

JUNE 2019 MINUTES

Shortreed Elementary PAC

Date | time 6/19/2019 9:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Jodi Stiglic

In Attendance

Jodi Stiglic, Cashmere Roder, Amy Synesael, Laura Wheway, Shananda Anderson, Paige Miller, Chris Wejr, Mark Touzeau

Addition to Agenda

- None.

Deletions to Agenda

- None.

Approval of May Minutes

- Laura motioned, Cashmere seconded. All in favour.

Principal's Report

- Thank you to the PAC and parents who volunteered to install our new playground pieces. The kids are loving it!
- Summer reading program book selection was a great success, thank you PAC and parents for your work in setting this up.
- The Fun Fair was another great success, and great community building both for the Shortreed community and our Aldergrove community as a whole.
- Sports Day is on Friday. Starting first thing with the Wheels Parade and then activities on the back field.
- Our Year End Assembly is on June 27 at 9 AM. Parents are welcome to attend!
- We are honoring our grade 5's in a different way this year. It will be a separate assembly for grade 3's and 4's to attend (it's hard for K-2's to sit through a longer assembly). It includes speeches from each student, principal and vice-principal, etc. This will be held on June 25 at 1:20 PM.
- On Tuesday night, the School Board approved the beginning of a consultation process to explore different middle school options for Aldergrove.
 - Some background information:
 - Enrollment is down at both DW Poppy and ACSS. Because of this, the schools can't offer programs and opportunities that other high schools can offer. Students are leaving ACSS to pursue opportunities at other high schools in the district. ACSS is built for 1100 students with only 600 students enrolled. Poppy is in a similar situation.
 - Shortreed and Parkside are both at capacity with portables. 143 of Aldergrove students leave for Coghlan Elementary and continue on to Poppy.
 - Betty Gilbert Middle School does an exceptional job as a middle school but is in an elementary building so they have to go to ACSS for exploration opportunities (trades, tech, etc.) Poppy was originally built as a Junior High School.
 - Poppy has no middle school in their catchment. Langley school district is committed to adopting a middle school model for the entire district. Previous consultations showed that

families in that catchment area preferred a 6-12 school at Poppy with both middle and high school on one campus.

- Non-negotiables – safety, separate bell schedules/areas, improvements to the school/field, more opportunities to make it equitable to HD Stafford and Yorkson.
- The Board plans to present 3 options to the ACSS and DW Poppy communities in the fall:
 - keep the status quo (we have right now)
 - a grade 6-12 school at DW Poppy with only portables for the middle school
 - Poppy as a grade 6-8 school for both Aldergrove and Poppy catchments, and ACSS 9-12 as the high school. BGMS would go back to a K-5 school, and support a growing community.
- If the last option is approved, the high school would have 1100 students, middle school would have 650. The middle school would have all the opportunities they should have, as Poppy already has these set up (trades, etc.) ACSS would have the same programs (i.e. honors, French Immersion, trades and arts, athletics, etc.) as Brookswood or RE Mountain.
- Challenges include:
 - Transportation – students would be bussed to Poppy. They would be picked up in the Aldergrove area, probably at the elementary schools. There are already 14 buses going to Poppy. The cost of buses is not as much as building an entire new middle school.
 - Catchment areas for elementary schools would be redrawn. We are not sure if current students would be allowed to stay or would need to move
 - Making sure catchment areas are equitable in socioeconomic status.
- Yes, there are some challenges. Ultimately, what will be decided upon is what is best for our children, and what option will provide them with the most opportunities. A letter from the district will be coming home that explains all of this information.
- If you have a question, please contact the school and we would be happy to give you more information!
- Finally, a big thank you to the PAC. Even though we have a small PAC, we have a great one! We do appreciate all of the hard work you have done.

Vice Principal's Report

- As we go into the conversation about what the middle school opportunities would look like, it's a great time to start conversations about Aldergrove and the community we are growing. People are starting to realize all of the strengths that Aldergrove has and we want to keep that going.
- We are so grateful for the work the PAC has done to build community here at Shortreed.
- Our playground rivals any in the district. In thinking about what else we can add to the area, we have talked about adding some trees. Perhaps this is something the PAC can pursue. This would fit in with the goal of "beautification" that PAC has set for the year.

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

- Thank you to the PAC and parent volunteers who have helped this year. We are an exceptional team and you put in so much work. We pulled through and had a very successful year. Thank you very much!

Treasurer Report

- Chequing \$26,435.88
 - Some of the playground still needs to be paid for from this account.
- Gaming \$6,895.59

Fundraising Report

- Fun Fair was a huge success. We brought in \$7466.60; minus expenses we made a profit of \$2,179.98!
- Shortreed PAC (thank you Jodi for taking this on last minute!) ran the concession at the track meet last month, and we made \$1200!
- Upcoming fall fundraisers include Neufeld Farms and Entertainment Books.
- This year we lent out our Fun Fair games to Nicomekl Elementary and Coghlan Elementary for their own Fun Fairs. They were very appreciative of the use of the 9 games so they didn't have to rent or make their own. They wanted to say a big "Thank You!" to Shortreed.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Last month Laura Wheway was voted in as Treasurer, and needs to be made a signing officer on the Executive. Amy motioned to remove Anita Hatton (outgoing Treasurer) as signing officer, and add Laura Wheway (incoming Treasurer) as signing officer for the Shortreed PAC bank account at Aldergrove Credit Union effective July 1, 2019. Paige seconded. All in favour.
- Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report:
 - A notice of motion to change our Constitution & Bylaws was presented on June 5th 2019.
 - Specific changes to note:
 - the President now has a vote, where in past the President has not been able to vote at meetings to remain impartial. This is not mandatory, so we have decided to change it.
 - We removed the nominating committee from our voting procedures.
 - Cash handling procedures have changed: a signing officer no longer needs to collect cash from classrooms every morning. Teachers can send cash and order forms down to the office, where it will be put in the PAC mailbox. This will be checked twice a day and moved to the PAC safe.
 - Amy motioned to approve the new Bylaws. Laura seconded. All in favour.
- Our PAC/Parent Facebook page was created to inform parents about PAC and school events and information. We have been seeing a lot of posts lately about things not related to our school specifically. In order to keep the group relevant, opinion posts, Go-Fund-Me requests, and posts not related to Shortreed events/information won't be approved. Note: Mr. Wejr's singing and dancing videos will almost always be permitted. 😊 Thanks parents/caregivers, for your help with this.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 AM