

**Shortreed PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**May 25th 2021 - 7 PM**

**Call to order: 7:08 PM**

**Attendees:** Leanne Greig, Chris Wejr, Amy Synesael, Jodi-Rae Stiglic, Jennifer Cooksley, Laura Wheway, Cashmere Roder, Susy Staples, Erin Caldwell, Mark Touzeau, Paige Miller

**Additions to Agenda:**

- Drums for Mrs. Rafighi and Emergency Preparedness Update from Jodi.
- Laura has motioned to add these two items to the agenda. Susy seconded the motion. All in favour and no one was opposed.

**Deletions to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of April's minutes:**

*Laura motioned the approval of April's minutes with following edits: Add the following motion to the Treasurer's report: Laura motioned to move \$7500 from the Gaga Pit budget line to a new line for enhancements to our outdoor classroom. Seconded by Jodi. All in favour and no one opposed.*

**Stephanie Eby's Report:**

- Stephanie did not attend the meeting.

**Principal's Report—Mr. Wejr**

- Basketball jerseys have arrived and they are great - thank you!
- Track meet - we are trying to figure out how to run a track meet but also follow protocols. We are focusing on Grade 4 and Grade 5 as they missed the track meet last year. The track meet finals will be June 4th. Unfortunately there will be no parents or crowds of people to watch.
- Talent Show - we are encouraging kids to showcase any talent that they have. Videos need to be submitted by next week.
- Fundamental Movement Skills - staff are attending lessons
- Bike/Roll to school week - details to follow soon. We are encouraging all students to ride their bike/scooter to school.
- Kindergarten welcome - students and their parents will be able to walk around the outside of the school and meet staff and receive goodies. Unfortunately they will not be allowed in the school. The date is to be determined.
- Speech Fest - most grade 3, 4 and 5 classes participated. 1-2 students per class participated and the speeches were recorded. This will be watched by staff and positive feedback will be given.
- Sports Day - June 18th. Parents will not be able to attend but it will be similar to previous years otherwise.
- Portables - 2 are on site now and 2 more will arrive on May 31st. Grade 4-5's will be in the portables.
- Class photos are tentatively scheduled for June 8th. Details to follow.

### **Vice Principal's Report - Mr. Touzeau**

- May has been a busy month with many activities including Jump Rope for Heart - the goal was to raise \$1000 and we raised \$1420! The goal was met so Mr. Wejr had a pie thrown in his face.
- The Outdoor Classroom: the school has been non-stop with construction and currently there is orange paint marking the layout of the outdoor classroom. There is a campfire type feel with large logs and tables for outdoor learning centers. The PAC has contributed money to add in some extra seating which makes it feel like a great community space. We are still working towards having trees in the space also.

### **Executive and Committee reports:**

#### **President –Amy Synesael:**

- This has been a very strange year for the PAC. We are typically very involved and that has been very difficult this year. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish and how creative we have been to help create memories for the staff and students. New traditions were carnations for all students at Valentines and reindeer food for Christmas. A focus this year was advocacy and one thing of note was when PAC members wrote letters to the district about staff members being deployed during power outages. After meetings and discussions, changes were made for the better. We did a lot of fundraising this year and were able to purchase several new items for the school (privacy tents, jerseys, basketballs, enhancements to outdoor classroom, sparkly backdrop for christmas concerts, and accessible swing.) The year was a success even though there were a lot of challenges.

#### **Vice President –Cashmere Roder:**

- ***\*\*This is a surprise for the students\*\**** The PAC will be putting on a Fun Fair - Bounce Day June 25th. This will occur during the school day so all children will be able to attend. Parents/PAC will not be able to be there so this will be run by the teachers. There will be 3 different sections and 3 time slots so that students stay within their cohorts. Each group will have 2 inflatables that are suitable for their age group. Last year the PAC made a \$1685.80 deposit for the Fun Fair so that amount will be credited towards the amount due this year. The quoted price for this year is \$4377.45 (minus the money previously paid as mentioned above.)

#### **Treasurer –Laura Wheway:**

- Chequing account: \$32,664.41
- Gaming account: \$ 12,548.12
- Year overview - we haven't gone over budget on anything. By the end of the year, I project that our chequing account will be around \$25,000 and our gaming account at around \$4,000. This leaves up sitting in a good spot with some flexibility.

**Secretary –Leanne Grieg:** no report

#### **Fundraising –Jennifer Cooksley**

- Clearview hanging baskets - sold 87 baskets with a profit of \$609.

- Neufeld's - profit of \$886.
- Perogies - currently running until June 1st.

### **DPAC –Jodi Stiglic**

- I learned a lot being on DPAC this year and I have been accepted on for the next 2 years as the DPAC treasurer. The final DPAC meeting has occurred for the year.
- Internet Parent Ed classes are currently being run - 2 of 5 have already happened. Details are on the Shortreed Parent Info page and the courses are free to all parents.
- At the last meeting we discussed options of what the DPAC could spend money on that would benefit all schools. The ideas are still being discussed and will continue in September when meetings start again. \$10,000 has been allocated in the budget for these items.

### **Gaga Pit Committee**

- See above under Mr. Touzeaus report

### **New Items**

- Emergency preparedness: Jodi and Mr. Touzeau have discussed what supplies are still needed and who is responsible for what role. The school has supplied all supplies except for heat blankets which are considered luxury items. This item can be discussed next year.
- Drums for Ms. Rafighi - Ms. Rafighi has approached the PAC, school and Aboriginal department as she would like to create drums with her students. These drums will be available for all students to use. She is requesting 22 drums and they are \$35 per drum (total \$770). There is a fee for the instructor Darren. Discussion amongst PAC executive members was to wait at this time and see what the school and aboriginal department can contribute before the PAC does. A concern is that there would not be enough drums for all students in every class as some classes are larger than 22 students. Mr. Wejr will try to figure out a plan that will allow for 30 drums to be made. For 30 drums, the cost would be approximately \$1400. Amy motioned to increase the budget by \$1500 and purchase a set of drums for the school. Laura seconded this motion. All in favor and no one was opposed.
- Teacher appreciation - we have discussed getting a plant/succulent/herb for each teacher/staff member. There is also the idea of coffee and treats. There are approximately 50 staff members. There is \$185 left in the "office budget" which does include flowers. Plants are approximately \$2 so we are looking at \$100 and tax that could come out of this account. Ms. Macklin and Ms. Sherwin retired last year but PAC did not give a gift - this can be purchased this year from the same account.
- Ice cream day budget - this is something that PAC normally does each June for the students and staff. There are about 420 people in the school which would cost \$752. The current budget for ice cream is \$500. Laura motions to increase the budget for ice cream by \$250. Jodi seconded this motion. All in favor and no one opposed. Ice cream day will be June 25th.

- Budget for 2021/2022 - discussed at previous meeting. Laura motioned to approve the previously posted budget. Jodi seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour and no one was opposed.
- Scholarship recipient: essays were previously posted on the parent information page so that everyone could read them. Votes were collected and essay number 1 was chosen as the winner of the scholarship. The winner of the scholarship is Julia Fleming.
- PAC executive vote for 2021/2022
  - Vice President - Cashmere Roder - all in favor, no one opposed
  - Secretary - Susy Staples - all in favor, no one opposed
  - Treasurer - Laura Wheway - all in favor, no one opposed
  - Fundraiser - Jen Cooksley- all in favor, no one opposed
  - DPAC Rep - Jodi-Rae Stiglic - all in favor, no one opposed
  - President - Amy Synesael - all in favor, no one opposed
  - Member at large - Erin Caldwell - all in favor , no one opposed

**Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM**