

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
PAC – Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Call to order at 7:04 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, Chris Wejr, Lee-Anne Tarasoff (Via Zoom), Laura Wheway, Jodi Stiglic, Susi Staples, Brandi Korstrom (Via Zoom), Gail Macklin, Dominika Jarczyk (Via Zoom)

Established Quorum

Additions to Agenda: None

Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of November 2021 Agenda:

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

Approval of October 2021 Minutes:

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

Principal / Administration reports

Principal's Report: Mr. Wejr

- Seismic upgrade: Fencing now in place around school. Plan to start 1st week of December. Starting with gym and office area, so won't affect students. Some minor disruptions to the gym but will still be accessible. Contact person responsible for safety of workers and safety of staff and students. Next section affecting classrooms planned for Spring.
- Santa breakfast (Dec 3): Santa coming just after bell, classes will rotate through from K's to 5's. Went well in courtyard last year; if really cold or wet can move inside. Group photo will be taken with Santa. Staff will arrive early to cook and all students will be offered Santa breakfast.
- Food Drive: Sleigh will be up front again; goal will be to fill the sleigh.
- Aldergrove Christmas / Santa Parade (Dec 11): Gail Macklin will assist with setting up a Shortreed float (see new business below).
- Christmas Concert (Dec 14): Reminder will be recorded and link shared. Grouped by grades and students in masks. Students will watch Dec 17 at school.
- Staff discussed student inclusive conferences on November design and assessment day, including challenges and successes experienced by other schools who have piloted these in place of report cards. Mr. Wejr and Mrs.

Tarasoff will provide info session online in January with more information. Every parent/caregiver and student will have opportunity to meet with teacher for 30 minutes and go through portfolio of students' work, gain a better understanding of where student is in their learning and what can be done to support them at home, and set goals. Plan is to hold conferences in place of report cards in Spring, March 2nd.

Vice Principal's Report – Mrs. Tarasoff

- Pacific Sports physical literacy programming: Staff from some classrooms are working with Brian Hunter, well known and a big part of the Aldergrove Youth Soccer Club. This has been well received and is supported by the District. Updates will be provided as programming continues. Classes will be taught specific skills with the goal of developing awareness of physical literacy and the importance of it, including benefits of being physically active. This includes supporting students to develop skills and strengths, doing things properly to avoid injuries.
- November 29th: Meeting with Jodi Stiglic to go through Emergency Preparedness items to determine what needs to be added.

Executive and Committee reports

President – Amy Synesael

- No report

Vice President – Cashmere Roder

- No report / not present

Treasurer – Laura Wheway

- End of October balance in Chequing account: \$ 29,469.61
- End of October balance in Gaming account: \$ 12,053.14
- \$2500 in budget for ER Prep supplies
- On budget for most things

Secretary – Susi Staples

No report

Fundraising – Jennifer Cooksley

- Growing Smiles / Poinsettias: Approximately \$400 profit (last year about \$525)
- Purdys (Jodi): Total sales \$6,398.50. Profit \$1,679.61 (Less than last year) Congratulations to our top seller, Stephanie Wakeling (parent name) (\$468.30). Thanks for working so hard on these!!

DPAC – Jodi Stiglic

- With Gord Stewart retiring and new Superintendent Mal Gil stepping in, Woody Bradford taking on role of Deputy Superintendent in the new year. Lisa Lainchbury and Marcello Moino will take on roles of Assistant Superintendents.
- District goal to develop and implement early learning plan to assist into Kindergarten and seamlessly to grade 4.

- Neighbourhood learning centres will expand use of school facilities and expand accessibility to all children.
- 3 rooms being added for before and after school care at DGR.
- Nicomekl pilot project for seamless day Kindergarten (7:15am-5:45pm). Goal is to reduce daily transitions for children. Offering to siblings if needed and expanding to grade 1 and 2 if needed and space available.
- Marnie Wilson elected to vice chair role / School Board Trustee.
- Board made decision on Mandate for staff and Covid vaccine, following support and guidance from Health Authority, and inviting DPAC to provide feedback and reflection.
- 43 employees were not able to get back to Langley due to this week's events. Since September, 62 covid notifications at 29 sites; seems to be in waves.
- Presentation at Board meeting: Communicating student learning / assessment. Starts in September for the District. See posts on their Web site and forward any questions to DPAC president Alicia Rempel (president@langleydpac.ca).
- DPAC was also invited to participate in the interview process for the new Assistant Superintendent, bringing parent perspective to the process.
- DPAC Treasurer 101 was hosted but due to low attendance it will be offered again.
- Shortreed parent expressed concern to Jodi regarding lack of mask wearing, querying why this cannot be more enforced by school? Mr. Wejr discussed current wording of Provincial Health Order, reflecting on challenges with enforcement of mask mandate. Parents and caregivers encouraged to share questions or concerns regarding students' safety or feelings regarding this matter. Staff try to remind students regularly; in most cases they are receptive.

Erin Caldwell (Member at Large)

No report / not present

Bylaws Committee – Amy, Laura, Jodi and Susi

- First meeting November 5th.
- Discussion to add to Section 7.3 regarding term of office: "Whenever possible, if a current elected and appointed member of the Executive is aging out of the school, knows they will be stepping down, or their term of office is up, they shall endeavor to mentor/train a potential replacement. Ideally this will occur during the school year before the outgoing member steps down". That person would still need to be voted in but at least there would be some overlap.
- Motion by Laura to update Section 7.3 of bylaws (as worded above), second by Jodi.
- Vote in December (14 days notice required to change bylaw).

Shelter/Playground Committee – Amy, Jen, Jodi, Nicole & Mrs. Tarasoff

- Made FB group; haven't met yet. Hoping to set up meeting in the New Year.

Old Business:

- a) Funding request from Mrs. Kirk – Vote on October motion to spend \$125 for “Langley Book of the Year” reading incentives: All in Favor. Passed.
- b) Scooter rack:
 - i) Ground Control (District approved supplier) quote total: \$2912.35 (Cndn) Includes shipping, doesn’t include duties, tax or customs. Surface mount, 10 boards, includes top with hardware.
 - ii) Boardloch quote total: \$1,069.88 (Cndn). Wall mount, 6 boards, mounting hardware not provided. Some cost for District / labour to install. Discussion to get 2, and space them out in different spots outside of school. Discussed looking for reviews.
 - iii) Queried 3rd cost saving option, if District would allow PAC to source service from (local) fabrication shop and have the District install? Mr. Wejr will follow up.

Tabled motion to allow further investigation into options available.

New Business

- a) Aldergrove Christmas Parade / Shortreed Float (Dec 11):
 - Truck, 7x11 trailer, 3-4 adults and some students. PAC will assist with draw for students/families that want to participate on float. Some families can also walk alongside float. Elf theme (dress like elf or have Christmas outfit). Looking for wireless Bluetooth speaker loud enough to be heard above diesel truck. School has speaker, Jodi has battery to power it.
 - Started buying decorations. Grade 5s are making wreaths (blue/white Shortreed colors). Have banner.
 - PAC will send out form for families to express interest; may need to draw names. Discussed this year doing as a free/fun thing and if successful possibly planning a fundraiser / raffle to earn extra tickets for opportunities to ride the float next year.
 - PAC will work on form this week, send out and request due back by Friday 3rd. Draw on Monday 6th. Mrs. Zelter, Ms. Romas, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Tarasoff and Mr. Wejr plan to participate. Plan to purchase about 400 candy canes.
- b) Christmas Activity for Students:
 - Last year PAC provided oats and glitter for students to feed Santa’s reindeer.
 - Budget for “holiday activities” \$700
 - Brainstormed ideas: Santa Key, cookie cutter with poem.
 - Brandi Korstrom graciously volunteered to assist with creating labels.
 - Amazon Christmas cookie cutters: approximately \$340 for 400.

Next meeting date:

Friday, December 17, 2021, 9:00 AM, In-Person, location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 PM by Amy Synesael