**Prospect Lake Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday April 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**In attendance: Tracy Johns, Alicia Pine, Tynke Landsmeer, Wendy Bird, Harp Hornett, Tracy Michaels, Sheri Ramsay, Kate Berniaz, Carolyn Ensing, Derrick Donaldson, Jon Waters, Ian Hallas, Jenny Ohl, Sam Beecher, Jude, Cameron, Shannon Eastman, Jenny Eastman, Carly Hunter, Anita Ko, Sat Lail.**

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes & Agenda, Meeting reminders. Approval of last month’s minutes moved by Carolyn, seconded by Sheri, approved. Approval of agenda- moved by Alicia, seconded by Jon, approved.
2. Principal’s Report – Anita Ko

Highlights:

Last week whole school and class photos. ROMS band performed and there was a family grouping assembly around the topic of water conservation and sustainability. Band presentation on Friday (Wills St. band). Parkland students coming tomorrow, cross country meet as well. Friday April 20th is a professional day.

On the 24th there will be another assembly to kick off ‘marathon math’ combining fitness with math goals/lessons.

Whole school field trip May 25th watershed tour (Project Wet). Working with Power to Be to set up stations. All classes will be participating.

Beach day will be June 18th- Monday. Camp Thunderbird June 15th. Welcome to Kindergarten Day TBA

1. Special Guest Principal Carly Hunter from Royal Oak Middle School, talking about the transition into middle school

ROMS 640 Students. 26 divisions. Multi Grade. 37 staff. 23 support staff. School is split into 2 floors to help it feel smaller.

Next year 11 multi age classes and 3 same age classes. In Grade 6 they are very home room based, much like an elementary model. They don’t need a locker but will be assigned one. It is a GAFE school. All classes do some work on GAFE accounts. Questions about this can be answered at the first PAC meeting in September. A lot of time is spent on digital citizenship and ROMS is an inquiry based school. Children are encouraged to learn about self-advocacy to develop independence.

Extra curricular- there are so many opportunities before/after school and at lunch times. Sports, arts, band, dance, clay, crafts. Sign up for band by May 1st. Fine Arts/Applied Skills (FAAS) happen during class time. Students will take a variety of courses over their 3 years at ROMS. School Values Statement ROMS is a community of curious and resilient learners…

May 3rd Grade 6 tour. Children will spend time in a grade 6 classroom and then meet with Grade 8 students to help answer questions for transition.

April 25th 7 pm student services meeting.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Sam Beecher

Currently have $20,775 in account, outstanding and allocated money is $11, 786. Balance close to $14,000. (see attached report)

1. President’s Report – Alicia Pine, Tynke Landsmeer

- Spring Fair – Thurs May 17 working on getting the leads in place.

- Raffle baskets. We still collect items until the second week of May. Gift certificates and some other items donated so far. Please remind everyone to donate to the boxes in the classroom. Cameron agrees on being the MC during the fair, Sheri Ramsay will take on the lead for the Dunk tank.

- Staff Appreciation Lunch – April 27th. Please remember to sign up with Perfect potluck Online: https://www.perfectpotluck.com/UZDJ9624.

- Next year nominations for PAC executives- next month meeting will be the voting. Email the PAC address if you want to be nominated. Nominations can be taken right up to the time of voting. (look for job descriptions here)

Can we do PAC lunch on Project Wet day vs Beach Day so that the kids don’t have to walk with their lunches. Lunch would be at Power to Be. We will try to do an ordered hot lunch on Project Wet day and hot dogs on beach day.

1. Parking and safe routes update – Kate Berniaz from the CRD (read her report here)

Update about safe routes to school. We are one of 6 schools in the CRD participating this year. This program is designed to help children walk, bike or roll to school.

Barrier to walking and biking is distance, traffic, safety, lack of sidewalks and trails. Walkabout to look at challenges with parents, staff and police. From this meeting the info was summarized and brought to the district of Saanich. Prospect, West Saanich, Sparton is being redesigned for next year if budget is approved. Ideas to create a wider multi use trail and to improve the road to create a safer space. (Roundabout or traffic light). Along Prospect Lake Rd. the narrow pathways have people parking on it and drivers getting close to people walking along the path. Interurban trail is not in great shape for biking. CRD is planning to regrade and replace with smaller gravel. Saanich is looking at bike lane and sidewalk requests. They review yearly and will update the school as changes are made. Some options are the school bus or ‘drive to 5’ locations. This means drive to about 5 minutes away and then walk from there. Drive to 5 locations could be Whitehead Park or the Prospect Lake Community Hall but neither are safe options at the moment. Parents would like to see the idea of a safe route from the community center. Kate will bring these ideas to the district. If you have feedback on the map please send it to Kate. Another option is the think of me program to reduce speeding in school zones. Walk and Wheel to school week is next year in October.

CRD will continue to work with schools and the district for many years. The goal is to work with all the schools in the district and then start again to check in with all the schools again.

**Upcoming PAC Meetings:**

* Tues, May 22, 2018; election new PAC executives
* Tues, June 19, 2018

**Contact your PAC at:** **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.