



# Auguston Traditional Elementary School

## PAC General Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2019, at 9 a.m.

**PAC Executive in Attendance:** Bal Claire, Corinne Chalmers, Laura Brown, Jenny Donegan, Allie Snider

### 1. Approval of January's Minutes

Approved and seconded.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Approved and seconded.

### 3. Principal's Report

**Safety/Emergency Drills:** Abbotsford Police helped with last week's lockdown drill. The drill went really well, and the constable gave us a gold star. We are required to conduct two lockdown drills a year.

**Question:** What are the reasons for a lockdown?

**Answer:** There are many reasons but if there is a lockdown something bad has or is happening. A Shelter In Place is when something not as serious is happening but the kids need to stay in their classrooms.

**Enrollment:** There will be a lottery for all new out-of-catchment kindergarteners, including siblings, but the school board is motivated to keep siblings together. Mr. Colbert sent the school board five possible configurations for next year's enrollment. He's waiting to hear in which direction they want to go. The 16 divisions will likely be full next year.

Report cards are coming home next Friday, March 8th.

The exterior of the school will be painted this year.

Playground benches will be put in once the snow melts and ground unfreezes.

Kinder Morgan wants to meet with Mr. Colbert to give him general info. about the pipeline.

Ski trip: Thank you to the parents that put this on. It was a massive success.

Here's what's been happening since the last PAC meeting and what will take place before Spring Break:

Art Starts, March 4th: African Culture, Black History Month

Golf Program, March 4-8

10 students attended the Character Leadership Conference

Choir Attended Abbotsford Choral Day

Valentine's Day/100s Day

Grade 3 Field Trip to a Longhouse

Stop Drop and Read: Pajama Day

Reading Olympics: Prize draw for ride to school in police Hummer

Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 27, Assembly starts at 9 am

Aboriginal Parent Tea: Talk to parents of aboriginal students about our aboriginal plan.

Syso:ys Week: Week of March 11.

Clayburn Musical

Chief Dan George Musical

Grade 2 Skipping Club

The two Professional Development in Feb. included:

Book Club

Shelley Moore: Inclusion specialist conducted workshops with staff.

Math Workshops

Class lists: Mr. Colbert will send out a form that parents can fill out if they'd like to make a request for next year based on academic reasons.

Staff Lunch: Thank you so much to the parents that organized and contributed. It was wonderful.

#### **4. Financial Report**

The full report is attached.

#### **5. Executive and Committee updates**

##### **Spring Fun Fair**

Corinne is leading the Fun Fair this year, which is taking place Friday, May 3rd from 4 to 8 pm.

The White Spot food truck has been booked, and we're looking into different vendors for games, and game ideas. Possibilities include: a climbing wall, dunk tank, pie in the face, cotton candy, snow cones, plinko board, cookie walk, caricature artist, virtual reality, dessert truck (Amber will look into this), photo booth (bring in a professional?)

If anyone knows of vendors who could contribute raffle items or has ideas that would make the Fun Fair special please email Corinne at: [mark.corinne@gmail.com](mailto:mark.corinne@gmail.com).

Dee Sekhon will lead the fundraising portion, reaching out to businesses in the community to donate items. People can also donate via Munch-a-Lunch again this year.

Corinne to let Mr. Colbert know how many extra tables will be needed from Prince Charles and he will arrange to have them delivered.

Last year's Fair made \$5400. This year we are hoping to raise \$1000 to \$1500 more.

Mr. Colbert has put in a request to book the field.

TNT Fitness, Twisters, Sun Hang Do, Splits: If anyone has contacts with these businesses we'd like to have them come and do demonstrations during the Fair.

Bal looking into getting a Square Reader to eliminate some of the cash.

There will be a Fun Fair meeting next week to see who can help in different areas. We'd love to have parents help make new games for the classrooms. We will need help with posters, food tickets, volunteer forms, admissions, etc.

We voted to increase the Fun Fair budget by \$2500. All approved.

#### **Uniform Committee**

Marisa is stepping down as head of this committee, and we need a new leader. If interested, please email [augustonpac@gmail.com](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com).

#### **Grade 5 Grad Committee**

\$525 was raised at the grade 5 bakesale. It was very well run. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### **6. Old Business**

#### **New laptop purchased**

A Google Pixelbook was purchased to replace the PAC Mac, which is used to store pictures and create presentations/yearbook. The Pixelbook will stay at the school.

#### **Spring Craft Fair**

Without a committee to organize this event, it was decided to cancel the craft fair this year and possibly revisit next year.

#### **Road Safety**

Ryan and Corinne met with the city to observe the pedestrian situation in front of the school. The city is looking into the situation. It was suggested that we look into putting visible signs around the street and parking lot.

#### **Pancake Days**

Suggested that we have two pancake days after spring break. Half of divisions could receive pancakes in their classrooms on one day and the other half the next day.

## **7. New business**

### **Teachers Wish List Items**

Teachers have submitted some ideas of items we could purchase.

It was decided to support programs that teach music or drama as this hasn't been touched on as much, or programs that can be rolled out during gym time with Mr. Lande. This is instead of an after-school soccer program as a lot of kids already play soccer.

Could PAC pay for Art Starts twice a year for \$2000 in future years?

Kim Evans would be a good contact for an art program.

Laura Brown to contact a drama teacher.

Knowing the exact amount we have to spend will help Mr. Colbert and PAC decide on wish list items. Bal will discuss further with Mr. Colbert.

### **School Photographers**

Parent volunteers are needed to take pictures at school events. Contact the PAC at [augustonpac@gmail.com](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com) if you can help.

## **8. Upcoming Events**

Popcorn day: February 28th

Hot Lunch: March 15th (Wok Box)

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 am**