

Prospect lake Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes
Thurs Nov 26th, 2019 7:00-9:00 pm

In Attendance:

Jen Snow, Harp Hornett, Ian Hallas, Carolyn Ensing, Nina Heft, Wendy Bird, Desiree Davies, Sarah Angus, Natasha Crawford, Paula Hesje,

Guests: Vice Principal Sat Lail

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00

1. **Welcome:** Desiree Davies- Welcome to members and parents. We acknowledge the WSANEC people on whose land we work, learn, and play.

- Approval of Agenda: Harp Hornett, Natasha Crawford
- Approval of Minutes: Wendy Bird, Harp Hornett

2. **Principals Report:** Sat Lail

- See attached
- Reminder for parents to pick up student belongings at the lost and found.
- Dec 13, 17, and 20- Winter Celebrations- Whole school sing along
- Skating is still planned for January.
- Question from COPACS as to whether Prospect lost students to other districts during the strike? No
- Question from COPACS as to whether families are still suffering from the repercussions from the strike? It is a question to ask Anita.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Ensing

- See attached
- PAC Account 22, 621.76
- Cash on Hand 1, 674.70
- Gaming Account 7,337.32
- Total Assets 31, 633.78
- Carolyn provided revised planned budget amounts.
- Bottle Drive was a great fundraiser. We will have another in January and will send out a reminder to ask people save bottles over the holiday season.
- Question as to what will happen to the funds (\$700) allocated to pay for the bus for the Goldstream trip? Pac will need to approve where these funds will now be allocated.

4. **Presidents Report:** Desiree Davies,

- Need for class reps in Div 8 -Ms. Gregory's class
- Fundraisers Planned/ Proposed:

Art Cards- The cards will not possible before break due to time constraints.

Spring Art Cards are planned to be available before Mother's Day.

Magazine Fundraiser -has not done very well this year.

Spring Fair- We will plan for the end of May. We will need a committee for planning starting in January.

Bottle Drive- We will hold one in January. Maybe one more? We will send out flyers in advance and will offer pickup of bottles. Volunteers are needed to drive trucks. Question as to whether a permanent donation could be set up for the PAC at the bottle depot? The school already has one set up.

- Water Bottle Filler- Tabled for now. We will need to find out how other districts acquired the funding to have theirs replaced.
- Gaga Ball Court- Original quote received was for one court not two courts. Cost would be \$5500- 6000. Anita ia asking PAC for \$3000. PAC would like to approve \$4000. All in favor
- Ideas for fundraisers- Movie Day (per Nina could raise \$500-700), additional Popcorn Days, Timbits, Change Drive (big piggy bank or large water bottle to collect change in Feb/March), sponsored event for students to climb Mt Work, More ideas welcome!
- Scholastic Book Fair- Dec 9-13th. We are in need of 1-2 volunteers for the morning and afternoon and for the initial setup.
- Question as to whether some support staff may be missed in regards to Xmas gifts. Natasha offered to donate flowers. We need to ask Gabby as to who may be missed.
- Discussion as to when the intersection of Prospect and West Saanich is upgraded with either a signalled intersection or a roundabout, many parking spaces could be eliminated in the process of making a pedestrian walkway. Sheri Ramsey is familiar with the situation and would be a good person to speak to. Parking spaces may need to be developed for the school. Natasha would attend on behalf of the PAC,the next meeting to be held by the District of Saanich.

Updated information to the open house held November 13 by the District of

Saanich regarding the intersection upgrade.ect -Prospect Lake School had a great presence of representation. Anita Ko along with members of the School Board, teachers, community and parents alike came together to share and address concerns. The stakeholders have been and are constantly communicating. Please know that the issues

at hand are being addressed at all different levels to find potential solutions. We thank you for your time and patience in this regard.

5. **COPACS November Report-** Wendy Bird

COPACs would like to thank all SD63 PAC volunteers and parents for coming together with strong voices and maintaining our role as advocates for our children and communities. October was a challenging time for everyone, and now with the children, support staff and teachers all back in school, we can work towards moving forward. If any families find themselves struggling due to the strike, in any form, please do not hesitate to talk with anyone from our PAC or a COPACs representative (copacssd63@gmail.com). An alternate venue for discussion will occur in January, as Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Island, is hosting an open Town Hall meeting for all parents within his riding, and for anyone else that would like to attend. MLA Hon. Lana Popham, South Zone, will be approached to see if she will host a meeting of her own. There are a few exciting meetings, presentations and conferences approaching that are open to all parents in our district:

This year, all Saanich Middle Schools will be changing their assessment practices to reflect the BC Ministry of Education guidelines for communication of learning. Carly Hunter, Director of Instruction: Learning and Innovation, will be leading a district-wide parent information meeting to discuss these changes. Bayside Middle School, Tuesday December 3rd at 7:00pm. No registration required.

Policy 1100 Meeting has been postponed until the end of January or early February 2020 (tba). This meeting is open to everyone in SD63 and parents are encouraged to attend.

Registration for the 2020 Vancouver Island Parent Conference is now open at <https://vipc.ca/>. The focus this year is the 'Balancing Act' we live daily as parents. We see what we do as significant work, BUT it is not the only thing we do. How can we balance all the things in our lives and help our children be all they can be while finding their balance too? No guilt trips here – we are only talking about how to balance it all. Our kids are worth it and so are we. Join us on February 29th 2020. If you would like to attend the conference and have some financial constraints, please don't hesitate to contact COPACs (copacssd63@gmail.com) as some complimentary tickets are available.

To end, the COPACs executive would like to extend an open invitation to all parents, to come to their monthly meetings. Lots of valuable information is shared; Dave Eberwein (Superintendent), school board trustees, guest speakers, CUPE union reps and more are all in attendance each month. If you would like to learn more, please visit the COPACs website at www.copacs.sd63.bc.ca or the COPACs Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sd63copacs>.

Immediate need for volunteers: sign up at <https://ples.hotlunch>

- Scholastic Book Fair Dec 9th-13th
- Class reps- Div 8 Ms. Gregory

Upcoming PAC Meetings: 7:00 pm Prospect Lake School Library

- Tues Jan 14th

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15