

PAC General Meeting Minutes



Auguston Traditional
Elementary School

Date: February 20, 2024

In attendance: Ashley, Alicia, Jen, Raelynn, Sarah, Bal, Natalia, Kim, Tina, Jordan

Call to order: 7:03 pm

1. Approval of agenda: Raelynn 1st, Jen 2nd

2. Approval of January 2024 minutes: Jen 1st, Raelynn 2nd

3. Principal's Report:

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

- Staffing:
 - We have a new LSS teacher (finally!!). Anne Hopkins started with us on Feb 5 and comes with a wealth of experience working in the resource capacity in Washington state.

 - This has shuffled things as filling the LSS position means the positions we created to make things work are replaced by Anne. She will now be taking on full LSS duties as well as reading group support time. We truly appreciate the support that Lisa Kantas (LSS one day a week), Anita Dhaliwal (Teacher in Charge one day a week) and Andrea Janzen (four days of Learning Assistance and one day a week in grade 5) provided for us over the last number of months to help me get the job done. Welcome to Anne!

- Expansion project updates:
 - We have a floor!!! Our project is starting to come together and we had a very exciting day last week when the concrete was poured and finished giving us our ground floor. We can start to see where things like the staircase, the elevator, and the four ground floor classrooms will be and are looking forward to the next step when we get some walls up!

- Edge Photography:
 - We were notified last week that our school photos, taken by Edge Photography, were part of a data breach on their servers. Though we don't use their yearbook service, we asked and it was confirmed that our student photos were part of the breach. Other identifiable information was not a part of the breach. The following information was provided to us to share with our families and any questions can be sent directly to Edge Imaging - the following email was sent out this morning:

Cyber Incident Related to School Yearbooks

*We have been informed that the yearbook software service provider used by our school, Creator Studio Pro, has been the subject of a cyber incident. Photos that were uploaded to this platform for our school's 2022/23 and 2023/24 yearbooks may have been compromised. This means that your child's photo may have been accessed in the incident. We are advised that only photos have been accessed, and **no other identifying information** such as school, grade, name or location were affected by the cyber incident.*

The security of your personal information is very important to us. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact privacyofficer@edgeimaging.ca.

- Traditional Advisory Committee
 - We continue to meet as a team of Traditional schools. Upcoming events include a grade 5 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 12th at ATS, a Bhangra dance presentation here at Auguston on April 8 and a chance for us to send a team to ATS for a Bhangra dance celebration on April 12th and our last TAC meeting of the year on April 18 at ATS. As always – parent representatives are welcome to join me at the meeting to discuss what our Traditional partnership will look like moving forward.

- Joint Partners Meeting
 - There was a meeting on February 5th that saw some great presentations on student success from 3 schools in the Abbotsford district.
 - We also got a presentation on the upcoming strategic plan review and were given the opportunity to share our voice on what we feel should be priorities in the coming years.
 - There will be a public district budget presentation on March 6th, details will be provided on the school district website.

- Planetarium
 - The mobile planetarium is here for all classes from February 28 to March 1st. We had one extra spot so I planned to open it up for PAC committee members to come in if they are interested. Your turn will be on Wednesday, February 28th from 11:45-12:15 if anyone wants to experience this amazing presentation, too. Littles are welcome – just be aware that our max group size is 30 people and there are no shoes allowed in the ‘bubble’.

- Wishlist
 - Vandermeer/Elford – squishies, storage boxes and stickers - \$24.99, \$8.49 and \$100

- Upcoming dates:
 - Feb 21 – choir students going to the Choral Festival at Abby Arts Centre
 - Feb 22 – Dufflebag Theatre presents Robin Hood to our school
 - Feb 23 – hot lunch, grade 5 treat days start (every Friday after school)
 - Feb 28 – Pink Shirt Day, Planetarium here
 - Feb 29 – Planetarium here
 - Mar 1 - Planetarium here, school based Reading Link Challenge (grade 4/5)
 - Mar 5 – boys basketball games (gr 5) after school
 - Mar 8 – Wacky Hair Day, PAC movie night
 - Mar 12 – Traditional 3 on 3 basketball tourney at ATS (gr 5) after school
 - Mar 13 – Fire Drill, girls basketball games (gr 5) after school
 - Mar 14 – District Reading Link Challenge (grade 4/5), learning updates home
 - Mar 15 – hot lunch
 - Mar 16 – April 1 – SPRING BREAK 😊
 - First day back is Tuesday, April 2nd

4. Financial Report: Tina

- Cash position is on track

5. Fundraising: Jen

- waiting to hear back from Neufeld Farms about spring fundraiser
- Fun Fest: Friday, June 7, 4-7pm; or Saturday, June 8, 11am-2pm? Will do a poll.
- Revenue generators: admission fee, food/concession, tickets for activities
- Some ideas discussed:
 - Mainly using outdoor space, and possibly the gym

- touch a truck event (fire engine, police car, ambulance, etc), and also reach out to contractors doing the construction to have some vehicles available for kids to touch/climb on
- Dunk tank
- Bubble balls (school has 6 available)
- Kids vs parents tug of war
- California kick ball games
- Nerf wars in enclosed zone (provide safety glasses?)
- Carnival row with each grade taking care of one activity (design, set up, operate day of)

6. Hot Lunch

- No update

7. DPAC

- No update

8. Committee Updates/Needs:

- Yearbook- Alicia: will be stepping down after this year, if someone else wants to take over.
Also to note, we are the only elementary school in the district doing yearbooks.
- Staff Appreciation- no update
- Movie Night- no update

9. New Business:

- None

10. Question & Answer:

- None

Meeting Finished: 8:03 pm

Next General Meeting: April 23, 2024