



## PAC General Meeting

**Date:** September 25, 2024

**Location:** Auguston - Learning Commons Room

**In attendance:** Raelynn Mackerth, Sarah Hazelwood, Cynthia Lambert, Kris Sward, Alicia Campbell, Brenda Weibelzahl

**Call to order:** 7:01 pm

**Amendments to the agenda:** None

**Approval of agenda:** 1st - Sarah | 2nd - Cynthia

**Approval of May AGM Minutes:** 1st - Sarah | 2nd - Cynthia

### 1. Principal Report:

- **Land Acknowledgement** - We acknowledge the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Semath 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** - 24 teachers overall for 15 classes plus support (LCC, Library, LLS, PE etc). New to us is Mrs. Menard in LSS, Mr. Warkentin sharing PE, Mrs. Wiens sharing Grade 3/4, Mrs Janzen sharing both Grade 4 classes and Ms. Kennedy in Grade 2. We also started the year with 8 EA's this year!
- **Numbers** - 337 students in 15 classrooms
- **Expansion Project** - getting to look like a real school! Floors are going in, cabinets are being delivered and installed this week, lights are up, some ceilings are in, elevator is getting closer to being installed. Still aiming for a move in after Spring Break
- **FSA's** - Starting soon for our Grade 4 students. Snapshot of reading, writing and numeracy proficiency. These province wide assessments will be completed between Oct 1 and Nov 9.
- **Therapy Dog** - Tess is back and working with kids on Tuesday mornings through the PAWS for Reading program through St. Johns Ambulance
- **Board Presentation** - went well! Kids did great. One book/One School, Math Mania and Sprinkles of Kindness Donuts were presented by the kids and Kris to the school board.
- **After School Program** - run through Abbotsford Community Schools Society and

are starting in late October. Our Fall sessions are Basketball for Grade ½ boys, DOVE for Grade ½ girls, Outdoor Explorers for K/1's and Science Exploration for Grade ⅔'s. Each program runs for 6 weeks after school one day a week.

- **Christmas Concert** - something is happening! Not sure what yet but there will be a Christmas concert. Staging is booked for last week in December.
- **Digital Devices in School** - there will be an update added to our code of conduct and shared with families once it's reviewed by staff
- **Staff concern** - concern around number of hot lunch and treat days and the types of food being sold
- **Staff Wish List** - Pumpkins for K/1 (\$440), classroom budgets, picture person for events?

Pumpkins were voted on and approved

- **Dates:**
  - Sept 26th - Orange shirt day and activities, Terry Fox Run
  - Sept 27th - Pro D Day - no class
  - Sept 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - no school
  - FSA's for Grade 4's open Oct 1st - Nov 7th
  - IEP Meetings - Oct 1st - 4th
  - Oct 1st - Cross Country after school
  - Oct 2nd - Picture Day
  - Oct 5th - (celebrated on the 4th) is World Teacher's Day
  - Oct 9th - Fire Drill
  - Oct 11th - Hot Lunch
  - Oct 14th - Thanksgiving - no school

## 2. Welcoming our new Treasurer Cynthia

- Hot lunch - we had \$350 overdue from previous parents. Agreed to write off this amount this year. Changes for this year: Hot lunch orders must be paid in full so we don't have unpaid orders moving forward. Munch a Lunch will be contacted to change the settings so parents have to pay ahead of time.
- More details for financial report will be provided this year, as requested
- There was money left over from the gaming grant last year, what is the plan for that money? Rules have changed for what the gaming grant money can be used for, as long as the whole school benefits from it and we don't make any money from it, we can use it for pretty much anything
- Some ideas for Gaming funds; family skating, mural painting, STEAM learning, theatre presentations, reptile guy, the Spirit of Pacific, bowling, yoga, the traveling planetarium, swimming lessons, parenting workshops, butterflies and baby chicks, maple sugar shack, drum building, the escape rooms for kids (\$2 per child, virtual, in class, 30-40 minutes, each class can get their own choice of escape room)

## 3. Fundraising

- will start in October

## 4. DPAC

- will update later

## **5. Committee Updates/Needs**

- **Class Reps** - PAC is stepping down from organizing Class Reps
- **Hot Lunch/Popcorn Days** - Alicia is stepping down, looking for volunteers to take over. Will need a team. First 6 months are already planned. 3 days have been left open for popcorn days. 3 cases of popcorn are left from last year.
- **Grade 5** - Anna
- **Lost and Found** - lost and found will be inventoried at the end of each month. Pictures will be taken and shown to parents and then it will be donated to goodwill

## **6. VIP Parking**

- moved to the spot beside the handicapped parking
- sign will be moved once construction in parking lot is complete
- auction for spot will be open soon, online
- charging stations will be set up in parking lot next year

## **7. Book Fair**

- Nov 19-22nd
- We need volunteers to run it; at least 2 or 3 people a shift
- One Book/One School books come out of this fair

## **8. Movie Night**

- Halloween theme
- Need volunteers
- Movie choice needs to be picked, lots of options

## **9. Question/Answer**

**Adjournment - 8:25 pm**

**Next General Meeting - Wednesday, October 16, 7 pm at the school**