

Shortreed PAC Meeting Minutes
Date: February 23, 2021 7:00PM

Call to Order at 7:04 by Amy Synesael

Attendees: Amy Synesael, Cashmere Roder, Laura Wheway, Jodi Stiglic, Jennifer Cooksley, Chris Wejr, Stephanie Eby, Mark Touzeau, Shaunee Petersen, Erin Caldwell, Paige Miller, Becca Hargreaves

Additions to Agenda: motioned by Shaunee & seconded by Jen. All in favor - motion passed.

- Perogies fundraiser
- Privacy tents
- Basketballs

Deletions to Agenda: none

Approval of January's Minutes: motioned by Jodi & seconded by Shaunee. All in favor - motion passed.

Special Guest – Stephanie Eby, Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator:

- Would like to attend monthly with updates.
- Started this role in November, previously she worked for the Township of Langley and created the Active Beyond the Bell program.
- She has started a virtual cooking program with LEPS
- Has been creating newsletters and social media Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, but mainly FB
- Involved with agencies and committees within Langley that provide programs and services for kids and families. See www.langleychildren.com
- Part of her job is creating programs - starting a multi-sport outdoor program that will be at Shortreed. It will be done within cohorts and with one grade to start, registration to come out asap. There will be a price but will be very low cost, approx. \$15 for 10 sessions.
- Focusing on spring break family time activities, like build a fort contest, story walk in behind the school, Aldergrove Geo Cash, etc. More info to come in March newsletter.
- During Spring Break there will be a mobile food bank available on March 17 & 24th. Sign up to come out soon.
- High school after school sport program - training and possible volunteer hours for kids.

Vice Principal's Report –Mr. Touzeau:

- Outdoor Classroom will be installed by June 2021. This will give all students the chance to learn and move around in a natural environment. Design has been decided: a circular shape of logs with 2 tables off to the side. Will also be adding two 3-foot openings for accessibility. This will create a wonderful space to build and create, even destroy (i.e. building a mud castle and destroy it). We are hoping to plant a small grove of trees around this area as well as some shrubbery to enhance the natural feel and create more spaces for exploration. We are very much going for a rustic feel with this space. Embracing uneven ground, with possibly even a mound of dirt (maybe deemed "Mt. Shortreed"?). Amy mentioned she saw a grant from Tree Canada and Jodi saw one from Coop Community Spaces that Mark will look in to in respect to the trees/shrubbery.
Erin asked where the location was: between ball diamonds out toward the back of the fields.

- Jump Rope for Heart – has been pushed to after spring break and exact date will come out closer to spring break. Will be pushing for online fundraising and the event will be done within cohorts. Ms. Bain is helping with running and planning this.

Principal's Report – Mr. Wejr:

- Seismic upgrades: we will be getting 4 or 5 portables, they will be installed right behind Mrs. Kirk's portable. They will be there for 2 years, some may stay depending on enrolment. Gaga Pit may back on to these, so location of this needs to be discussed.
- It is Respect and Diversity week this week, but this is being worked into everyday learning all year long. It started as Pink Shirt Day but expands from anti-bullying to respect of all backgrounds and diversities, building on Shortreed's core values. Staff is working on learning about different ways to bring into their classrooms. Mrs. McKay has created a great representation of books that cover all areas of family life, different gender types, and different religions, to expand the knowledge and understanding for all kids in the school.
- Outdoor Classroom – Habitat will be building it, a plan has been drawn up, this is going to be a start and we plan to build on this. The structure is made of logs with stumps in between in a circular shape that will accommodate 35-40 students, accompanied by 2 three-foot learning tables off to the side. We want to build from this in the future to really create a great outdoor learning space.
- He has spoken a lot to Stephanie Eby a lot regarding the PE and movement programs that she spoke about earlier.
- Parent Teacher Interviews will happen the 10th & 11th - Wednesday will be 2:00-4:30 online, and Thursday will be 2:00-7:30 in person (distanced and wearing masks).
- The back entrance to the school (by the playground), where the majority of families enter & exit the school grounds, has a huge puddle and muddy area. He is looking into a facilities grant to have this issue rectified but not sure how it will look in the end. Steps up the hill toward the school are not possible due to tree roots, and we really do not want to lose the trees.

Executive and Committee Reports:

President –Amy Synesael:

- Our Valentines pay-it-forward was a great success, huge thank you to Leanne Grieg for the idea to hand out carnations! The total cost only ended up being \$212.63 so we came in under budget. Thanks again to the Korstrom family and University Printers in Langley for printing the cards for us. Chris mentioned he received a lot of great feedback on this!

Vice President –Cashmere Roder: no report

Treasurer –Laura Wheway:

- Chequing account: \$34,092.86
- Gaming account: \$12,938.11
- Budget update: Right now we are looking fairly good. We have projected spending left of approx. \$21,000. Laura assumes actual spending will be closer to be \$13,000. This will leave us approx. \$21,000 plus any fundraising income we get this year. This will be enough to cover next year's expenditures so that our fundraising can go towards whatever extra items are needed, such as emergency supplies.

Secretary –Leanne Grieg: no report

Fundraising –Jennifer Cooksley:

- Global coffee - sold 143 bags of coffee/hot chocolate and made a profit of \$715.

- Purdy's is out now. After spring break will be hanging baskets from Clearview Garden Center (in time for Mother's Day), frozen blueberries from Berryhill Farms, and Neufeld Farms in May.
- Veronica's Perogies - Jodi shared that this local company has a fundraising program: for every dozen sold PAC makes \$1. They have vegetarian and gluten friendly options, they \$8.75-\$13 (the higher end being gluten free). We can do pick up or delivery for this. The thought is to do this end of May to avoid overlapping fundraisers. Motioned by Paige to add this to our fundraiser list, and seconded by Erin. All in favor - motion passed.
- Purdy's - Currently sales are at \$357.00 with profit \$89.38, pending orders are at \$698.25

DPAC –Jodi Stiglic:

- The district is looking at using MyBlueprint as a student portfolio for grades K-12. This is to help students when getting to college/university, as they are starting to ask for items that have been completed in the past, to help show growth. This will be a good place to keep documents for future use. This is the website teachers and students used last spring as part of remote learning.
- Rainbow crosswalk – the fundraising goal for this has been met. If PACs still want to contribute, Gord Stewart indicated that the money could go towards LGBTQ+ committees at district level and would be distributed to schools running programs that may need funding – this is not concrete.
- Covid-19 statistics – in all of Langley (43 schools) only 6 have not had a Covid case. 16 cases in Aldergrove, 3 or less in elementary school in all Langley and he has been told by Fraser Health that there has been no child to child transfers in schools.

Gaga Pit Committee:

- Amy sent out emails looking for gravel and asphalt donations. She heard back from Mainland Construction who would like to donate gravel in exchange for a picture for their social media.
- Custom Blacktop (who provided the original quote to Maintenance at the district) said they would lower the price, hopefully about half of their original quote, putting us back into our budgeted amount. Jodi had the idea to offer to pay our budgeted \$2000.00 for the asphalt only and not include the gravel as that has now been donated.
- New Coach Cliff's quote has come in – the only difference is changing the colour of the wood planks to a cedar to match our natural surroundings. The quote is for \$5771.20 USD; there will still be exchange to CAD, brokerage fees, and tax.
- Framing colours need to be chosen: top 3 choices are blue, black or brown.
- Rubber matting has a 4 week lead time. This can be processed quickly and shipping will take about 5 days. We should be able to have it here by mid-April.
- Will maintenance be able to store it? Will we get charged storage or shipping from the school board? Jodi to send questions to Chris, he will ask maintenance.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Spring book fair – last fall's online fair was not very profitable so the PAC Executive has decided to not go ahead with the spring book fair for this reason. If restrictions lessen maybe we can hold an in-person fair in June. The only concern was what to do with the teacher money budgeted for books (\$50.00/division). 2 options: either tell teachers they can spend \$50 on books now for reimbursement, or carry it over to next year and increase the book fair funds to \$75 per division. Mr. Touzeau thinks the 2nd option would be great.
- Swing – the accessible swing purchased by PAC for the school has been taken down as there were concerns about the yoke coming down too fast. Swingtime has issued a refund, less the

shipping charges that we will have to pay. Mrs. Molina will provide us with the updated invoice when available. Chris saw one at another school that was done through Habitat. We did receive a quote for this for \$1836.80. This did not include the extra straps. Jodi and Amy to find out the extra costs for shipping and straps, then we will hold a special meeting to vote on a budget increase for this item.

- Perogies fundraiser (see fundraising report)
- Privacy tent - the school has asked PAC to contribute half of the cost for privacy tents for use in emergency situations. The full bill is \$255.88, our cost would be \$127.94. There are other costs coming up for emergency prep which will need to be included in the budget for next year. Laura motioned to increase our budget by \$130.00 to cover half of the cost of the privacy tents, Jodi seconded. All in favour - motion passed.
- Basketballs – the school is asking for 16 outdoor basketballs as the existing ones are getting worn out. Amy suggests to use some of the concert/event budget to cover this. They will be \$16.00/each and the school would like 20. We are proposing to move \$400 to the outdoor/gym equipment line in the budget. Motioned by Jen, seconded by Jodi. All in favour - motion passed.

Next PAC Meeting: April 23rd at 9:00AM

Meeting adjourned: 8:48PM