

PAC Meeting October 23rd, 2024

Attendance: Brittny, Laura, Sarah S., Christy, Dana, Halsey, Victory, Jessica, Sara C.

Brittny to adopt minutes from September. Seconded by Victory.

Principal's Report

- Our first Performing Arts Show happened this month with a presentation by a Ventriloquist. The performance was really enjoyed by staff and students alike. It was nice to have the show at our school rather than to have to take the bus to South Broadview to watch in their gym.
 - At the end of November, we have another whole school performance.
- Individual photos, class photos, and the whole school photo was taken this month.
 - There were some glitches with preordering photos and Laura has been receiving feedback from parents so we can plan for next year. Please continue to provide feedback so the school can decide whether or not it is best to use a private photographer again in the future.
- Perogy hot lunch day was celebrated for Ukraine and was well received.
- Conference Day/Week took place the week of the 17th and the majority of families were able to attend on the Thursday conference day.
- Monday and Tuesday of this week we had an Indigenous Hip Hop dancer in with the PE classes to work with all of the students. A special shout out to Miss Lana for organizing this opportunity for us!
- Our Provincial wide Pro D is happening this Friday. Teachers will have the opportunity to participate in professional development that best suits their needs and the needs of their students.
- Next week, we will have Soccer happening in PE classes
- There will be a costume parade for Halloween as well as a few 'Monster Mash' type dances in the gym.
 - Information has been sent home regarding what is appropriate and not for Halloween costumes worn at school.

DPAC Notes from the October meeting (Jessica)

- The Board of Trustees is leaning towards a two school, high school plan for reconfiguration.
- There is a possibility of an in person meeting in November with child care available for those wanting to attend the next DPAC meeting.
- The Board of Trustees would like to visit each school this month.

Treasurer's Report (Jessica)

- The gaming grant has come in
- Bottle Drive raised \$881.90
- Meet and Greet collections were \$225
- Syme Structural Engineering donation came in for the popcorn donation for this school year for \$800
- We had the expense of the popcorn from Salmar Theatre for \$80 for October
- \$6,473.79 is what is sitting in our accounts

PAC Report (Brittney)

- PAC would like to get Purdy's information out to families on November 8th
- PAC would like to do a Movie Night in November
 - Thursday, November 21st from 5pm to 7pm
 - An adult family member must be in attendance to supervise the children in their family
- The Winter Concert will be on December 3rd
 - Baked treats can be donated from November 29th up until the morning of December 3rd at 9:00am so that baked goods can be plated for sale during the winter concert

- Friday, December 13th will be pancake day
 - A Sign Up Genius Link will be going out ahead of this for volunteers
 - Nicole will also be available to help with students to do meal prep
 - Dana can cook the sausages ahead of time to help with this

- A motion was put forward by Brittney to pay for babysitting during the PAC meetings. This was seconded by Jessica.
 - We will put aside \$100 for the remainder of the year to pay older students for their babysitting services during PAC meetings
 - Please remember to always call the school ahead of a PAC meeting to let the school know you need child care during the meeting. If there are parents with very small children needing babysitting then the school can look at hiring an adult to do child care during this time

Other Discussions

- Christy reported that the Fall Book Fair was a great success
 - Families seemed to enjoy coming to the Book Fair again this year
 - It was agreed that having the Book Fair take place over the Conference Day is helpful for families to schedule attending
 - Our sales this year fell just short of \$2,000 and, as such, we are eligible for 15% back in Scholastic rewards dollars. The total amount raised for school library books from book fair sales was \$247

- Christy asked PAC if they would consider the idea purchasing a Gaga Ball Pit for the school playground
 - Gaga Ball is a game that can be played by the youngest of kids but is also really fun for older students. If we are doing forward thinking and anticipating having Grade 6 and 7 students attend Salmon Arm West in the future, then this play structure would be a great investment for the school
 - Gaga Ball Pits are not overly expensive to install (compared to other school playground structures) so purchasing one for the school could be a goal obtained in the short term
 - PAC was really interested in this possibility and asked Laura to see about getting a quote so that we can discuss this idea further at our next PAC meeting

- PAC also asked Laura to speak with staff about wish list items and report back at the next PAC meeting so PAC can consider various ways to help the school

- Christy also asked if PAC would consider taking donations from families to put towards a large purchase item to help speed up the process and make our money go further. This idea will be discussed further.

Motion to end the meeting put forward by Brittny . Seconded by Jessica .

Next PAC meeting Wednesday November 13th at 2:30 in the Library. See you there!