

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

April 15, 2025, 7 PM Zoom Call

Called to Order – Daniel Heimdahl (Chair)

- Daniel read the Land Acknowledgement and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Approval of the agenda and meeting minutes from last meeting.

Principal Update - Joe Jamieson

- When considering classroom placements, parents have a voice, and friendships are considered. Please reach out to Mr. Jamieson if you would like to discuss your child's placement for next year.
- Student enrollment for next year is slightly low. Next year's enrolment is currently at 209, and today's current number is 228. The Montessori program is stable, while Neighbourhood numbers have gone down. When there is lower enrollment, there are staffing changes. Any school can change between now and September. We are taking students from Ranch Park and Moody Elementary, encouraging these students to stay so our numbers stay higher in the neighbourhood.
- As well, Ms. Lederer and Ms. David are retiring so there will be some new staff, from classroom teachers to student services.
- APL Goal in Literacy - The focus is writing, and there will be a follow up writing activity in May. This will help solidify our next goal. We could continue with the same goal or make a new one. APL goal for 2025-2026 will be on the June Pro-D Day.
- April Pro-D Day: Indigenous Focus. We will be looking at resources entitled "Indigenous Brilliance". Staff will then go to Terry Fox for a keynote speaker.
- Next Tuesday, 60-70 plants will be delivered from the district. Students will plant them and are prepping the garden.
- We are working with Lisa Ploss to encourage teachers to spend PAC funds. Teachers will be taking students on Field Trips. If there are any needs for Field Trip fees, please contact Joe for funds.

Treasurer's Report - Mariana Perez-Garcia

- This update is for February - March. Funds came in from hot lunch and movie night
- The Read-a-thon brought in almost \$4,000. Of this, \$1,520 was deposited online in March, and the remaining was collected in April.
- There was \$13,405 income

- There was \$10,602 in expenses
- There is currently approximately \$70,000 in the general account
- There is \$2,260 in gaming account
- Costs of hot lunch have increased, so profits have decreased
- The read-a-thon brought in \$3,000 less than last year
- We need to do more fundraising for next year to reach our goals

PAC Update – Daniel Heimdahl (Chair)

- Trivia Night will not be at the school this year. It will be at Wings on May 2. The cost is \$15 for just a ticket, or \$45 for a ticket, burger and beer. Please invite your friends and neighbours. DJ Mic will be hosting.
- Neufeld's Farm Fundraiser will launch soon.
- Freezie Friday will launch soon.
- The Block Party is a break-even event
- Teacher Appreciation Day – We need more volunteers for the lunch.

Grade Five Committee Update – Corrinne Hansen

- Some students are missing photos.
- Yearbook is taking longer than expected.
- We are requesting PAC set up a payment spot for Grade 5s to pay their yearbook fees – PAC will provide this.

Additional Notes – Daniel Heimdahl (Chair)

- There is talk of budget cuts – Field trips would need to be cut if we don't fundraise enough for next year.
- Talks of how we can get more families involved and invested in fundraising for the school.
- Children of the Street came to talk to Grade 4-5 students about Internet safety and digital footprint.
- Brendan Reid, who works in cyber security, shares a link for adult workshops available: <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/workshops/adult-workshops/>

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn Colleen O'Connor, seconded by Brendan Reid.

Attendees:

Betty Siu, Brendan Reid, Cecillia, Colleen O'Connor, Cooper Heibloem, Corinne Hansen, Daniel Heimdahl, Joe Jamieson, Laura, Mariana Perez-Garcia, Maryam, Tamara Davidson.

Board Members:

Daniel Heimdahl, Chair | Corinne Hansen, Past 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.