

**Shortreed Community Elementary School
PAC – Executive Meeting Minutes
Friday October 28, 2022 9:30 AM**

Call to Order at 9:31AM by Jodi Stiglic

Attendees:

Shaunee Pedersen, Cashmere Roder, Chris Wejr, Laura Wheway, Jodi Stiglic, Jennifer Cooksley, Susi Staples, Erin Caldwell, Susan Ngo, Kelly Cryderman

Established Quorum

Additions to Agenda: Silent Auction

Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of October 2022 Agenda:

Motion by Jennifer Cooksley, Second by Erin Caldwell. All in favor.

Approval of September 2022 Minutes:

Motion by Laura Wheway, Second by Shaunee Pedersen. All in favor.

Principal / Administration report

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

- **Presentation / Q&A about Affordability Fund**

Summary of video: Funding from provincial government. Each school district (SD) will be given one time funding. Langley SD will receive about \$2.16 million, which can be used in three areas: meals/food, school supplies and additional fees. Funds must be used in schools and be for current fees, not past fees owing. Big focus on equity and more vulnerable families. District committee including a number of partners are collaborating on a plan for disbursing the funds which must be spent by June. Data will be used from partner groups in communities and enhanced support teams already working in schools to help prioritize needs.

Question posed to PAC: What is seen as biggest need (of the 3 areas of funding) and how do we see it being delivered?

Discussion: While fees or supplies may be needed as well, food is identified as greatest priority. Mr. Wejr shares currently we rely on Langley SD Foundation for Breakfast Program. If we didn't use those funds for the Breakfast Program we would still be eligible to use them for other school things and if we opt out this year they would still provide the funding the following year. There are about 20-30 students in the Breakfast Program and about 40 students eat lunch every day at Shortreed.

Question posed to PAC: Any other ways to identify families in need?

Discussion: Sometimes it's hard for people to come forward for various reasons. Paint the picture what is available and provide opportunity for people to put their

names forward. Ensure people know it's okay if it's a short or long-term need and someone is not going to go without if you access it.

- Significant shortages of teachers and support staff. Often admin, ELL or Resource staff are covering. Grade 4 class vacancy has now been filled and will be starting on Monday. Now there is Kindergarten vacancy; has been posted. Please forward any questions to Mr. Wejr / administration.
- Halloween Parade on Monday (Plan A: outside / Plan B: hybrid out and inside). Map will be shared on Sunday. Parents welcome. Parent area will be marked if Plan B.
- PJ day is Tuesday, Nov 1st
- Remembrance Day assembly on Nov 10th. If your child is involved as a wreath bearer, parents welcome to attend.
- Student conferences on Nov 23rd. Late evening will be November 24th. Family reflections sheet has been updated to be more specific. Very positive feedback last year.
- New sign and pavement! End is in sight for Seismic Upgrade. Courtyard enhancement is to come. Hoping for early 2023.
- Santa Breakfast on Dec 2nd, 7-9am. Will run as it did in pre-Covid years. Family photos, siblings can come, and staff will be cooking! (A huge thank you to staff!)
- Christmas concert on Dec 13th. Again, plan is to run it as in pre-Covid years.
- Last Friday of every month is going to be a spirit day planned by Grade 5s.
- Parent Question regarding morning supervisors: Parent identified concern about having to step in to split up fighting between students. Mr. Wejr shares school staff / monitors are to step in; sometimes TOC's or non-school staff don't know the students and this can make it more challenging. While parents can diffuse, often simply by their presence, please seek out Mr. Wejr if needed.

Executive and Committee reports

President – Jodi Stiglic

- No report

Vice President – Amy Synesael (absent)

- No report

Treasurer – Laura Wheway

- End of September balance in Chequing account: \$35,756.98
- End of September balance in Gaming account: \$12,812.19
- Gaming Grant \$7,680 received in September

Secretary – Susi Staples

- No report

Fundraising – Jennifer Cooksley and Amy Libby

- Neufeld Farms fundraiser: \$4,469 in sales resulted in \$910 profit.
- 38 bags coffee and hot chocolate sold = \$190 profit. Supplier provided extra 35 bags in error. Discussed and planned trying to sell for regular price / \$17.50, first

come first serve. Follow up with staff appreciation event (save 2 regular bags coffee and 2 hot chocolates).

- Movie night profit was about \$700
- Other fundraising events being planned: Christmas Poinsettias (Growing Smiles Fundraising) Purdys, and Scholastic bookfairs.
- Purdys tentative start date November 1st

DPAC – Jodi Stiglic

- Last meeting included presenters discussing diabetes awareness month, supporting children and youth to have a positive relationship with food, and Aboriginal District Education presenter.
- Langley SD has about 1100 newly enrolled students / 26 new divisions; this impacts staffing shortages.
- Langley SD will issue tax receipts if donation is \$5000 or more.
- PAC Executive encouraged to attend PAC and Treasurer Training 101, on Nov 2nd, 7pm.

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

- Cashmere: The Aldergrove Community Association would love to have Shortreed and other schools participate in the Aldergrove Christmas Parade. Mr. Wejr will follow up with staff to determine if this is a possibility.

Bylaws Committee – Amy, Laura, Jodi and Susi

- Bylaws reviewed annually
- Not yet met

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

- Planning a shelter for the outdoor adventure space
- Mrs. Tarasoff (absent so unable to confirm if heard back from District and what others have done).
- Parent Jared Wheway's employer has expressed interest in making a donation and is interested in paying for the outdoor shelter. Laura will follow-up with Mr. Wejr.

Old Business:

- Scooter rack update:** Racks are complete; awaiting scaffolding to come down to install. Can be stored in the C-Can.
- Fundraising goals for this year:** Gym sound system with Bluetooth receiver. Mr. Wejr will look further into this including specific regulations the District may have and quotes.
- Gym Halloween Event:** Monday morning, Oct 31. Decorating Sunday Oct 30, 11-4. In need of any lights and extension cords that can be lent. Please pre-light pumpkins.
- Dollar Sale November 4:** Donations coming in! Some volunteers have signed up via sign up sheet posted on parent FB page.

New Business

- a. **Book Fair:** Nov 22-24, late night 24th.
- b. **Movie License/Movie nights:** Movie license was paid for. Movie night debrief by PAC Executive (meeting minutes posted earlier this week; see those for more details). Planning to ease congestion by having multiple cash boxes next time, only sell slices on site and make all pre-order pizza Med/Large only. Tape off walkways, designated stroller section and bathroom escort. Reminder school rules apply at this event.
- c. **Emergency Supplies:** Tabled, no updates.
- d. **School request for more Gaga Balls** (Tabled from last meeting): Jodi shared quote for premium gaga balls (chosen as more sturdier and issue with balls being popped) \$5.50 (regular balls \$3.50). Discounted offer 7% for 50 or 10% for 100. (the mark-up is not very high). Premium x50 = \$255.75 US\$, x100 = \$495 US\$ (about \$675 CNDN), plus shipping and possible brokerage fees. Jodi motions for \$800 to be spent on 100 premium gaga balls. Susi seconds. All in favor. No opposed.
- e. **Decorating office for Christmas:** Nov 30 PAC will attend, 5-9pm to decorate. (Follow up to see if certain classes can help make gumdrops and snowflakes).
Christmas activity: Plan for reindeer food as done 2 years ago. Discussion regarding setting up activity for students to make their own bags, in Multipurpose room. Possibly give out candy canes too?
- f. **LBOY prize request, Mrs. Kirk:** Cashmere motioned to spend \$100 on LBOY prize. Laura Seconds. All in favor. No opposed.
- g. **Silent Auction:** Discussed holding silent auction, albeit different than in years past. Will reach out to school parent community if they would like to donate, and seek donations from outside businesses. Possible businesses to ask might be Crankies, Bombshell, Infinity Cards, Toy Central, Home Hardware, Veronica's, Si Café, and Save-On. Principal/Vice-Principal/Custodian for the day, and reserved Christmas Seating. Auction to start morning of Santa Breakfast and run to day prior to Christmas Concert. Money raised to be split equally among divisions, solely to classroom teachers, with exception of minimal costs associated with having the auction. There is a possibility of doing it as an online auction.

Next meeting date:

Monday November 21, 2022, 6:30pm, School Library

Meeting adjourned 11:20 AM by Jodi Stiglic