

**Shortreed Community Elementary School  
PAC – Meeting Minutes  
Monday October 25, 2021, 9:00 AM**

**Call to order at 9:10 AM 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, Cashmere Roder, Laura Wheway, Jodi Stiglic, Susi Staples, Nicole Chadwick, Paige Miller, Ambrosia Gueulette, Parm Kaila, and Erin Caldwell

**Established Quorum**

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of October 2021 Agenda:**

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

**Approval of September 2021 Minutes:**

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

**Principal / Administration reports**

**Principal's Report: Mr. Wejr**

- Terry Fox Run was a huge success. Lots of supporters lined the streets and trails. Will talk about a monthly run; stay tuned for more cheering opportunities. (Not as fundraisers but to support other things including km club)
- Thanks to all who volunteered at the bookfair and for so many books in the classrooms.
- Parent teacher conferences were well attended.
- Gaga pit is most popular place for kids to play. Schedule set up for grades: 2/3 Tue/Thur, 4/5 Mon/Wed/Fri. Will set up different schedule once gr 1's included. They're starting this week.
- Remembrance Day virtual/live assembly on Nov.10<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Will send link to parents. Wreath bearers from each class will attend and grade 5's will perform a song.
- Upcoming/In the Spring: Student Inclusive Conferences. More information to be provided; essentially these will replace parent teacher conferences and less emphasis will be placed on written report cards. These are to be deeper more meaningful conferences.

Background: Parent feedback in the District is that report cards aren't easily understood or read so aren't very successful at communicating student progress. Two other Langley schools have piloted student inclusive conferences. 30 minute collaborative conference with teacher, parent and student; come up with learning goals together. Based on behavior and achievement, looking at how to extend achievements. Staff will learn more about it in November. Pilot program parent feedback has been positive and kids are very excited for parents, caregivers or advocates to attend.

- Christmas concert: Because of Covid cases, will be defaulting to another video Christmas concert. Will be singing and dance.

#### **Vice Principal's Report – Mrs. Tarasoff**

- Thanks to the PAC for the Bookfair;
- Students are looking forward to Halloween activities at end of this week;
- Students are loving the Gaga pit; and
- More information on ordering Spirit wear will be coming out this week. There is a new design for this year.

### **Executive and Committee reports**

#### **President – Amy Synesael**

- We have registered for BCCPAC membership. Has been reimbursed through DPAC.
- We've had a lot of questions on the parent FaceBook Page about things already mentioned in the newsletter. Please make sure to look in the newsletter; PAC is happy to answer if you still can't find the info you're looking for. Newsletter is pinned on parent FB page as well.

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

- 6<sup>th</sup> year of Halloween Haunted Walk Through event taking place this Friday. 400 goodie bags were made last night. Teachers are signing up for individual time slots to take their classes through.

#### **Treasurer – Laura Wheway**

- End of September balance in Chequing account: \$23,161.63.
- End of September balance in Gaming account: \$4,792.77.
- Gaming report filed. Was approved and received \$7,260.00 on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Secretary – Susi Staples**

No report

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

- Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: Was good. Profit was about \$250 more than previous year; PAC profits were \$963 of \$5,376 in sales. Next one will be in Spring.
- Poinsettias: Will be done online again; want to get started soon. Jennifer will ask if they can provide paper order form as well.

- Purdys (Jodi): Will start earlier this year (due by November 16, will arrive between 23-29 of November with pick-up tentatively scheduled for Nov 30<sup>th</sup> depending on arrival date.
- Bookfair (Jodi): Best we've ever had in 6 years. Cash rewards were \$925.64 from about \$5,900 in net sales. As a PAC we paid \$1,300 for books in teacher's classrooms. This doesn't include the books purchased for classrooms by families at the fair. Teacher's feedback was that it was better to have individual class buying times. Hoping to continue that moving forward. Thanks to all for following the rules regarding masks, sanitizing, and distancing.

### **DPAC – Jodi Stiglic**

- There was a motion brought up after our last meeting and voted on previous to this meeting, before it could be discussed with our PAC. Jodi didn't vote as didn't know our opinion. The vote went through – DPAC will look at how to go about issuing tax receipts for PACs, for larger expenditures.
- Dogs on school property brought up again. Voted on last year. Vote did not go through so DPAC will not be looking at it.
- Gord Stewart states Covid-19 vaccines will not be provided at schools at this time, as they are easily accessible in Langley. In more remote areas, schools could be considered as locations for vaccine clinics.
- Gord Stewart is retiring in January. Mal Gill is going to be taking his place.
- A reminder that parents can come to PAC with any school issues if they do not feel comfortable going to Mr. Wejr about. If PAC feels that the matter needs to be looked at, at a higher level, as the DPAC Rep, Jodi can bring it to the attention of DPAC for further guidance.

### **Erin Caldwell (Member at Large)**

No report

### **Bylaws Committee (Amy S, Laura, Jodi and Susi)**

- No updates. First meeting set for November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

#### a) Fundraising Goals

- Tabled discussion of sail for shelter from last meeting: Subcommittee formed for larger discussion to take place. Amy, Jen, Jodi, Nicole and Mrs. Tarasoff volunteered.
- Scooter rack: Mr. Wejr provided info for the District's preferred vendor, "Ground Control". Best practice is normally to get 3 quotes for large purchases. Discussed not getting additional quotes if District has already approved and prefers this vendor. Options are surface / cemented floor mount or wall mount. Mr. Wejr prefers wall mount but still needs to talk to teachers. Some parent discussion regarding preference for surface mount against wall, similar to racks at Betty Gilbert. Rack comes with parts so all that is needed is own lock. We can purchase rack(s) and can add more at later date if desired. Mr. Wejr will get the cost and then we can motion for exact amount to be spent. This cost is not currently in our budget. Needs to be voted on and added again.

## **New Business**

- a) Funding request from Mrs. Kirk: Incentives for “Langley Book of the Year” / reading novels for older grades. Would like some incentives (ie-full size chocolate bar) for students who read 3-5 books from the list. For students who go above and beyond and read 10-11 books from the list, maybe a larger incentive (ie-Chapter’s gift card). \$125 is estimated cost for the chocolate bars. There will be an opportunity for older kids to watch book trailers to get them excited to read! Motion by Laura to spend \$125 for reading incentives. Second by Jodi. All in favor. Will be put forward to next meeting / vote in November.
  
- b) Vote on proposed budget changes: Laura showed budget again (Previous motion to bring forward new budget with reflected totals for current year). All in favor, no opposed, vote passed.

## **Next meeting date:**

Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 7:00 PM, school library

**Meeting adjourned 10:17 AM by Amy Synesael**