

Prospect Lake Elementary PAC Meeting
January 21, 2021

In Attendance:	Carolyn Ensing, Wendy Bird, Brittany Crump, Jordan Crump, Harpreet Hornett, Nathasa, Sarah Angus, Desiree Davies, Krista Barnabe, Yvonne Henry, Tracey Michaels, Jacquie Davis
Guests:	Anita Ko, Principal Sat Lail, Vice Principal
CALL TO ORDER:	7:04
WELCOME:	<p>Shelly McIntyre - Welcome to all parents and members, thank you for joining this virtual meeting. We acknowledge the WSANEC people on whose land we work, learn and play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of Agenda: 1ST and 2Nd Carolyn and Desiree ○ Approval of Minutes: 1ST and 2nd Sarah and Wendy
PRINCIPALS REPORT	<p>Anita: Thank you to all who took over the roles during my leave of absence. Also like to acknowledge the staff during this year. Also like to thank the, parent community who are diligently monitoring their children for illnesses, masks in the school and the executive who have been helping out so much.</p> <p>Sat: Community building: missing all the PL families, but we do hope they enjoyed the remembrance and christmas day assemblies.</p> <p>This month the whole school theme is perseverance, positive self-talk and to others. PAW squad have been working on a school bulletin board. Students practice strategies to help themselves and helping others to reach their goals.</p> <p>Literacy day, January 28th. staff and students are invited to dress up as their favorite character, stay tuned for photos, first thing in the morning. Teams day also coming up, teachers and students are welcome to dress up in their favorite jersey or PL colours</p> <p>Kindergarten registration next week for 2021. Parents bring in a photo copy and their original documents for their child. Heads up! they will be</p>

	<p>lined up outside on Tuesday morning during drop off. Front area will be closed off. staff will need to come in the front door.</p> <p>Parent resources: session last night and second offering tonight and one more I believe it is on the 26th. strategies for helping children with anxiety. Very practical and make a lot of sense. often sold out and great that it's on zoom and free.</p> <p>Questions: Valentines day, no treats but ok with stickers and pencils and cards Drop off in the morning: the supervisor that is assigned to the kindergarten spots will make sure the kids get into their classes and they can hang out at the tennis courts before lining up. Trying to have fewer adults on the grounds, limit/reduce the number of people on the property. If the parent has an arrangement with the teacher then that is fine but if the child is ok to say goodbye that would best. Kindergarteners can be dropped off in the drop off lane. Might be possible to get grade 4/5s who could walk to the Ks to where they need to go. Parking: sharing spaces with the pickle ball players. Biggest problem right now is that we share the parking with Saanich. They are cost sharing the new parking lot so we are hoping to see signs that are specifically for Saanich park use and some for PL use only. The conversation is happening.</p>
<p>TREASURERS REPORT</p>	<p>See attached</p> <p>Overall fundraisers are doing really well. Won't be doing hot lunch/popcorn but the winter fundraisers have more than made up that lost revenue. No worries about not having those other revenue streams that we aren't able to do. Classroom and principal funds have been used. Just got wishlist receipts from Gabby (almost 3k) will start coming off. still need to enter receipts for items purchased by teachers.</p>
<p>COPAC REPORT</p>	<p>See attached</p>
<p>PRESIDENTS REPORT</p>	<p>Tabled reading A-Z subscription from last meeting. Cost was supposed to be \$1400. Teachers have come back and amended what they have asked for. More of a primary grade subscription. used by three classes, mainly Ks and K/1. Two parts to this reading A/Z and then a RAZ kids subscription. one subscription that the teachers 118 US (Reading A-Z) and then 3 RAZ kids subscription, which is actual reading material. each 118 US per subscription. Total is \$472US about \$600CND. These resources will be used on top of what we already gave them a few years ago. Small black and white with covers. Those are specific leveled readings for at home use. The subscriptions would be used in class and would be used by similar grades and expands beyond what the home reading can offer.</p>

Digital based but can be printed. Students will have access only in school. the teachers feel it is very useful and feel strongly about it.

Subscription is one year from purchase date.

Questions:

Can other teachers access the resources? other teachers might be able to access the activities but can not share the RAZ kids, Can't do the library suggestion.

Since they have amended the request, not a big ask if it does cover those grades.

Teachers that will be using it are adamant that they will get a lot out of it.

Motion to spend the 472US: Carolyn to motion

Who is in favour: all in favor.

Fundraising:

Ones that are coming up: west coast seeds(Wendy)

Information forms coming out next week, order by Feb 12th, should be available for pick up by the end of Feb and March.

Question: is the seed list longer? No, same kind of list some different things. flower fruit veggie, top 40.

Spring art cards are happening hopefully after spring break and will get them out the week before mothers day may.

Clothing orders: just getting that underway, waiting on the artwork for grad hoodies then needing to get them to the classrooms. Then we just need to decide how much to charge for them etc.

Spring flowers and purdies coming up and thinking about doing another bottle drive. Bottle drive did really well!

red barn cards - carolyn hasn't had time to set it up, anyone want to take this on?

Hot lunches and Popcorn orders: At the COPACS meeting hot lunch came up; Superintendent and School Liaison said popcorn could still be a go. Teachers would need to hand them out. Wendy will get more information at the Feb COPACS. Sarah: organizing the popcorn is really easy and can order it well in advance. makes good money. even if they don't want it eaten in class, kids can take it home. Teachers are already responsible for handing them out so change there. Could do it almost every other week, maybe just once a month. Shelly to check with the teachers.

Staff appreciation: going forward what do we want to do?

Could do treats, don't all need to be individually packaged. Teachers were offered seeds last year, didn't get to use them and have been offered \$100 for this year as well so that is covered.

Smaller acts of kindness more frequently

Ideas: harvest season someone brings something from the garden, flowers, eggs, etc and then divide it between the teachers, not just this

immediate group involved we could include the entire community. other parents would probably be willing to show support as well.

Coffee Cards: If we could get parents to buy coffee cards from their favorite places each time they go we could acquire quite a few of them! Then the teachers can pick from their favorite places/cafes. Could do fast food restaurants or other places. Tap into class reps and they can send it out to the classes. 42 staff, teachers EA and admin. Could we pick a class/grade per month and then each class will get a chance to thank the school. a couple classes get together.

Art supply drive: families to bring supplies they don't use from home. Teachers then have more supplies to work with. Schools are so stretched right with extra cost of cleaning etc.. they will take anything. There is a big disconnect between what they can buy and what they need. Shelley will run it by Anita and Sat and see what they really need. Different grades are going to have different things that they want. Anything we do is a good start. Suggestion: costco online sells mass boxes, crayola products, \$40-\$70.

Gaming account spending: We have to spend it to qualify for it again. Every year we get the gaming grant as per number of students, but we only have 36 months to spend it. Can not spend it on anything that is curriculum based. Have used it for field trips or sports balls in the past. Last year's grant was for the gaga ball court, but we didn't end up paying for it so we have this year and last year's grant. Teachers have not asked for much this year. 9.5k from last year and this year's grant.

Ideas for the grant money:

Sunshade in the covered area, outside learning area that's covered. something like a longhouse, gathering place that is permanent that could deal with shade issues that couldn't be destroyed. The school board might have issues with permanent structures on the school ground, will need to talk to Anita.

Indigenous artwork on the school grounds? traditional carving on the school grounds.

Money could be used for the emergency supplies, top up our earthquake supplies. We currently have enough supplies for 48hrs for 300ppl. We currently have more people then we have supplies and should have 72 hrs not 48hrs.

New school sports jerseys, talked about two years ago, the jerseys are very old and very tattered. Laurel Evans looking into it, singlets to go over shirts. Ideally we need enough for all grade 3,4,5 almost 130. Benefit the older grades. Jordan is already looking at logo wear for clothing order and might be able to look into this as well. Used for track, cross country, basketball and soccer.

Enhancement, can we use the money for technology items, used it for better sound systems for example. no ipads.

	Could also use it for other types of books or games for rainy day activities.
GENERAL DISCUSSION:	<p>Drop off and pick up: how to connect with teachers if we can't drop off? organize calls and chats, groups chat with the other parents or teachers. it's the congregating on the school grounds that the administration does not want.</p> <p>Sounds like pick up will happen as normal, much more segregated. They just don't want kids mixing and playing before and after school. The teachers spend so much time keeping the cohorts from not mixing during the day.</p> <p>Next meeting we will have to start talking about vacant positions. Will hopefully hold the elections in May. If you know anyone that wants to get involved please get a hold of the PAC. Could even start off with just being a member at large. Was a bit easier to get people to attend meetings when we could run into parents in the halls etc.</p>

Immediate Need for Volunteers: sign up at <https://ples.hotlunch> or email prospectlakepac@gmail.com

Upcoming PAC meetings: Via Teams 7:pm

Tuesday February 16th.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:42