

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

September 17, 2024, 7 PM Zoom Call

Called to Order - Corinne Hansen (Chair)

Welcome all to the meeting - Land Acknowledgment

Approval of Meeting Minutes From June 2024

Deji Dada moved, and Tamara Davidson seconded.

Approval of Agenda

Tamara Davidson moved and Mariana Perez-Garcia seconded.

Parent Advisory Council:

Objective:

1. To build community within the school through PAC organized events, volunteering and meetings.
2. To raise additional funds for items and activities to enhance the learning environment for our children.

Meeting Ground Rules:

- Starting on time means we end on time!
- Be respectful to each other's ideas and thoughts.
- Feedback is a gift: offer an alternative suggestion that is positive
- New people are welcomed to the meetings and do not need to sign up to volunteer.

Treasurer's Report (Year End Report) – Mariana Perez-Garcia

- Yearly spending was discussed, and Mariana shared a spreadsheet breaking down the spending.
- We started the year with a budget of \$35,000, spent around \$25,000, so around \$10,000 was left remaining.
- Colleen recommended removing the school supplies from the budget moving forward.
- Fundraising from the previous year sets us up for the following year.

- Some examples of the fundraisers we do are hot lunches, Halloween dance, movie night, baker bear wear, Freezies, the readathon, the gaming grant, and donations from parents. We raised about \$30,000 dollars total.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- Welcome to all new parents and returning families.
- It is amazing to have so much support from the parents, and the money we raise is put to good use. It shows how supportive the community is.
- It has been a nice start to the school year. Mr. Jamieson especially enjoys recess and lunch, checking in with students and seeing connections being made. There are a lot of collaborative games and activities. Mr. Jamieson is impressed with how the students work together, with older children helping younger ones.
- The class placement has been ongoing since spring. During the summer months, Mr. Jamieson noticed a number of emails from families moving to different schools. This impacted how the classes would be organised in the fall. The staff are very experienced, which made rethinking the class organisation a smooth process. Students are getting used to classes. The transition has gone well.
- There are some new staff members this year. Ms. Kim and Ms. Sullivan have joined the staff. The student services team has expanded. Ms. Romilly has been added to the team, and Ms. Sullivan has been added to the team. The staffing around education assistants has also expanded; there are now seven education assistants who will be working in our school. Sadly, Ms. Truong will be leaving our school.
- This Thursday will be our open house, and all families are encouraged to stop by. It's an opportunity to connect with staff and see the school. We'll meet in the gym first, and then be dismissed to look around the classrooms. There will be three activities located around the school.
- Friday is a Pro-D day. The staff will be looking at APL (action plan for learning) goals. The literacy focus will be writing.
- The Terry Fox run will be on September 26 from 1:15 – 2:15 PM. Parent volunteers will be needed.
- A question was asked - How many students do we currently have? Mr. Jamieson answered 224.
- With Ms. Truong leaving, the staff and students are discussing the future of Eco Bears, and how the initiative can continue.
- There was a question about the open house – Can families arrive halfway through? Mr. Jamieson replied that families can come at any time, as it is a drop-in event.

Chair Update - Corinne Hansen

- This year's funds are fully raised, so we know how much money we have and what we can spend this year. This year, we will raise the funds for next year.

- Corinne shared the spreadsheet detailing how the fundraising money is spent on categories like hip hop, Grade 5 year end, workshops, field trips, busses, and so on.
- The total budget for this year is \$31,565.
- Corinne then detailed how we will raise money this year for next years budget. For the entire school year, we have hot lunch on Wednesdays, which is a big part of our fundraising initiative. In October, we have the Halloween dance. In November we have holiday minis (photoshoots) on November 10, as well as Purdy's Chocolates, and Neufeld's. In December, we have the kids holiday market from December 4-6. In February-March, we have the movie night and read-a-thon. In April-May, we have Neufeld's, Bear Wear, and hopefully a pub night. In June, we have Freezie Fridays and the block party.
- The Halloween dance will be on October 25. This is an evening event for families to attend together, and tickets sell out fast. Be sure to purchase tickets ahead of time.
- There will be spirit days throughout the year, so families are encouraged to purchase Bear Wear for kids to wear on these days.
- Start saving things now to donate to the holiday market. This is a fun event where families donate used items from their home, and the children "shop the market" at school and come home with wrapped gifts for their families. Parents volunteers will also be needed to help the kids shop and wrap presents. Everything that is not sold at the holiday market is donated to Share Society.
- There is a lot of interest in a pub night or trivia event. Jacqueline Stevens volunteered to lead this initiative.
- An email will go out soon detailing other fundraising initiatives that are ongoing.
- We are currently looking for a fundraising coordinator.
- The Grade Five committee will be led by Michelle Chan and Betty Wang as co-chairs.
- DPAC (District PAC Advisory Counsel) has not had a meeting yet this school year. We will get an update on this at the next meeting.

2024/2025 Positions and Vote

Colleen O'Connor nominated Christy Dirks for the Secretary position. There was a vote, and the majority voted in favour. Christy Dirks accepted the role.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. Colleen O'Connor moved, and Brendan Reid seconded.

Attendees:

Adedolapo Abe-Dada, Angela Perkins, Brendan Reid, CH, Christy Dirks, Christie Nelson, Colleen O'Connor, Cooper Ashley Heibloem, Corinne Hansen, Darlene Johnson, Deji Dada, Ghazale, Jacqueline Stevens, Joe Jamison, Mariana Perez-Garcia, Ming Yan, Noemi, Selena Stecher, Tamara Davidson, Zhanna.

Board Members:

Corinne Hansen, Chair | Colleen O'Connor, Past Chair | Mariana Perez-Garcia, Treasurer | Christy Dirks, Secretary | Cooper Heibloem, Communications and After School Programs | Kimberley McCarthy - Hot Lunch | Christie Nelson, DPAC Representative | Joe Jamieson, Principal

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