

PAC General Meeting

Date: December 3, 2024

Location: Virtual – Google Meeting

Present: Janice Phillips and Flora Yuen (Co-Chairs), Tammy Clarke (Secretary), Sara Mahgoub (Treasurer), Jana Hrubá (Member at Large), Shanna Herrick (Member at Large), Hannah Stephens (Member at Large), Sanj Johal (Principal), Stacey Playle, , AJ Woodworth, Sunhwa Cho, Josephine Chan, Jacquelyn Morrow, Leila Sadeghi, Kim

Regrets: Sarah Hughes (Member at Large), Sarah McKinney (Member at Large), Lee-Ann Denham (Member at Large), Ashley Klyne-MacDonald (DPAC), Lindsay Calder (Communications),

Called to order: quorum established, meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Land Acknowledgement: Tammy

Motion: to adopt the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Financial General Meeting - approved by Flora Yuen, seconded by Shanna Herrick. Motion carried.

Agenda – Janice Phillips

1. Admin report – Sanj Johal, Principal
 - a) School goals – engagement, belonging – changing our language – for example, instead of late slips, welcome slips. Welcoming in kids and happy to see them when entering late. “I can” statements are very important. Behaviour piece – call out the behaviour, not the child. Sense of belonging for staff – games event coming up. Treating subs/EAs as guests – happy to have them. Kids are taking this to heart to support subs. Give subs a survey – 5-6 questions and Sanj reviews it to get feedback.
 - b) Sense of belonging – celebrating differences. Talked about Diwali to the classes with a Gr 6 student. Another student connected to Japanese culture wants to talk about Japanese new year in January. Persian staff/kids to talk about Nowrooz. 2 teachers Natalie & Rochelle to do school spirit days – planning pj days, hat days etc starting in January.
 - c) Student/staff/parent surveys. Will look at sense of belonging.
 - d) Code of conduct – 3 r’s respectful, responsible, resourceful – thinking about changing to an acronym that aligns with wolf – HOWLS – 95% of staff support this. Div. 1, 2, 3 also 90% supportive. PAC Co-Chairs have reviewed and support too. Next steps will update district, then update website, then

- teachers can teach to it. Moving forward it will be out new motto – goal is after spring break.
- e) PBIS – positive behaviour interventions and supports – 3 tiered framework – evidence based interventions for behaviour, learning, academics. More about changing adult behaviour. Positive based, not negative based. Nov. 9 Pro D looked at own data. Formal reward system. At the end of each month there is a draw for a pink slip – connected to the 3 R's. go into a draw box and the office draws a name and they get called to the office to pick out a pencil, eraser, etc. Looking at better SWAG, maybe with our logos – toques, wristbands, etc. Continuing the same system but with HOWLS. Classroom to intro own systems into the class connected to the school system.
 - f) Fr. Dec 6 – all elementary staff at argyle, continuing journey in indigenous education.
 - g) Learning updates – Fri. Dec. 3 – new language – old is report cards. Jamie sent info out on log ins – look ahead of time and connect w/office for support.
 - h) PAC thank you – with PAC funding picked up class set of basketballs & gator balls.
 - i) Winter concert – Wed. Dec 18 in gym – doors 6:15. Div. 4-14. Div 1, 2, 3 will be in spring. Will be a matinee open to grandparents, parents as well. Will have donations available to help fund the program if you are able to – costs \$500 to run music performances. Winter break dates – school reopens Jan. 6
2. Parents Night Out
Janice thanked Hannah & Flora for working on parents night out. Nice to see all the new faces – over 40 attendees & surpassed financial goal, raised about \$1200.
3. Class reps
All but Div. 13 - Ms. Williams' class. Sent an email re: what the role is, also making sure reps can get more parents on fresh schools for communication. Gifts for the teachers & EA's – reminder to coordinate w/other class reps & teachers to make sure everyone is covered. EA's cover multiple classes to make sure everyone gets recognized and supported.
4. Fundraising
Have surpassed expectations with every fundraiser so far. As a smaller school, every bit helps. Purdy's Moja, apples. Cobbs fundraiser – reminder that they donate every week to our school and it is nice to support them back. Challenges

with their location at the quay due to construction etc so is nice to send some support back to them. Flora advised that we will also have them as a fun lunch option in January.

5. Traffic/safety

Concerned about safety, Sanj sent a letter from the principal's office right away. A parent had a connection for getting pylons and dropped them off. Also lots of brainstorming to solve the problem on the PAC FaceBook group. Reminder to respectfully have conversations and if not, plate photos are helpful to pass along. Trying to keep kids safe.

6. Moja & Purdy's

Pick up is Dec. 5

7. Hot chocolate morning

Dec. 18 – PAC makes hot chocolate, coffee and tea for adults, ideally everyone brings their own cup. A nice opportunity to have a fun morning before school starts and connect with staff, parents/caregivers, kids. 8:15-45. Flora advised the event is at the main entrance and asked that someone keep an eye out for the primary area and send kids/families up to the front of the school

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 PM

Next General Meeting: January 28, 2025 – virtual meeting, 7 PM