

Shortreed PAC Meeting Minutes
April 23 2021 - 9AM

Call to order: 9:02

Attendees: Leanne Greig, Chris Wejr, Amy Synesael, Jodi-Rae Stiglic, Jennifer Cooksley, Laura Wheway, Paige Miller, Stephanie Eby, Susy Staples, Cashmere Roder, Dawn Begin

Additions to Agenda:

- Stephanie, the Aldergrove Community School's Coordinator, will give a report. Laura motioned to add this to the agenda, Jodi seconded the motion. All in favor, no one was opposed. Motion carried.

Deletions to Agenda: None.

Approval of February's minutes: Leanne motioned the approval of February's minutes and Jodi seconded the approval. All in favor, no one opposed, motion carried.

Stephanie's Report:

- Over Spring Break, over 100 families in Aldergrove attended and were able to receive food.
- PCRS (Pacific Community Resources Society) is looking at possibly offering programs over the summer for grades 5-8. These will be free and more information will be available on Facebook in the next few months.
- The Sports Club has been a huge success with many students attending, We're hoping to continue this program.

Principal's Report—Mr. Wejr

- Pacific Sports is supporting Shortreed and we are so lucky to have their support. They are helping with the after school programs. We have also been able to have a staff session to support teachers and increase their capacity to teach PE.
- Covid exposure letter went out recently - the community has been very supportive. We are likely to see more cases as this is the trend in the schools currently,
- The district protocol is that we get confirmation that there is an exposure in our school and we are given the dates that the person was there. Then there are conversations about what contacts there were, at what distance and for how long. Once those contacts are noted, letters go to people who are required to self monitor and another letter to people who are required to self isolate. Self isolation is 2 weeks from the exposure date. If you do not receive a letter to isolate or self-monitor, that means that your child was not affected.
- Staff are being offered their first COVID vaccination this weekend.
- Jump Rope for Heart starts today. A video will be released soon about the fundraiser and there will be a virtual assembly today to talk about the event.
- Spirit Wear - there is an opportunity to currently buy t-shirts, sweaters, etc if your child would like spirit wear with Shortreed's logo.
- Seismic upgrade: paving will begin shortly, weather permitting. We were able to get the gaga pit paving paid for at the same time.

- Last night, staff spent 2.5 hours with a presenter about gender diversity. Lucas Walker came to speak to the teachers and gave a very powerful presentation. He provides support to students and families. This is completely about supporting students - not about telling people who they are. We need to be accepting and supportive. If there are questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Wejr with those comments.
- Grade 5 transition - that will begin near the end of the year. Activities will be outside at Betty Guilbert and we are hoping for a tour of the inside of the school. Several staff will also be coming over to talk to the students and help with the transition.
- Anti-vaping presentation for the grade 5's. While it may seem young, many kids have already been exposed to vaping by older siblings or the community. It is important that they receive the correct information from a reliable source.

Executive and Committee reports: President –Amy Synesael:

- The scholarship package was sent to the highschool with an updated question this year, asking the students how Shortreed impacted them. The deadline for submission is May 14th. \$500 will be given to a former Shortreed Student.

Vice President –Cashmere Roder: no report

Treasurer –Laura Wheway:

- Chequing account: \$32,432.79
- Gaming account: \$ 12,940.20
- Laura recently attended an info session on gaming accounts and learned a few things. We have 3 years to spend gaming money but we are only meant to be saving money if we are saving for something big. Otherwise the money should be spent in the year it is collected. We are working on ideas of ways to spend the money on extra curricular activities.
- Laura suggested that the jersey money be taken from the gaming account instead of the chequing account as we have a lot of money in the gaming account to use. Laura motions to move the \$2000 line from the chequing account to the gaming account. Jodi seconded the motion. All in favor and no one was opposed. Motion carried.
- There are plans to spend \$8400 on the outdoor classroom. This money is coming from fundraisers that occurred this year.

Secretary –Leanne Grieg: no report

Fundraising –Jennifer Cooksley

- We sold 47 cases of blueberries for a profit of \$470.
- Clearview hanging baskets are still available for purchase and will close April 26th. So far 55 baskets have been sold for a profit of \$385.
- Neufeld's fundraiser will start today and letters go home today or Monday with students.
- May 20th the perogy fundraiser will start . Details to follow.

DPAC –Jodi Stiglic

- Motion from DPAC: Parkside PAC moves that Langley district create a rule that there are no dogs on school property unless they are registered support dogs due to an incident that has occurred. There is currently no dog policy within the district. This will be voted on at their AGM in May. Concerns that this blanket policy will affect students in a negative way because a lot of students benefit from dogs on the property for their stress and emotional wellbeing. Also concerns that the dogs that are in classrooms at Shortreed are very beneficial for students. Mr Wejr states that he believes that issues with dogs should be dealt with individually and not a blanket policy. Discussion took place and attendees all seemed to agree that this rule would not be helpful to Shortreed students and families.
- DPAC has \$7000 to spend. They would like to divide it between the 43 schools or buy a set of something that can be shared amongst schools. Mr Wejr suggested that DPAC purchase a large, more substantial tent that all schools could use. Jodi has suggested inspiration quote stickers that could go on the walls. DPAC has suggested a “square” which would allow each school to accept payment by debit and credit card. There is a fee attached with each transaction. Another suggestion is extra tables and chairs.

Gaga Pit Committee-

- The Gaga pit has arrived and is stored at the school. Jodi to talk to Chris about installing - us or district. The district has paid for our Gaga Pit, so we now have gaming funds to spend
- Mark is looking into adding items to the outdoor classroom area for students to use for recreation i.e. benches, balancing beams, etc.

Swing update:

- New swing was ordered and has been shipped, should arrive mid-May

Proposed Budget 2021/2022:

- Laura presented the proposed budget, drafted by the PAC Executive
- Based on a normal pre-Covid year, can always adjust as needed
- Highlights/changes:
 - Chequing:
 - increase in divisions from 17 to 19 (estimate)
 - books for teachers \$150 per class (this year we didn't have a spring book fair, so we added an extra \$50 to next year. i.e. \$75 per each book fair)
 - self-regulation- included a budget for 5 new teachers or returning teachers
 - holiday activities i.e. reindeer food, carnations *new*
 - added a line for Emergency supplies \$2500 *new* -discussion about spending PAC money on emergency supplies (food, supplies, comfort items, etc.) PACs are not required to fund emergency supplies, but we help with the funding of these items because we want to make sure

our kids are comfortable and safe. Can also request items that we need from the district.

☐ Gaming:

- We receive \$20/student, will be some leftover from this year if we need to purchase something.
- Unsure if transition students are included in this amount? They should be, but Jodi will ask the DPAC Treasurer for clarification. It's possible they use the end of September student population numbers instead.

Call for Nominations:

- Shortreed PAC Executive positions are held from July to June. Each year the PAC Executive is dissolved and a new Executive is elected. Elected Executive positions include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, District PAC Representative, Fundraising Coordinator, and up to three Member-At-Large positions. Our bylaws state that we must have a President, Treasurer, and Secretary in order to run our PAC and receive funding from the gaming branch. Nominations are now open for the 2021/2022
- PAC Executive and any parent of a student at Shortreed is eligible to be nominated! You can nominate yourself or someone else by emailing shortreedpac@gmail.com. Voting will happen at our AGM in May.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM