



Auguston Traditional Elementary School

PAC Meeting

November 20, 2018 @ 9am

PAC Executive in Attendance: Bal Claire, Selena Medema, Corinne Chalmers, Laura Brown, Dee Sekhon, Jenny Donegan

1. Approval of October's Minutes.

Approved and seconded.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approved and seconded.

3. Principal's Report

Safety/Emergency drills: The sandwich boards have arrived, walkie talkies have been purchased, and parking signs and signage are in progress. Mr. Colbert hesitates to say we need another crosswalk when the two that we have are under utilized. The Xs on the road in front of the school indicate not to cross there. The issue of crossing guards lies with the school district.

Bench installation is still in progress but we're getting closer!

The ski trip is booked thanks to the grade 5 parent organizers.

The district has looked at the path leading from the lower parking lot to the upper sidewalk and will widen it with crushed gravel.

The wooden logo on the ground by the school sign is a slipping hazard in the winter. Thinking it might be necessary to fill it in with grass.

Some of the classrooms have windows that create a safety issue in a lockdown. Two-way film will be installed on these windows so teachers can see out but it will be difficult to see in.

There are 35 Mac computers in the computer lab, and Mac is no longer supported by the school district. As these computers age they will likely be replaced with Chrome Books.

Feedback from the survey on school photo companies revealed that 75% of respondents were satisfied with Mountain West. 20 people responded.

Booking fields: If we want exclusive use our field after 5pm we need to book it. We will look into booking for upcoming events such as the Grade 5 Farewell, Fun Fair, End of Year BBQ, etc.

Christmas Concert, December 19th: Mrs. Preiss joined the meeting as she is leading the teacher Christmas Concert committee, which is made up of 8 to 10 teachers. Staff are very excited about the concert, and the cozier, family feel that having it at the school will bring. The vision is for vintage-style decorations--red, green and burlap--but they are open to suggestions. They have rented lighting, speakers, and choral microphones. Student artwork will be featured on the walls, lit by LED lights. Grade 5s will have the opportunity to perform solos if they have a musical talent to share. A dress rehearsal will be held the day before, giving all the kids the chance to see the other classes perform. They will be collecting food bank donations on concert day. It will likely be two tickets per family. Mr. Colbert will send out a survey to get a sense of how many families will be available to attend the afternoon and evening concert. A recording of all the students singing We Wish You a Merry Christmas will be recorded at the rehearsal and played at the end.

The staff will need parent help setting up the stage, decorating, and with clean up.

4. Financial Report

October's financial report was presented, and is attached.

Mr. Colbert mentioned that if we're having movie nights we need to buy a license to show the movies, which is around \$1200. We currently don't have any movie nights booked and could perhaps hold dances instead.

5. Executive and Committee Updates

Dress Code

During the recent informal uniform check there were well over 50 infractions. A preliminary notice will go out in the newsletter to give parents a heads up about the upcoming dress code check in December. The main problem area is cardigans, sweaters and hoodies worn in the classroom. Crested school sweaters and cardigans need to be worn instead. Another problem area is leggings being worn as school pants. We need more volunteers to help with the checks. It takes less than an hour. There will be a pizza party for the class with the least number of infractions.

Social Committee

The dance was really well received and the kids had a lot of fun. Thank you to all the parents that helped. Marisa did a great job and pulled it all together.

Class Representative Coordinator

There is now a representative for every class. All the forms have been distributed to parents. Support staff and custodian still need a rep. If anyone has a personal connection or wants to volunteer that would be great.

Emergency Committee

Jessica Thiessen has taken this on and all emergency supplies have been purchased and stored in the portable. Thanks Jessica!

Book Fair

The book fair was a big success, earning \$5088, which translates into \$2840 worth of books for the school. We are just waiting for the books to be labeled and integrated. The new teachers were given \$400 worth of books each for their classroom libraries. These books will come back to the school library at the end of the year.

Christmas Bazaar

No one has stepped forward to lead the bazaar so it won't happen this year.

Craft Fair

We won't be holding a craft fair at Christmas time but possibly in the spring (April). We'd like to get the grade 4s and 5s involved with their own entrepreneurial tables.

Grade 5 Farewell

Selena and Marisa agreed to lead the committee for this.

Fun Fair

Corinne agreed to head this committee. We need volunteers to start booking vendors. The face painter has already been secured. People liked the jr. sumo suits (Fraser Valley Party Rentals), and there was interest in a rock climbing wall, bouncy castle, photo booth and dunk tank. The games in the classrooms are getting old. It would be great to get some new games, for example darts that could make games like plinko. We will have a raffle instead of gift baskets this year.

7. New Business

Gaming Grant Usage

Emails and ideas from teachers are coming in and Mr. Colbert would like to be involved with the vision for how funds are spent.

A motion was put forward to fund the Golf BC program with Gaming Grant money. This program costs \$1300 with taxes and is a one-week program held at the end of February. We voted on the motion to spend up to \$1300 on this golf program through the gaming grant: All agreed and motion was passed.

A motion was put forward to fund the High Tech High Touch science program with Gaming Grant money. We voted on the motion to spend up to \$3500 on High Tech High Touch through the gaming grant: All agreed and motion was passed.

Bal will get a full quote for the Young Actors Program, and there was a lot of interest in a drama workshop for the students. We will motion for this in January.

Other suggestions included adding a few more playground pieces (though Mr. Colbert said the district felt like we were out of space), more hopscotch, music and art programs.

PAC Computer

We need a new computer for PAC and office use. A motion was put forward to spend up to \$2500 from PAC funds on a new Mac computer. All agreed and motion was passed.

8. Upcoming Events

Hot Lunch Nov. 30 - Subway

Hot Lunch dates and potential menu items for the new year include:

Jan. 18: Domino's & Sushi

Feb. 22: Taco Del Mar

Mar. 8: Pizza & Sushi

April 26: Triple O's

May 24: Booster Juice

*Parents will again be able to order all menu items in the new year at one time through Munch-a-Lunch

Pancake Breakfast - Mr. Colbert talked to several parents and staff about the pancake breakfast that has been held at school the past few years (it occurred in December, 1 hour before school starts). The feedback was generally not positive as several challenges have presented itself in the past. (food not cooked properly due to the rush, kids not receiving food, students late to class, sticky clean-up and other general logistical challenges). He has decided to come up with a different activity during a time of year where there is less going on. December is busy for staff and families and maybe an event could be more purposeful at a different time of year. Stay tuned!

Popcorn Day - Dec. 13th

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 am