

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
PAC – Executive Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 14, 2022 9:30AM**

Call to Order at 9:43AM by Jodi Stiglic

Attendees: Jodi Stiglic, Chris Wejr, Jennifer Cooksley, Laura Wheway, Paige Miller, Cashmere Roder, Susan Ngo

Established Quorum

Additions to Agenda: None

Deletions to Agenda: Request from Ms. Cho (Div 4) re: Chinatown field trip

Approval of December 2022 Agenda: Motion by Jodi Stiglic, Second by Laura Wheway. All in favor.

Approval of October 2022 Minutes: Motion by Jennifer Cooksley, Second by Paige Miller. All in favor.

Principal / Administration report

Principal / Vice Principal's Report – Mr. Wejr / (Mrs. Tarasoff absent)

- Affordability Fund: how to spend before May. Ideas about spring break camps, gift cards, replace older appliances in Multipurpose room with ones that are more practical, supports for families needing assessments and Christmas hampers were discussed.
- Affordability Index: recorded statistics not representative of actual demographic.
- Update on Construction: work on courtyard will be done over Winter Break, including new garage door in library. After Break, there will be less intrusive work being done.
- Recognition of challenge with large gatherings (re: Santa Breakfast and Christmas Concert): noted that this was first year back since health restrictions. Suggestion made to ask for more parent volunteers to support with directing traffic.
- Projectors: each class, and the gym, will have projectors mounted to ceiling next month.
- Sound System in the gym: Mr. Wejr to send list of what is needed for replacement.
- Student-Inclusive Conferences: most classes had 100% participation. Snow Day and illness impacted some classes. Schools (Parkside and Shortreed) working on having conference held on same day for less confusion; plan is for all elementary schools, K-7 (inc Betty Gilbert Middle School) to use this format.
- Ms. Anderson will continue to cover Ms. Soares' class.
- Ms. Cheema will continue to cover until Ms. Bower returns.

Executive and Committee reports

President – Jodi Stiglic

- No report

Vice President – Amy Synesael (absent)

- No report

Treasurer – Laura Wheway

- End of November balance in Chequing account: \$33,068.32
- End of October balance in Gaming account: \$11,802.24
- Noted: Gaming Account will be at \$1,000, at end of the school year, if we stay on budget.
- *Welcome Back BBQ* spending doubled what was budgeted (spent \$900). Jodi to reach out for donations for next September. Discussion regarding request for donations to offset cost; Mr. Wejr mentioned school can support with speciality items (re: halal foods); suggestion made for better planning (re: PAC to facilitate, rather than doing all) led to discussion regarding *Book Fair* (re: doing at school or online – mention of children picking up books in hand, more likely to buy than just seeing online)

Secretary – Susi Staples (absent)

- No report

Fundraising – Jennifer Cooksley and Amy Libby (absent)

- Christmas Poinsettias (Growing Smiles Fundraising): total profit \$258.81
- Purdy's Fundraiser (Jodi): total profit \$1166.55
- Silent Auction: exceeded goal; raised \$2085; \$104.25 distributed to each teacher; including Mrs. Kirk (all in favour).

DPAC – Jodi Stiglic

- George Kozlovic, the director of Instructional Services SD35 spoke about the new report card system. All the elementary schools will be adapting the Student Inclusive Conferences that we have been doing over the last year. There is still work to be done on the education of how the new report cards are from the student level up to the parents. It seems to be an easier switch for newer teachers and well seasoned teachers are catching on. If you feel like your child should be getting a different mark then the student should be speaking with the teacher to see where they can improve to move up their mark and if they don't seem to be getting the answer that they want then the parent should step up and start asking questions.
- Tax receipts can be issued from the district starting at \$1000. There are certain rules that will need to be followed due to the tax laws.

Members at Large – Allie Brush (absent), Nicole Chadwick (absent) and Cashmere Roder

- Thanks to everyone who helped volunteer, decorating hallways – making them festive

Bylaws Committee – Amy, Laura, Jodi, Susi, and Susan

- Unable to meet to date. Tabled until January 2023.

Shelter Committee – Jen, Jodi, Nicole, Susan, and Mrs. Tarasoff

- No report

Old Business

- **Gym Soundsystem update:** Mr. Wejr to send list of what is needed for replacement.

- **Emergency Supplies:** Jodi reports current items have all been organized into categories. Will need to purchase additional items that will be worked out in the new year.
- **Scholarships:** Amy to start in January (re: follow up with local schools)
- **Fundraising:** see above

New Business

- **Request from Mrs. Tarasoff – 2 charging carts** (re: “cows”/computer on wheels): to house iPads; there is currently one in her office, but it is outdated (needs upgrade). New ones are \$1360 each. Laura confirmed it is within budget to purchase one this year. Jennifer motions to fundraise for second one next year; Susan seconds. No opposed. All in favour.

Next meeting date:

Monday, January 23rd, 2023 ; 6:30pm – School

Meeting adjourned 10:35AM by Jodi Stiglic