



PAC General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 24, 2021

Location: Google Meet

Present: Yolanda Davidowich, Ryan Colbert, Lacey Evans, Tina Poudrier-Beck, Jen Graham, Jessica Dowdall, Alicia Campbell, Hayley Morrison, Corinne Chalmers

Regrets: Natalia Subrt, Maite Barrios

Next PAC General Meeting: January 26, 2021, at 7:00pm via Google Meet. Details will be posted.

Agenda:

1. Any amendments to the agenda
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of October 27, 2021, General Meeting Minutes
4. Principal's Report
5. Financial Report – Tina
6. Fundraising – Jen
7. DPAC – Still vacant
8. Committee Updates/Needs
 - a. Traffic and Safety Report – Jessica
 - b. Hot Lunch – Lacey
 - c. Yearbook – Update
 - d. Grade 5 Rep – In need?
9. Old Business
 - a. School Access and Volunteers (in school)
 - b. Meetings in the New Year
 - c. VIP Parking Auction – We have a winner!
10. New Business
 - a. Wish Lists – Update?
 - b. Emergency Fund – Any families needing support due to the flood or Covid, please reach out to Mr. Colbert and he will send the request to us.
 - c. Christmas Support— Funds for families, helping the community, helping out fellow schools, donation to local charity. **Vote to spend up to \$1000 on Christmas Family and/or community support**
 - d. Staff appreciation – Christmas
11. Questions & Answers
12. Adjournment

Discussion:

1. Meeting started at 7:05pm
2. Introductions from new faces
 - Hayley Morrison, has a daughter in grade one and attending for the first time
 - Corinne Chalmers, whose daughter is returning to grade 4 after a year of home school
3. Approval of the agenda and General PAC meeting minutes.
 - Approval by Jessica 1st, Jen 2nd... All in favour, none opposed.



- AGM Meeting Minutes were circulated on the website and the newsletter. The minutes are approved. Corinne 1st, Jessica 2nd. All in favour, none opposed.

4. Principal's Report (Mr.Colbert)

Land Acknowledgement

Éy swáye!

We acknowledge the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the **Stó:lō** people, the **Semá:th** First Nation and **Mathxwí** First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

Our Commitment

The Abbotsford School District acknowledges historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting misinformation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

Indigenous Education

Photo by T.J. Watt

- School Update
 - Thoughts to all the families in our school and in our community who have been affected by the floods, whether directly or indirectly. If anyone is in need of support, please contact Mr. Colbert directly.
 - Field Trips: a few have been scheduled and taken place, but they are limited due to restrictions.



- Targeted measures into effect on November 12. Because of this, in combination with time lost to the virtual week from flooding, report card dates have been moved.
- Teachers will work virtually, from school or participate in community service on NI Day. Mr. Colbert will be cleaning out portables during the NI day and anyone with time to spare can contact him.
- Staffing issues post-flood have been tricky to manage, thank you staff for their dedication as some are dealing with 3-4 hour commutes to work.
- Cameras were supposed to be temporary, no word yet on the status of them. Unfortunately, they were not able to capture usable footage.
- Traditional school tenets will be emailed to the Exec and discussed in additional meeting before being sent out.
- PAC room needs organizing. Corinne has volunteered to help.

5. Financial Report- Tina

- First month of transactions
- Gaming grant was received as well as some funds from hot lunch
- Minor spending to pay for some expenses of hot lunch as well as the Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch and other various classroom support type spending
- Next month will have significant amount of spending as we draw from gaming grant to go towards playground expenses, leaving a little for general cash flow

6. Fundraising- Jen G.

- Neufeld farms fundraiser has closed with profits recorded in Munch-a-Lunch
- Virtual Scholastic book fair is currently underway, unsure of the sales to date but the credits can be used for library and classrooms
- Seeking new ideas for the New Year

7. DPAC

- The position is still vacant. The role is to attend a monthly meeting and present an update to the ATE PAC on a monthly basis. If you're interested in this role, please email Auguston PAC or message on Facebook.

8. Committee Updates/Needs

- Traffic and Safety Report- Jessica
 - Poor driving habits are still present at drop off and pick up
 - A crossing guard is not an option given that the school isn't technically on a main road
 - Asking that we all hold each other accountable and use common sense
 - No parking by the fire hydrant
 - Our VIP parking spot was won and is being used by its new owner
- Hot Lunch - Lacey
 - Hot lunch has been moved to December 9
 - Donut day scheduled for next month, date to follow



- Thank you to Lacey for her flexibility and organization of treat day
- Yearbook
 - The interested person has been affected by the floods and does not have access to her home. Plans for this are on hold for now.

9. Old Business

- Grade 5 Rep
 - Still looking for a rep, Tina is filling in temporarily. Teachers have met and discussed some ideas, but Mr. Colbert will coordinate with Tina after touching base with staff again.
 - Some places may be off the table if vaccine mandates for children happen
- School Access is no longer as limited. Staff are allowed to bring in parents for volunteer opportunities without consulting Mr. Colbert. If you need to see him, appointments are appreciated as he is very busy and not always able to accommodate drop in.
- Would like to host in person PAC meetings, planning for the last week of January, but will see how things go.

10. New Business

- **Wishlist**
 - No updates on this as staff meetings were postponed due to the recent floods. Mr. Colbert will touch base, and we will discuss at the next meeting.
- **Emergency Fund**
 - If any families are in need or if you know of any in need, affected either by the recent flooding or covid, please reach out to Mr. Colbert directly.
- **Christmas Support**
 - Exec will vote on how much to spend for our Christmas support in the community and where to direct the donations
 - Other schools, within our community or to those affected by flooding
 - **Vote to spend up to \$1000 on Christmas Family and/or community support.**
1st-Jessica L. 2nd- Jen G. APPROVED
- **Staff Appreciation**
 - Currently no restrictions of types of appreciation unless it is food, must be commercially packaged goods or some type of catered lunch that offers individually packaged meals.
 - Jessica will connect with Brenda W. to see what her plan is
 - Corinne has volunteered her time and will reach out to Brenda directly

11. Question & Answer

- Tina would like all exec's emails and phone numbers forwarded to her as soon as possible
- No meeting in December due to the short month

12. **Adjournment.** 8:04pm Lacey 1st, Jen 2nd. All in favour, none opposed.



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