

West Sechelt Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

October 5th, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Aspen W, Jeff M, Holly S, Brandee K, Ted C, Magnus E, Sarah M, Liz H, Kate Kerr, Deb R, Tara, Tanya (12)

REGRETS: Erica

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Meeting started at 6:34pm via ZOOM
- b. Quorum met; Introductions
- c. Kate Kerr: New Superintendent made her introduction
- d. Additions and acceptance of the Agenda Holly, Brandee 2nd
- e. Acceptance of June 2021 Minutes Liz and Magnus 2nd

2. REGULAR REPORTS:

- a. Chair Report: This will be Aspen's last year as chair.
- b. Treasurers Report:
 - i. Current Bank Account: \$15,829.48
 - ii. Not much going on
- c. Principals Report: See Attached
- d. SCS: Ted C.
 - i. Nutrition Program: Going well. Designing a program for kids who need food. Lisa is doing a snack program. Organizing an orientation for volunteers. There will be funding from SD46 for food programs for next year.
 - ii. Gardening going well up at the school garden. Lisa Allen's class made apple crisp. Talking about kids bringing in vegetables and more classes being able to make soup with the garden veggies.
 - iii. Bike program through Roberts Creek for grades 4 and 5.
 - iv. Sechelt Learning Center – only 16 kids per day due to staff shortage
 - v. After School Care – Seamless Day to continue and older children will be bussed to Sechelt Learning Center.
 - vi. Backpack Buddies – food for families in need, 9 meals for the weekend.
 - vii. Announcement: New Superintendent – Kate Kerr
- e. DPAC: There is still no WSEPAC rep

3. OLD BUSINES:

- a. Road Committee – Will have a zoom meeting Wednesday night. Erica's report was read and Magnus spoke about the survey parents and teachers can fill out. Magnus and Aspen will attend the meeting with the District of Sechelt and the West Sechelt Community Association.

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4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Carnival: Date set for June 16, 2022 - \$1,000.00 credit at bouncy castle place
- b. Hot Lunch: Going to ease into it – popcorn day and maybe one hot lunch a week – need volunteers – allowed to bring in younger children to help
- c. Card Project – it’s a go ahead
- d. Poinsettias - at Christmas Time
- e. Coffee – From the Strait – is happy to assist us. We will do this if we need to.
- f. Fresh to You – looks like we might try this – 40 bundles minimum.
- g. New Spending Approvals:
 - i. Hot Lunch Website - \$350.00. Brandee, Deb 2nd **MOTION CARRIED**
 - ii. New Freezer for kitchen - \$800-900.00. Tara, Holly 2nd **MOTION CARRIED**
 - iii. Lisa Allen – Cross Country Running club treats \$100.00 Liz, Tara 2nd **MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:21 pm

Next Meeting Date November 2nd, 2021

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West Sechelt Principal's Report: 05 Oct, 2021

1. The current student enrolment is 265. In the first week of school we moved from 11 divisions to 12 divisions. We are hoping that our 12th division will be funded by the classroom enhancement fund (C.E.F.) that will bring extra money to the school budget. There have been no staff changes. The school remains closed to cross-boundary transfers.
2. During the summer, the trees along the sidewalk on Norwest Bay Road were removed as they were deemed unsuitable due to the fact that they have large thorns that have caused first aid incidents in the past. Those trees will be replaced with maple trees in the next two months. Maples are also hoped to be planted along the front sidewalk on Mason Road.
3. An arborist was brought in over the summer to do an assessment of the 220 trees in our nature learning space adjacent to Wakefield Creek. Twenty-two trees were identified as danger trees and removed at the start of the school year. A reassessment of the space will occur every two to three years, as required.
4. Now that the watering restrictions have been removed, a contractor has been found to install sod on our field and to hydro-seed the other areas around the school.
5. Work continues to complete the fitting out of the new classrooms with technology and pull down screens, etc.
6. The FSA for grade 4 and 7 students will run this year from October 4 to November 12. One section of the FSA (the long writing assignment in the booklet) has been removed.
7. The inclusion support spaces in the school have been renovated and enlarged to include the old multipurpose room. This year we will have a 1.0 inclusion support teacher (Mr. Fremont) and a 0.6 inclusion support teacher (Ms. Lawson) in addition at a 0.3 reading support teacher (Ms. Smart).
8. The Terry Fox Run was very successful and we beat our fundraising goal, raising \$522.00: thank you, Mr. Clayton, for sponsoring the event again this year.
9. The updated K to 7 mask mandate was implemented very smoothly. The staff continues to support students who require it or who require special circumstances.
10. At the district PD day on October 22, the staff engaged in learning hosted by Kevin Lamoureux from the University of Winnipeg, supporting our work with the book, *Ensouling Our Schools*.
11. In October, our grade 4, 5, and 6 students will participate in bike safety training provided free of charge by HUB.

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12. We anticipate moving our assessment proficiency scale (what replaced *letter grades*) from the current three-point scale (Concerns/Not Yet; Acquiring; Accomplished) to the new provincial 4-point scale; more information will be sent to families once the Board formally passes that resolution