

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
PAC – Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 21, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Call to order at 7:08 PM by Amy Synesael

Welcome & Introductions

- a) We acknowledge that the Langley School District resides on the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Attendees:

Amy Synesael, Jennifer Cooksley, Amy Libby, Chris Wejr, Lee-Anne Tarasoff, Cashmere Roder, Laura Wheway, Jodi Stiglic, Susi Staples, Shannon Gandy, Brandy Korstrom

Established Quorum

Additions to Agenda: Book Fair

Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of September 2021 Agenda:

Motion by Laura. Second by Jodi. All in favor.

Approval of June 2021 Minutes:

Motion by Jodi. Second by Susi. All in favor.

Principal / Administration reports

Principal's Report: Mr. Wejr

- Welcome to new vice-principal Lee-Anne Tarasoff who brings additional strengths to the team.
- Shortreed enrollment is up again; classes are full with the exception of some space in grade 3 and one spot in grade 2. About 10 families have already been referred to Parkside as there is not enough space. Student count is app. 392 and is up by about 50 students this year, and about 100 over the past 4 years. This is good for the community and the future of ACSS.
- Covid notifications: The school finds out at the same time as parents. Currently only people who are close contacts are being notified. There are notifications happening, even in elementary schools. Should there be a case in the school, the hope is to contain the case so it doesn't spread. The school is relying on parents keeping students home when sick. There are things the school is "allowed to do" but not currently doing, to take extra precautions. For example assemblies and club Wednesdays. There's been some discussion about doing club Wednesday's with the grade 5's to see how it goes.
- Visitors to the school are now able to attend again but need to sign in and wear masks. Hot lunches will also resume this year.

- If people come to PAC/Parents with questions, please encourage them to ask staff.
- Acknowledged some anxiety about unvaccinated kids attending school is normal; Fraser health is admittedly struggling with lag time from positive tests to notifications (about 5 days).
- Meet the teacher night tomorrow: Excited to offer but needs restrictions. If you can't make your slot please sign up to come another time.
- Sep 29th Shortreed will focus on Truth and Reconciliation / encouraged to wear orange t-shirts; 30th no school, a day/time to reflect. A lot of learning will take place through stories. Last June students came with way more knowledge than ever before (teachers tried to redirect to age appropriate dialogue). This year some students are working on projects. Grade 5s are working on something to take home and engage with families on the following day.
- Seismic upgrade: Was supposed to start in the summer but was pushed back due to contractor availability and permits. To commence soon. Grade 4/5's will be in portables. Starting on the roof. Grade 2/3s will move classes after Christmas and hope is that K/1's won't have to move.
- Cost of Gaga Pit was covered by the District. Will be installed as soon as the portables are complete. Blacktop for Gaga Pit is done.
- Terry Fox week will take place after Truth and Reconciliation, on Oct 8th. There will be an option to donate online. There will be an opportunity to come and cheer everyone on during the run.

Vice Principal's Report – Mrs. Tarasoff

- It's been a pleasure to come to Shortreed; I've felt the connectivity of staff and community.
- Absolutely love seeing the students play wherever they want, now that cohorts have been removed. Nice to see them just be kids; can see students happy to have more freedom. It's more inclusive to have students be able to choose who/where they want to play, as opposed to needing to remain in their cohorts.

Executive and Committee reports

President – Amy Synesael

- Welcome to everyone; looking forward to things that will resume this year including hot lunches, book fairs and other activities. PAC team acknowledged for being creative and adaptable over the last year and a half.
- Reminder every parent of a child at Shortreed is a member of the PAC and always welcome to participate. Kids are always welcome too.
- Welcome back / Meet the teacher night tomorrow: PAC has purchased chips to handout to students/families. Jodi has worked on a fun activity/surprise for staff. Raffle to take place (Prizes include a bouquet of flowers donated by Leanne Greig, Principal and Vice Principal for a day, 2 gift cards for Toy Central, and a football. The PAC will have 3 tables set up outside / around the school.
- Amy will post a list of PAC meeting dates for the year. Friday mornings will be ZOOM meetings, and Tuesday nights are in-person.

Vice President – Cashmere Roder

- Halloween Event: Hoping to do same thing as last year (fun, not too scary haunted house). Plan to decorate night before. Mike the Reptile Guy wants to bring his reptiles again. Discussed possibility of doing grades together; if kids are quick

through their time slot, teacher could ready Halloween story in the more open space? Event is a Friday.

- Dollar sale: Discussion regarding cancelling this year or possibly doing an outdoor sale in the spring?
- New portables: Some parents are concerned there is no wheelchair access to any of the 4 portables. Question now that permanently there, will ramps be added? Mr. Wejr shares they're installed on an "as needed basis", if students or teachers require them.

Treasurer – Laura Wheway

- End of August balance in Chequing account: \$24,174.20.
- End of August balance in Gaming account: \$4,792.57.
- We planned for 19 divisions and now there are less so there is extra money in the budget (Scholastic \$, self-regulation \$, amounts for buses).
- Motion by Jodi to bring forward a new budget with reflected totals for current year. Second by Jen. All in favor.
- Muncha lunch budget came in under budget; amount will remain same in budget.
- Filed Gaming report

Secretary – Susi Staples (No report)

Fundraising – Jennifer Cooksley

- Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: Currently \$1,660 in sales with current profit of \$302 as of today. Need to collect outstanding payments.
- After this year (online only option), Neufeld Farms are going back to paper orders; better because online is actually more work for PAC to match payments and orders.
- Purdys will start earlier this year (due by November 16, will arrive between 23-29 of November with pick-up tentatively scheduled for Nov 30th depending on arrival date.

DPAC – Jodi Stiglic

- First DPAC general meeting is on Thursday the 23rd.
- BCCPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) Membership: DPAC normally covers cost annually. Last year DPAC paid for every school and signed them up. This year, each school needs to pay for it and DPAC will reimburse. Jodi requests someone else pay BCCPAC membership as she is DPAC Treasurer and would be more difficult to reimburse herself. Amy S. agrees to put forward membership cost for reimbursement.
- Parents can attend end of year BCCPAC AGM, can be involved in discussions, network and share resources; see their website for further info. <https://bccpac.bc.ca/>
- Motion by Jodi to purchase BCCPAC Membership (\$75) and submit for reimbursement by DPAC. Second by Amy L. All in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business

- a) iRide cycling program – Last June Mr. Wejr approached PAC to determine if PAC is interested and able to support paying \$900 for this program. This is a 3 day cycling program for grades 4&5. The total cost is \$2500 of which \$1600 is

subsidized and the balance is \$900, to be paid for by the school. PAC couldn't pay for it out of Gaming budget as it's not accessible to all students. Therefore it would need to come out of the Chequing account. Apprx \$1200 was freed up with the above noted reductions in the budget. Mr. Wejr states there is lots of availability in spring. They bring bikes and helmets for those who need them, and students are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets. It is leveled, with advanced doing jumps and hills and beginners learning to ride bikes. 3 sessions are apprx 45-60 minutes.

Laura motioned to add \$900 to budget to pay for iRide cycling program. Second by Jodi. All in favor.

- b) Bylaws Committee – Suggested PAC review bylaws every year. Need minimum of 3 people on the committee; we can meet in person or online. Amy S., Amy L., Jodi and Susi will be on the committee. Goal to review and make any changes as suggested by the committee and voted on at a future meeting.
- c) Fundraising Goals –PAC storage container, scooter rack, digital signboard, shelter for outdoor classroom.
- Discussion regarding long term goal of a shelter, as this will cost more.
 - Discussion regarding short term goals including storage container and scooter rack(s). Scooter racks range from \$700 for 6, to \$7000 for 48 scooters. Jodi will ask at Betty Gilbert where they got theirs and how much it cost (believe it holds 12 scooters and is mounted).
 - Discussion regarding digital signboard. Mr. Wejr not sure where we would put it? On the gym wall? Acknowledged we have great communication at this school with weekly newsletters emailed and social media pages.
 - Confirmed plan to tentatively focus on scooter storage as first goal.
 - Discussed “sail” for shelter? Question if water proof or only UV/sun shade? Permanent shelter may be more enticing / attractive for people in the community seeking shelter from the rain; more vandalism when permanent structure. Table this discussion.
- d) BCCPAC Registration – see above.
- e) Book Fair update: Jodi
In person book fair will run same week as parent teacher interviews. Books will be delivered on Thur. Oct 14th. Fair will start Monday Oct 18th. Friday Oct 22nd is Pro D so last day is 21st. Books will be picked up on Oct 25th. New this year, we can add virtual book fair/option to shop online, for those who can't make it in to the school. Any volunteers must wear a mask, sanitize and sign in. Will run it in the gym, with easier entry. Need to maintain 6 feet distance. We have access to half the gym, so max capacity is 25% of regular capacity. Discussion regarding possibility of time slots for students during school days so lunch hours aren't too busy.

Next meeting date rescheduled:

Monday October 25, 2021 at 9:00 AM on Zoom

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM by Amy Synesael