

JANUARY 2019 MINUTES

Shortreed Elementary PAC

Date | time 1/22/2019 7:04 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jodi Stiglic

In Attendance

Jodi Stiglic, Cashmere Roder, Amy Synesael, Anita Hatton, Samantha Creech, Marla Roberts, Laura Wheway, Chris Wejr, Mark Touzeau

Addition to Agenda

- Grounds improvement committee
- ASAP office supplies fundraiser
- Christmas concert location

Laura motioned to approve the additions, Cashmere seconded. All for.

Deletions to Agenda

- None.

Approval of Minutes

- Amy motioned to approve November 2018 minutes, Laura seconded. All for.

Principal's Report

- December at Shortreed was a huge success! Lots of cool things happened from decorating, Santa breakfast, sing-a-longs, Christmas crafts, etc.
- Grade 5 basketball has started. The team has 16 grade 5's playing, plus a few grade 4's practicing as well (they won't play until next year). The team will have six games, as well as a playday at the end of the season. It would be great to have two more hoops in the gym so that all of the team could be playing/practicing at the same time (right now because we only have one court, half the team has to sit out and wait).
- Club Wednesday is starting up again very soon.
- Action Plan update:
 - Shortreed is the demonstration school in the district for social and emotional regulation, and a leader in the province. This is something to be celebrated!
 - Shortreed's goal of improving literacy continues, and students are improving in the areas in which each grade group is focusing.
- Thank you, parents and guardians, for your help in picking your children up early so that staff can meet together and collaborate on professional goals. We really appreciate that time!
- Some administrators in the area have been meeting to talk about the "narrative" of Aldergrove. ACSS enrollment is down, and because of this, certain programs/athletics aren't able to be offered. Part of this is because there are only two elementary feeder schools in the area (Shortreed and Parkside). We want to make sure ACSS is vibrant within a small community, promoting Aldergrove as a wonderful place to be.

- The school received a call from a concerned neighbour about whether our students were damaging the forest as they played. We plan to have Langley Environmental Protection Society in to go through with us to make sure that we are taking care of the forest as we play and explore.
- Self-regulation updates: we have some climbing walls in place in the Body Break room, we are just waiting for handles. Also, Ms. Romas is working with some students on designing a self-regulation pathway to go throughout the school.
- Sasquatch Mountain Resort ski passes will be coming home, one for each student aged 6-12.

Vice Principal's Report

- We have really appreciated all the efforts PAC put into the Christmas season, and throughout the year!
- Jump Rope for Heart kickoff assembly is February 7th. Our focus this year will be teaching kids how to be healthy, and how to make healthy decisions. Classes will be learning about healthy eating, exercising, making healthy decisions, and participating in a daily health challenge. The jump-off event will be on February 14th.
- Shortreed has a new SEA practicum student. Please help us welcome Warren England to the Shortreed team!

Advisory Committee/President Reports

President: Jodi Stiglic

Fundraising: Cashmere Roder

Vice President: Marla Roberts

DPAC: Open

Secretary: Amy Synesael

Members At Large: Brandi Jackson, Laura Wheway

Treasurer: Anita Hatton

President Report

- In our PAC bylaws and constitution (sec 5.1-3), executive positions can only be filled by the same person for three years. Both Jodi and Cashmere are in their third year, as president and fundraising coordinator, respectively. There is a clause that states these same people can continue to serve in those positions as long as the majority agrees.
- The question was raised about Fresh Grade, and whether that is still being used. Mr. Wejr shared that teachers can still use Fresh Grade, and some do, but that the district doesn't have a license for it.
- It has been noticed that Shortreed doesn't really sing the National Anthem on a regular basis, except during assemblies. The suggestion was raised to sing the anthem as a school every Monday morning. Mr. Wejr will bring this up with the staff.
- Christmas concert recording – could this be an idea at Shortreed? The school could have the concert recorded and then sell the dvd's. It was suggested that nowadays most parents record their children on their cell phones, and we weren't sure if many parents would purchase dvd's.
- The amount remaining from the playground grant is \$23,210.56. The playground committee is looking into other additions to our playground space.

Treasurer Report

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The money for the woodchips for our new playground will come out of our chequing account.

Fundraising Report

- PAC received a sample of Wild Pacific smoked salmon from Sea 2 Go, which we could sell as a fundraiser. Cashmere will confirm pricing and profit margins, and possibly run this fundraiser in the spring.
- PAC is looking at holding a Family Picture Night this spring, using a local photographer (Santana Nicole Photography). It would cost families \$80 for a 20-minute session, and \$20 would go to our PAC. Parents could use 2 different backdrops, and would receive 5 touched up photos uploaded to Dropbox (so families could print their own pictures).
- Another fundraising opportunity for the spring is hanging baskets from Clearview Garden Center in Aldergrove. Parents could purchase a voucher and pick out their own basket.
- Fun Fair 2019 update: we are looking at renting the swing ride, Tubes of Fun (teapot ride), 5-in-1 bouncy castle, Under the Sea bouncy castle (for years 5 and under), plus three carnival games. Including a \$400 discount, the cost will be \$3500.
- PAC made \$945 in the Silent Auction, and \$1000 in our Purdy's fundraiser. Our next Purdy's fundraiser will be before Easter.

Old Business

- Money for Ms. McKay to make loose part story telling kits for the library – Ms. McKay emailed PAC to let us know she is withdrawing her request for funding for this at this time.
- A request came to PAC to purchase an AED for our school. Mr. Wejr shared that the Ministry of Education does not recommend having AEDs in schools, mostly due to liabilities, maintenance/inspections, staff training, etc. This is tabled until our next meeting.
- Jodi shared that North Otter Elementary has started holding gym nights, where they open up their gym and set out equipment for kids to play. The PAC sold refreshments and snacks, and grade 7's were in charge of handing out equipment. Parents would need to stay and monitor their children, just like movie night. PAC will look into this for Shortreed in the next couple months.

New Business

- School grounds improvement/beautification is our fundraising goal this year. However, we are not sure where to start with this. PAC would like to create a committee to help provide some oversight. One idea would be to improve the entrance to the school grounds on the north side of the school near the playground. Jodi, Cashmere and Laura will spearhead on this committee. If there are parents in our community who have experience with designing and landscaping, please contact shortreedpac@gmail.com If any other parents are interested in being a part of this committee, please be in touch with PAC!
- PAC has had a fundraising program suggestion from ASAP Office Supplies. Parents could purchase office supplies from this company, and a percentage would go to our PAC. PAC has decided that we are not interested in this fundraising option at this time. Anita motioned, Amy seconded. All for.
- The idea was raised about holding our evening concert at another location which is larger and has more space (i.e. ACSS)? This is something to think about, but nothing will be decided at this time.
- Increase fun fair budget in case of deposits – tabled until next month's meeting.
- Basketball hoops – tabled until next month's meeting.
- Valentine's Day cupcake day – this was to be discussed in our December meeting, which was cancelled due a power outage. PAC has gone ahead and added this treat day to our Munch-a-lunch ordering system.
- Last year, PAC received \$1000 from Alice Brown Elementary PAC for our new playground. However, Shortreed received a \$90,000 grant from the government, so we decided to pay it forward to another local school. We plan to give \$2000 to Nicomekl Elementary, who are currently fundraising for a new

playground. This was approved last year but we haven't given them the money yet. Jodi will contact Nicomekl PAC.

- Our new emergency supplies have arrived. The bins need to be pulled out from the storage container, the old/expired supplies need to be taken out, and the new supplies put back in. PAC will put a call out for helpers one evening to do this.

Next PAC Meeting: Friday, February 22th at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM.