



General PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26, 2022

Location: Google Meet

Present: Natalia Subrt, Yolanda Davidowich, Maite Barrios, Jen Graham, Hayley Morrison, Ryan Colbert

Regrets: Jessica Dowdall, Alicia Campbell, Lacey Evans, Tina Poudrier-Beck

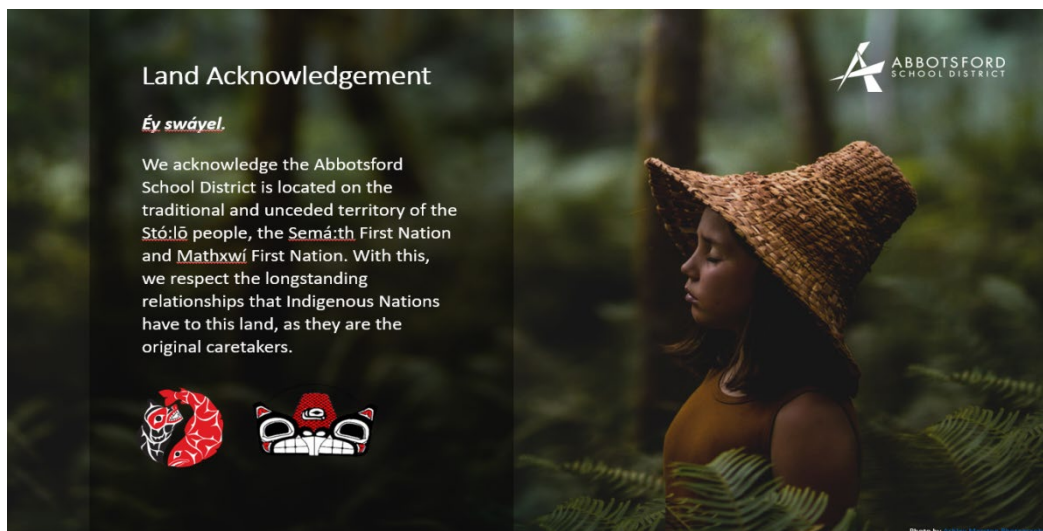
Next PAC General Meeting: February 22, 7pm. Location: TBA

Agenda:

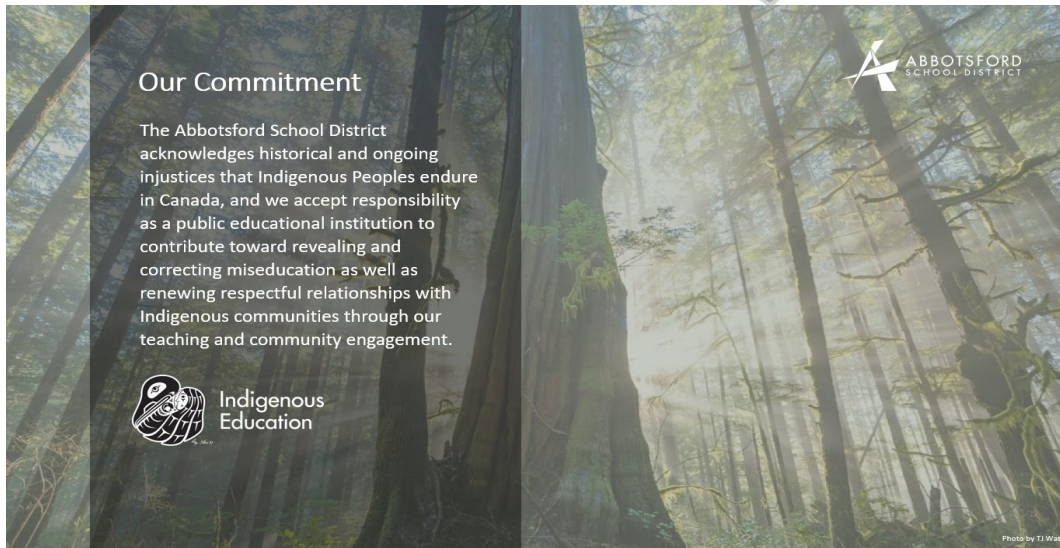
1. Approval of the agenda and November meeting minutes
2. Principal's Report
3. Financial Report
4. Fundraising update
5. Committee Updates
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Q&A
9. Adjournment

Discussion:

1. Meeting called at 7:05pm.
2. No amendments to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda: 1st Jen, 2nd Maite. All in favour, none opposed. Approved.
3. Motion to approve the November General PAC meeting minutes. 1st Natalia, 2nd Jen. All in favour, none opposed. Approved.
4. Principal's Report



Approved by General PAC at the February 22, 2022, meeting



The Abbotsford board of education voted on Dec. 7, 2021, in favour of renaming Upper Sumas Elementary school to **Semá:th** and Matsqu Elementary school to **Mathxwi**.

a. School Update

- i. Christmas: -5 days of Christmas was a great deal of fun!
- ii. Report Cards Changed to March 11th go home date (from March 4th) due to closure first week of January
- iii. Drumming re-booked for May 24th
- iv. Zero Waste Presentation set up (virtual): Feb 8th
- v. Staff Meetings had to be canceled: 2 in November due to flooding, and 2 in January: on the first week due to delayed start, and on the 3rd week of January.
- vi. Budget: we are in a good position. 41% of the budget has been spent halfway through the year, allowing for 9% surplus.
- vii. On-line K registration begins next week
- viii. Challenges continue
 - Staffing shortages, while the student attendance is steady (see point ix below).
 - Prep time must be given to teachers; therefore, children are getting more playground time to allow for that.
 - PE and LLC time as well as Learning Assistance and ELL have been affected by staff shortage
 - The ad for noon hour supervisors has been posted on the Facebook page and shared via email. The bus duty also needs to be covered. In the absence of parents, the teachers and Ryan must fill in.
 - Principal time therefore has to be spent on covering classes, bus duty, changing Health guidelines etc.



- District teachers have been deployed to schools due to staff shortages. Mrs. Van Dyk is leaving on Feb 18 and at this time it is not known who will replace her.

ix. Student Attendance (%):

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| 10-Jan | 14.9 |
| 11-Jan | 15.5 |
| 12-Jan | 13.2 |
| 13-Jan | 13.5 |
| 14-Jan | 17.2 |
| 17-Jan | 11.5 |
| 18-Jan | 10.3 |
| 19-Jan | 11.0 |
| 20-Jan | 11.5 |
| 21-Jan | 12.8 |
| 24-Jan | 17.7 |
| 25-Jan | 14.3 |
| 26-Jan | 12.8 |

b. Wish List for classroom improvements, school's sensory room, library and other areas has been received by Ryan and is compiled below:

i. Classroom resources:

- New carpets
- Class self-regulation items: fidgets, chair cushions, noise canceling headphones, calming lights; exercise bikes, standing desks
- Current and diverse books for classroom library, including books with indigenous content; books for emotional regulation; novel sets.
- Center Time games: MagnaTiles, math games; good quality puzzles (25-50 pieces)
- Teaching tools: Mini white boards, Clipboards, math manipulatives, containers and storage bins for classroom materials; Prizes/incentives.
- Home reading books
- Art supplies: class set paints/brushes

ii. Sensory Room additions, eg: calming lights

iii. Sensory path in hallway

iv. Guest speakers



- v. Artist in residency. High touch high tech with an art focus. We used to have a resident artist so maybe we can look into doing something similar.
 - vi. Field Trips
 - vii. Outdoor learning equipment (toys), including Gaga ball pit
 - viii. Outdoor classroom or covered play area which would include sandbox that can be closed up, mud kitchen, garden shed in case MPR space is needed for something else, yearly garden maintenance supplies such as fertilizers and soil
 - ix. Large sandpit by garden for K classes
 - x. Cash for classroom decor to enhance room's atmosphere (decorating!)
5. Financial Report
- a. Detailed report will be provided at the next meeting in February.
6. Fundraising update
- a. BookFair - there were good deals on books that were shared with the library tech
 - b. Pink Shirt Day - A donation can be made with the profits for an anti-bullying campaign. Jen to share the organizations that the donations could go. Pink shirts with kindness message in, black or white shirts can be done. The pink shirt day used to be called an anti-bullying day; now the focus is on inclusion, diversity and kindness. Jen mocked up some shirts and showed an order form. The orders should probably be done by Feb 4 or 7th. The shirts could be bagged up and distributed at the school to the kids. The min order to be submitted by the PAC is 72 T shirts. Maybe the T-shirts could be given as a gift to teachers (~30 ppl) and potentially Gr 5 kids. If we don't get 72, then we won't be able to fill the orders. Staff sizing must be collected. No need to vote on Staff shirts, since it can be paid <\$200 without PAC approval, and the rest can come out from the Staff Appreciation or Miscellaneous budget lines. Everyone agreed and this will roll out ASAP. Mr Colbert will get sizing out ASAP.
7. Committee Updates
- a. Traffic and Safety - Roundabout has been very busy and especially bad in the afternoon
 - b. Hot Lunch - Has been put on hold due to Covid
 - c. Yearbook - Rupi Bhullar has been contacted and has received the information needed to move forward. If anyone can step up to help her out, please let Yolanda know and we will get you in contact with her.
 - d. Grade 5 Grad - Nothing has been set yet. Mr Colbert needs to have a meeting with the Staff.
8. Old Business
- a. School Access & Volunteers - No volunteers permitted at this time.
 - b. Meetings - We will watch how the numbers are and make a decision on a face-to-face General meeting in February



- c. Wish List for classroom and school improvements. - As stated in the Principal's Report, no decisions have been made yet. Some items have been discussed and when there is time, a formal request will be sent to PAC.
 - d. Christmas Community Support - A donation was made on behalf of the PAC to the Food Bank for \$400 and also a \$200 donation was made to one of our local families before the Christmas break.
 - e. Staff Appreciation - A luncheon was gifted to the staff before Christmas. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make this special for the Staff!! It was well received, and the PAC received many thanks by email.
9. New Business
- a. Pandemic and Events - All events are on hold. Let's be hopeful that we can do something for the kids before the school year comes to a close.
10. Q&A
- a. No questions
11. Adjournment at 7:49pm 1st- Jen G 2nd- Maite B All in favour, none opposed. Approved.