students and teaching social-emotional skills. Discussing with staff on ideas how to demonstrate with students. It will help students to recognize what they are hearing. Every classroom is going through the SNAP program. How to make it explicit with student and how the kids can learn these strategies
- We are discussing an intellectual goal, one is numeracy. Data collected shows, students are doing well. The need is to identify areas of strength and stretch. Most elementary schools have reading goals. School growth plan, will shared in the last PAC meeting
- Joe also mentioned that there would be an Indigenous Focus Day on April 19th, with most of the staff attending a presentation at PineTree Secondary school. The focus of the afternoon gathering back at the school would be on Indigenous acknowledgement, with a unique approach developed by the staff. It was also mentioned that Kelsey Keller

from Division 3 would lead the Indigenous acknowledgement, with the aim of making it individually tailored by each teacher

- Jamieson discussed the school's budget constraints and the challenges of funding educational experiences for students. Despite allocating \$2,000 for school-wide performances in 2023, the costs for the circus school, planetarium dome, and new tennis program were all found to be over budget by \$2431. He provided various options including, a) Cancel Tennis and allocate \$2050 to cover Hip Hop/Curling Deficit, b) Charge families \$5.6 to cover \$1366 for tennis program, c) In addition to charging families \$5.6 for tennis we would also charge \$6.34 for Hip Hop, d) Other options
- Corinne acknowledged the situation and proposed a review of finances with Dragana. Joe suggested charging a fee for the tennis program and hip hop classes to help cover costs, but Corinne indicated further discussion would be needed to decide on this course of action.

PAC Updates - Corinne Hansen

- Corinne announced several updates and upcoming events, including the successful launch of the Baker wear store, a door decorating event, and a staff appreciation lunch.
- Door Decorating and Staff Appreciation- April 17th & 18th - Contact home room parent for volunteer
- Spring Mini Photo Shoot Fundraiser- April 27th, it got filled out within an hour. Since there are interest, we will open up additional date
- Neufeld's Farm Fundraiser - April 12th-April 29th (Delivery May 8th) - Its frozen food, frozen chicken, frozen cookies. Share with family and friends
- Online Fundraisers (Oliver's Labels, TruEarth, Nellie's, FlipGive) - If you buy labels online, some portion will go to fundraising.
- Parent Education Night- Monday Night in May via Zoom - It is about SOGI education, how it is taught in elementary school, how we parents can support inclusiveness and diversity.
- Block Party- June 14th we have 2 face painters.
- The need for new volunteers for the staff appreciation lunch was also highlighted. Corinne reminded the team about ongoing fundraisers and the start of the "Freezy Friday" fundraiser in May.
- We are looking for fruit n veggie co ordinator
- Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, and Co-Chair Positions for School Year 2024-2025

DPAC Updates - Christie Nelson

- Christie mentioned that the PAC could now apply for gaming grants to support students, with a rate of \$20 per student, and mentioned the availability of mobile steam kits for schools.
- She also introduced the West Coast Family Center as a new resource for family counseling services. The team, including Terri with prior experience in this area, discussed the strict rules governing the use of these grants and the potential for covering some capital equipment expenses. They agreed to review their budgets for the next year, recognizing the rising costs due to inflation.

Grade 5 Committee Update - Terri

- Terri from the grade 5 committee presented her updates to the group, outlining the numerous activities and events planned for the year, such as a movie night, swimming

events, and a yearbook. She highlighted the importance of parent involvement and confirmed that all grade 5 parents were informed about these events. Furthermore, Terri agreed to jjamieson's suggestion of setting a calendar to streamline communication and planning for these events. The discussion also touched on the upcoming parent-teacher information nights for middle schools.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Terri moved, Dragana seconded

Attendees:

Rajesh Kumar, Colleen O'Connor, Joe Jamieson, Terri Besworth, Corinne Hansen, Dragana, Cooper Ashley Heibloom, Tamara Davidson, Alia, Carli Hillis, Christie Nelson, Christy Derks, Laura, Leigh Green, Nikki Shekhtman, Noreen

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