

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

October 15, 2024, 7 PM Zoom Call

Called to Order - Corinne Hansen (Chair)

Corinne welcomed all to the meeting and said the Land Acknowledgment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes From September 17, 2024

Colleen O'Connor moved to approve the minutes, and Angela Perkins seconded.

Approval of Agenda

Colleen O'Connor moved to approve the agenda, and Kristin Vandegriend seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Mariana Perez-Garcia

- \$4,481.16 has been spent so far this year.
- We got our gaming grant, which is \$4,700, to be used to enhance extracurriculars.

Addition to Minutes - Colleen O'Connor

- A reminder that the people helping out at the school and on the PAC are volunteers. Please be respectful and kind.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- A reminder that Mr. Jamieson and the teachers are always open to meeting with parents regarding various decisions that affect the students. The school wants to feel approachable to parents.
- October seems to have a lot of four day weeks, with plenty of holidays and days off of school, which can make it difficult to get into the flow of school.
- On Thursday the interim reports will be going home to families. This is sent out on paper. This is a snapshot of where your child is at in this moment. It includes a variety of attributes, and there is a proficiency scale associated with it. The Grade 4 and 5 reports have a self-assessment component. This helps students assess their strengths and weaknesses. The bottom of the report can be cut off, and you can tick a box requesting a conference with the teacher if you wish. On October 24, there will be an early dismissal,

and parents who have requested a meeting with the teacher will meet at that time if it works for them.

- Mr. Jamieson takes the data from the interim reports and adds it to a spreadsheet in order to get a snapshot of where the school is at overall, and if there are certain needs that should be addressed. Last year the data emphasised the need to enhance pro-social behaviour, particularly when students are outside in an unstructured environment.
- Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, and 3 students had their first day of choir today. There were approximately 50 students who attended a choir meeting at lunch. Parents of these children will be receiving more information about this.
- Next Thursday there will be a recognition assembly, which is an event that happens every month. Families of students who are being recognized are invited to attend, as well as anyone else who wishes to. This assembly will also include a “dress the teacher” component, since the students met their fundraising goal for the Terry Fox run.
- The Halloween dance is coming up. Everyone is invited to come in costume, but is advised to leave extra elements and accessories at home that could be lost or broken.
- There will also be a pumpkin carving competition for Halloween. Students will bring their carved pumpkin to the gym before school, and then students will vote on different categories during the school day. Please mark your child’s name and division on masking tape on the pumpkin.
- The lost and found has filled up very quickly. Please check and see if your child has anything in the lost and found. Please also make sure to label all clothing with your child’s name.
- The Feeding Futures Program – The government has provided the school district with money that is allocated specifically to feeding children. The district has divided that money among the schools, and our school has bought things like oranges, yogurt, cheese, and granola bars for students who need it.

PAC Update - Corinne Hansen

- Kristin Vandegriend, the lead for Halloween dance, reported that 27 tickets are left for the Halloween dance at the time of the meeting, and these are expected to sell out. There has been a great response to the call out for volunteers, and it looks like it will be a very fun event. There will be a DJ and a photo booth. Pre-orders for tickets close on October 19.
- A reminder that hot lunch orders for the following month close on the 20th of the previous month. You can subscribe to the school calendar to get reminders about events such as hot lunch and field trips.
- We will be offering holiday family photos with a photographer as a fundraiser on November 10th. There will also be a Purdy’s fundraiser coming up, as well as Neufeld’s.
- The holiday market is coming up on December 4th - 6th. We will be looking for donations from families. Sorting will be December 2nd and 3rd, and we will need volunteers for this. We will also need volunteers at the market to help the kids shop and help wrap the gifts.

- We need new executive members. Beginning January 2025, we will need a co-chair. We are also looking for a fundraising chair. Please contact Corinne if you are interested in helping out with these positions.
- If you are attending the PAC meetings and are okay with your name being recorded, please use your full name as your screen name.
- The next PAC meeting will be on November 12th at 7 PM.

Grade Five Committee

- There is a Grade Five Committee meeting planned for Sunday, October 27th. All caregivers of Grade Five students are part of the committee. We will discuss hoodies, the leaving ceremony, and other details.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. Kelsey Keller moved, and Kristin Vandegriend seconded.

Attendees:

Alvina Wong, Angela Perkins, Ashley Levett, Ashley Cooper Heibloem, Betty Siu, Christy Dirks, Colleen O'Connor, Corinne Hansen, Joe Jamieson, Jonathan Wong, Kelsey Keller, Kristin Vandegriend, Laura, Mariana Perez-Garcia, Nikki Shekhtman, P, Stephany Quinn, Susan W, Tamara D.

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