**Prospect Lake Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018 7:00 – 8:40 pm**

**In Attendance: Sam Beecher, Amy Greenfield, Sheri Ramsay, Jon Waters, Harp Hornett, Shelley McIntyre, Tynke Landsmeer, Alicia Pine, Nina Heft, Wendy, Andrea R., Desiree Davies, Ian Hallas, Darcie Wiltse, Suzanne Richards, Ciara Chamberlaine, Carolyn Ensing, Tracy Johns.**

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes & Agenda, Meeting reminders. Call to order by Alicia. Introductions around the table.
2. Approve minutes from last time Shelley, Nina. Tonight’s agenda Jon and Sam.
3. **Principal’s Report – Anita Ko- Please see attached report**.

We have 6 new students and 4 new families in our school.

We now have a twitter account. You can find the handle in the report.

Staff has been focusing on the new curriculum and core competencies. Staff is using the language in the curriculum with the students and empowering them to use the language to describe and reflect on their learning. See the links in the report for more information. We are continuing with bi weekly assemblies. Mrs. Rashleigh’s class shared some of their understanding around the competencies at the last assembly.

Renee Sala is our artist in residence and will be bringing everyone together as an outdoor community to create a mural. This will start in May. Our whole school inquiry is about water/project wet/conservation and the local watershed. It is changing with the interest of our students. This will follow with a field trip to the Todd Creek watershed/Tod inlet with support of local groups such as Power to Be and others.

We are looking for donations of seeds and other items for the garden.

Indigenous Education with Chesa Abma. She has been teaching about the West Saanich people.

Starting April 10th some Claremont students will be volunteering to organize before school sports 8-8:30 for 6 weeks for grade 2-5.

The whole school goal is focusing on writing. Watch for examples of this coming home in reports. Report cards come home week of March 12-15.

Whole school Skating fieldtrip is Monday Feb. 26th.

1. COPACS report – Amy Greenfield

Next year the calendar will change- the only thing that will change is addition of 1 pro-d day.

Clinic for teens (specialists, psychiatrists etc.) is being moved to near the bowling alley in Sidney. It is a great opportunity for teens to seek help with professionals, without having to consult parents first, or be on a wait list for a long time.

Students have created and are distributing cards to help others with numbers to access help.

One of the elementary schools has raised concerns about the (lack of) filters in the server that the school board uses. What exactly is getting past and what are our kids being exposed to. Filters do not exist for images, just for words. There has been no movement by the district to change things to make it safer. Parents are asking for at least some guidelines or code of conduct. Looking for a focus on teaching how to use tech responsibly. There is a digital awareness meeting at Stelly’s on March 1.

10 parents responded to go to the Vancouver Island Parent Conference.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Sam Beecher

We have about $23,000 at the moment. Without the Earthquake stuff, artist in residence, science venture, skating, hot lunches yet to be paid. About $4000 outstanding. Purdy’s is our current fundraiser. Red Barn cards are still available each month.

Mrs. Evans has requested Reflex Math. The cost is $2400 and the school would cover half. Vote on funding Reflex Math after discussion about what kind of things we should cover as a PAC, curriculum or not. If we pay for an expensive subscription like this, that also can be used at home by the kids, parents would like to have access code even if the teachers decide not to use this in the classroom. It would be good to have more information, before making these kinds of decisions. Vote approved 11 to 6.

1. Earthquake Preparedness – Desiree

Found a company that offers a discount and they want to send a letter to COPACS to get a bulk buy. Perhaps up to 30% and individual families can purchase too. 72hours.ca waiting on a response and quote. Amy to bring this up with COPACS. $3000 is just enough for 1 liter of water per person and food for one day. If we wait until we can order bulk, then that will probably take another year, so we decide to spend the allocated money (3000 dollar) even if we can’t pair with other schools.

1. President’s Report – Alicia, Tynke

* Staff lunch – April 27
* To cater or not to cater? 32 people to feed. We decide on an International theme, so lots of parents can participate. Figure out logistics later. Wendy has chafing dishes.
* Update: Spring Art Cards will not happen this year, because of the busy schedules of the teachers this spring.
* Book Fair – Mrs Bourdon wil organize, on Tuesday April 24 Used books- looking for donations soon. Box will be in the hallway.
* PAC Executive for next year. Ask people about positions if you are interested. President, secretary, Grade 5 liaison, treasurer all available.
* Election at May meeting
* Spring Hanging Baskets- ready for Mother’s Day. Compiling info and decided to go with Wildwood, Cannor Nursery this year. Strawberry ones will be available this year as well as flowers.
* We started to plan for the Spring Fair: Thurs May 17
* Raffle Baskets and donations – Suzanne. We received some donations from parents recently, but can use way more. If you have something to donate or are able to help Suzanne, please let us know. If you need letters to go to businesses see Suzanne. Sooner rather than later so that businesses won’t give away their quota.
* Games2U
* Cake Walk – Cameron
* Popcorn – Caroline. Pendrays will come to the school and sell them and then donate to the school.

1. Grade 5’s will be doing clothing sales. Anita suggested that we can have a booth at the fair. In the past this has not worked. Maybe offer online ordering ahead of time? Grade 5’s collecting pictures for multimedia show and cd for kids to keep. All Grade 5’s will get a shirt with PLES and Grad year/signatures on it.
2. New business- it is almost time to renew hotlunches.net. Motion to spend $350 by Sherry, seconded Ian and approved by everyone.

**Upcoming PAC Meetings and School Events:**

* Tues March 13 – PAC Meeting
* Tues April 17 – PAC Meeting
* Tues May 15 – PAC Meeting and Elections

**Contact your PAC at:** [**prospectlakepac@sd63.bc.ca**](mailto:prospectlakepac@sd63.bc.ca)

**Your PAC Executive**

**• Members at Large – Suzanne Richards, Ian Hallas, Andrea Rantucci**

**• COPACS Liaison – Amy Greenfield**

**• Secretary – Tracy Johns**

**• Communications – Victoria Santiago**

**• Grade 5 liaison - Jon Waters**

**• Treasurer – Sam Beecher**

**• Vice President – Shelly McIntyre**

**• Co-President – Alicia Pine & Tynke Landsmeer**

Please help us raise funds for your children and school with these ongoing fundraisers:

• Please save your receipts from Country Grocer and your Canadian Tire money. Place them in the bin on Secretary, Mrs. Blackwell’s desk

• If you shop at Cob’s Bread, please mention Prospect Lake School before you pay. 5% of what you spend comes back to the school.

• If you shop at Peninsula Co-op or buy gas at Save on Gas, please quote membership number #79184

• Red Barn gift cards: we offer these for sale each month and Red Barn gives the school 10% back.

• Please make sure to thank these local businesses for the support they provide our school.