

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

May 07, 2024, 7 PM Zoom Call

Approval of Agenda

Nikki moved, Dragana seconded

Approval of Meeting Minutes From April 09

Dragana moved, Tamara seconded

Introductions - Corinne Hansen (Chair)

- Welcome all to the meeting - Land Acknowledgment
- Approved agenda and minutes from the previous meeting
- Corinne shared a photo from a Forest School excursion with Miss Kelsey's class and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share the school's beautiful ravine with the children.

Treasurer's Report - Dragana

- Corinne presented the treasurer's report for April 2024, detailing the revenue, expenses, and net profit of the month. The report also highlighted the current financial status, including outstanding expenses and the assets.
- Corinne indicated that their projected balance by the end of the year is on track, despite adjusting their budget due to inflation.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- Joe discussed upcoming events and celebrations approaching the end of the year.
- Joe expressed gratitude towards the parent community for their efforts during the recent parent appreciation day, highlighting the positive impact the door decorations had on the school's atmosphere and the community. He shared that the decorations had caught the attention of district officials and visitors, creating a sense of community and care.
- Jamieson also announced the upcoming parent appreciation event on May 30th, coinciding with a recognition assembly.
- He informed the community about a change in the assistant superintendent position, welcoming Anthony Cholfito, who brought his specially trained dog, Benji, to the school, creating a lot of excitement among the students.
- Joe discussed the recent addition of nine new members to the school community and the growth of the school's duck population. The ducks, which were hatched over the weekend, will return to the farm on Friday.
- Jamieson also shared updates on staffing, revealing an increase in teacher time for next year to support student services. He noted smaller class sizes, especially in their neighborhood program, and anticipated accepting more students over the course of the

year. A decrease in student numbers was due to families moving to different schools, and Joe reminded parents of the deadline for class placement requests.

- Jamieson discussed the school's action plan for improving writing skills among students, which is one of the school's three main goals. The staff is working to set achievable goals for the next three years, with a focus on writing. They are also considering changes to the school's schedule and involving parents in this process. Additionally, a track and field meet was mentioned for grade three and four students, and the school is participating in a district program to plant vegetables, with kindergarten classes taking the lead.
- Joe discussed the recent Indigenous Pro Day led by Kelsey, emphasizing the importance of personal connection in Indigenous acknowledgements. Corinne asked about the status of the 11th Division, which Joe confirmed will be a permanent position starting this week.
- A question was raised about the location of the track meet, which was clarified to be at Town Center Park.
- Colleen asked about the class makeup for next year, and Joe explained that due to class size and composition limitations, they cannot have all grade 4 and 5 classes together.
- Mariana sought clarification on what designated students are, and Joe explained that they are students with individual education plans due to additional learning, social, or emotional needs.

PAC Updates - Corinne Hansen

- Corinne and Jamieson discussed updates including the appointment of new officers for the upcoming school year, the need for a coordinator for the after-school program, and the search for a fundraising chair. Corinne also mentioned that the fruit and veggie program's funding was still under review due to government budget reallocations. Lastly, a fundraiser was held last weekend, with the photos to be delivered before Mother's Day, and another fundraiser, the Farms fundraiser, was scheduled for the following day.
- Corinne, Colleen, and Kelsey discussed the success of their recent fundraiser, with Colleen noting its efficiency and the potential for similar events in the future. Kelsey proposed the idea of holding three such events annually, and Colleen agreed, pointing out that while some initially indicated they only wanted to donate, many were interested in purchasing items. The team planned a new fundraiser for December and discussed the logistics of the "Freezy Fridays", with Colleen clarifying the ordering process. They agreed on the need for a fundraising chair to support these efforts.

Grade 5 Committee Update - Terri

- Corinne announced the Parent Education Night with Megan Leslie as the speaker, and the delivery of Bearware in late May. The Grade 5 Committee reported on their recent fundraiser, and Mariana updated the group on fundraising activities and the upcoming parent meeting. A request for volunteers to join the Grade 5 Committee for next year's event was also made, with Corinne expressing his enthusiasm to be a part of it.

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