

SEPTEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Shortreed Elementary PAC

Date | time 9/22/2020 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Amy Synesael

In Attendance

Jodi Stiglic, Amy Synesael, Cashmere Roder, Laura Wheway, Leanne Greig, Jen Cooksley, Chris Wejr, Mark Touzeau, Shannon Gandy, Becca Hargreaves, Gail Macklin, Erin Caldwell, Brandy Korstrom, Kelly Cryderman, Angela Wells, Brittany Eden.

Addition to Agenda

- Covid food safe. Motioned to add by Jody. Seconded by Laura. All in favor, none opposed.

Deletions to Agenda

None

Approval of January Minutes

Jodi motioned to approve the June minutes as written, Jennifer seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Principal & Vice Principal's Report

- Challenging start up of the school year with new protocols and constantly changing rules and regulations. Although it's been very challenging, the kids seem very happy to be back. It's very important that the teachers are all in and very committed to the school and the community. A new division was added this year due to a waitlist of kids. A lot of work has been put into making sure that every child has at least one friend in their class due to the change with cohorts. The school is going to take the precautions seriously but it's also important to still have fun and make Shortreed a fun place to come.
- Cohorts – maximum of 60 people including the teachers. Staggered starts and staggered breaks to keep numbers safe while outside.
- Hand washing – was taking a lot of time and cutting into learning time. Hand sanitizer has been introduced which is saving time. Kids are still washing hands before eating.

- ELL program was moved to music room due to 17th Division. Music program is now mobile.
 - Welcome back BBQ will be cancelled this year.
 - Meet the teacher will look different this year. Looking at different options still – could be phone calls or video calls to let parents ask their questions and see what school looks like for their child.
 - Terry Fox Run: in planning stage. Will be in cohorts and the route may need to change to allow all kids to run.
 - Orange Shirt Day Sept 30th to honor survivors and victims of residential schools. Kids will be taught about residential schools in age appropriate ways. Typically, there is an assembly with all classes – this year cohorts will go through the hallways together and looks at different banners. There will be drumming outside and a banner where they will tie a ribbon and think about the survivors/victims.
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- Photo Day: October 6th. There will be safety protocols in place. Information will be coming out soon about how to order.
 - Remembrance Day: planning is happening to figure out how to celebrate the day in a meaningful way.
 - Sports: currently on hold. Planning going on to try and get some sports going again while sticking to cohorts.
 - Eco Tigers: Mrs. Sherwin is working with Shortreed to try to keep the program running.

Are there any parent questions?

- How many kids are in a cohort – 2 or 3 classes? They can be up to 3 classes depending on how many kids are in each class. Staff are finding that kids are getting used to the zones outside and having a lot of fun in the playground and on the field. Classes rotate from field to playground zones.
- Where do kids have to wear masks? Bathrooms and common areas such as the eagles nest.
- Is there an area where kids can eat peanut butter? That will be in Mr. Wejr or Mr. Touzeau's office.
- How does it work if a teacher works at 2 schools? The teacher will wear a mask if they are closer than 6 feet to the kids. It will be the same for any teacher going from class to class or a presenter.
- How are things going to work with kids getting sick? The school is going to be following the guidelines laid out from BCCDC – please see email of symptoms that require a child to stay home from school. Children are able to get school work from the teacher if they have to stay home due to illness.

President: Amy Synesael

Fundraising: Jennifer Cooksley

Vice President: Cashmere Roder

DPAC Rep: Jodi Stiglic

Secretary: Leanne Greig

Treasurer: Laura Wheway

President Report

- Such a strange year to be the president for the first time. There are many activities that we aren't able to do this year but we will still have a fun year. We are looking at ideas to maintain the sense of community. The PAC is open to suggestions of how we can continue having activities.
- The focus this year for the PAC will be advocacy – communication between admin and parents.

Vice President Report – nothing

Secretary report - nothing

Treasurer Report

- Chequing account balance: \$32,601.72
- Gaming account balance: \$6393.47
- One cheque to be deposited that is just under \$200 but otherwise we are caught up.
- We have savings which is very helpful because this year we will not be able to fundraise as much as normal.
- Are there credits for people who paid for much-a-lunch that did not happen? There will be credits applied to accounts soon or cheques will be issued for people who are owed still. There is a small list of people.

Fundraising Report

- Fundraising will look different this year. We are currently running the Neufeld's fundraiser.
- Looking at a local coupon book that is similar to the Entertainment Book but for Aldergrove and surrounding areas. Coupon book will cost less (around \$25). We will be able to get a sample of the book in the next few weeks.

- Looking at Fundschrift – people can buy gift cards for face value and a percentage goes back to the school.
- Cashmere motioned to have both fundraisers; Jodi seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

DPAC Representative Report

- First meeting is Thursday. Nothing to report but please let Jodi know if there is anything you would like her to bring up.
- No hot lunch for now but Gord Stewart will discuss this Thursday.

Old Business - none

New Business

- Welcome back BBQ will be cancelled. \$500 budget for same.
- Movie license – this allows the school to show movies and the PAC does pay for the this. The school also uses this license but does not require it this year either. The license budget is \$350.
- Gaga pit – very loved and well used at other schools. The pit could be bought with gaming money that does have to be used this year. Jodi has offered to head the planning but she would like a committee to help with the planning. Jodi is working on gathering 3 quotes. Pit will need to be paid for before June 30th 2021. Laura, Mark and Erin have offered to be on the committee.
- Much-a-lunch – currently we are not able to do hot lunch, this comes from Fraser Health. We are not allowed to have outside food given to the kids. We are hoping that this will change in the future. Much-a-lunch has agreed to keep our account active without charging us for same. Leanne motioned to suspend the account for now, Cashmere seconded the motion. All in favor – none opposed.
- Halloween event – we are not able to have the day long event in the gym. Looking at possibly decorating the gym and having cohorts walk through. Hopefully parents will be able to run the event – currently they are not able to be in the gym with students.
- Book fair – several options that are currently being sorted out by Scholastic. In school shopping would be preferable (community feel and excitement) but this will depend on safety rules and requirements.
 1. In house case fair – PAC sets up the large cases themselves.
 2. In house box fair – PAC unpacks and set up themselves.
 3. Virtual fair – parents can shop online at home. Items purchases will be shipped to individual homes.

- Fundraising with outside groups: example is having daycares close by join in with our fundraisers and then we split profit or give them a gift for their help. Issues raised are keeping budget balanced and keeping money straight. How can they be included but also profit from joining in? Concerns that there would be conflicts of interest and issues with being audited. Consensus that it is not possible to include outside parties.
- Class pictures – we will not be able to get class pictures that were missed last year.
- Food safe: there is a budget for one person to take food safe this year. There is a covid food safe now but unsure if it is required to work in the schools. Jodi wondering if she should take this course or if its necessary. Decided that if the course/certificate is necessary, Jodi will take the course. Leanne motioned, Jennifer seconded. All in agreeance. None opposed.

Next PAC Meeting: October 30th at 9AM

Meeting Adjourned: 9PM