

Cordova Bay Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes
Date:
Location: ZOOM Meeting

Attendees:

- Michelle Joergensen
- Erin McMorris
- Stacey Bendall
- Justine Cochrane
- MaryLynn Heron
- Carlie Curry
- Pia Dhariwal
- (Three additional parents signed in.)

Guest Speakers:

- MaryLynn Heron

Call to Order: 6:54

Discussions:

I. Approval of May Minutes:

- Motion: Michelle Joergensen Seconded: Stacey Bendall

II. Budget Update:

- Unfortunately our treasurer for this year is unable to continue and we are looking for another treasurer. Pia, who was treasurer for last year, has stepped in for now.

III. Communications/PAC News:

- Class Reps needed for the following classes
 - Div 8 Mr. Chan/Mrs. Haines
 - Div 9 Mrs. Mollberg
 - Div 12 Ms. Byrne-Jungen/ Ms. Van Dyk
 - Div 13 Ms. Simpson/Ms. Thornton
 - Div 14 Mrs. Schultz
 - Div 15 Ms. Mill
 - Div 16 Mrs. Mitchell

IV. Fundraising:

- **Bottle drive!** very successful. \$2239.94
 - The next one is Saturday, Jan 8th, 9-1pm.
- **Red Barn Gift Cards** - Thanks to those that were able to order. Cards will be coming home via students by the end of the week.
- **Purdy's** - Our Christmas Campaign/Fundraiser will go live in early November. New this year - No catalogues (Purdy's is directing members to shop the online catalogue). PAC will send order in November.
- **Country Grocer** - We've applied to their program. Just waiting to be officially registered. Start saving your receipts. PAC will get 1% back on all receipts submitted throughout the year. More details once we get up and running on how to submit your receipts.

V. COPACS:

- Andrew has taken on a role with COPACS as well so will continue to provide updates on the Cordova Bay PAC website. The next COPACS meeting is October 14.

VI. In Other News...

- School Garden - Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Schultz will be the teacher leads for the garden. We are trying to find a company to clean out the garden.
- Hoot and Howl will not be happening this year, but hoping to get some ideas together for something fun for the kids.
- Art Room - we are very excited about having purchased the \$1000 of art supplies for the art room. Tomorrow we will go in and set it all up! We are so excited for the kids and the teachers. This support allows the teachers to use their classroom allocations for other things.
- Hot Lunch - Hot lunch is a go this year! Courtney Lloyd Sheridan is working on this and more details are to follow once confirmed.

VII. Guest Speaker - Updates from Principal MaryLynn Heron

General Updates

- 325 students this year.
- Thanks to the PAC for the soap and the art supplies room

Open Houses

- It took a lot of planning to pull together, but parents enjoyed it.
- Thanks to the parents for being so respectful of the guidelines.

Terry fox Run

- We had retired teachers and former students come back to help marshal the course.
- Raised well over \$2,000.

Learning Garden

- The garden team has purchased some Saanich native plants to put in the garden, after it is cleaned up.
- The garden will be getting a new sign. the "Cedars Learning Garden" sign is made from live edge cedar, and will be painted and mounted over the entrance posts.
- Friday at 1 pm our artist in residence will be coming to figure out when she will set up to paint the sign. Painting will happen onsite during school hours. The exact date when she will be onsite hasn't been set, but ML will send out additional information when available.

Halloween

- The gourds from last year were a huge hit. The teachers would love to have them again. Can PAC supply them again?
 - Michelle thought about having each division carve a pumpkin and then putting them out for families to come look at? **ML and Michelle to discuss.**
- ML is looking into having an outdoor event with some music to help celebrate Halloween.

Emergency Bin

- Supply issue with the 8ft bins. The school health and safety team will be working on a solution as they need to store the water bins. We have lots of supplies, but no bin for storage.

Hot Lunch

- ML is working on determining the next steps

Foundation Skills Assessment Test

- Grade 4 students. Students are provided an orientation and to make sure that it's communicated appropriately.
- Starts on Oct 12th, class by class.

Administration Policies

- ML will send out prompts to parents to give them information on some of the administration policies available.
- As an example, if ever a family has questions about a resource used in the class, there is a policy on how to determine if a resource is approved, and how to request alternative options.
- It's important that if you have a concern that you discuss it with the teacher and the staff. ML will be able to direct families to the most pertinent policies for a given situation.

Masks

- K-3 kids are now wearing masks
- The school was provided with disposable appropriately sized masks that have been distributed.
- The joint health and safety committee has a primary teacher who reports that it is going well so far.

Truth and Reconciliation.

- 72 of the 94 recommendations are about education and awareness.
- We try to have as many indigenous authors available to the classrooms as we can. A thought that families could purchase book(s) by indigenous authors and donate it to their child's classroom? **PAC to discuss.**
- Orca Publishing has a number of our local indigenous authors. **J Dreyer to provide Michelle** some info on Orca's program that may provide matching of book purchases.

Questions?

- If parents are in the school volunteering, are there any other requirements other than the CRC and a mask, that parents are required to have before coming into classes? (e.g., hot lunch volunteer)
 - ML - the Joint health and safety committee will continue to work to ensure they have the most up-to-date options. The school is not allowed, at this time, to ask for vaccination status.
- Have there been any discussions about returning to cohorts at the school?
 - ML - It is a regional plan, and it doesn't have to be province-wide. Regions may return to the previous stages of the reopening plan, which may include returning the school to last year's policies.
 - The decision is made by regional health officers.
- What is the covid communication pattern in relation to last year? When changes are made? Who is involved?

- ML - We are working on a gradual transition to having more people in the school and the classroom. For example, open house nights, possible hot lunches. Last year there was very little access to the school. The BCCDC guidelines are set and the school implements them.
- If there are any questions about the protocols, there are options for discussing them.
- The PAC helps provide a voice for the parents as well.
- For the hot lunch, it provides consistency and an enjoyable event for the students.
- MJ - The decision to run the hot lunches will be based on safety and if it's feasible, not because PAC requires it as a fundraiser.
- Confirmation if the school is doing school assemblies?
 - It is possible for the school to do school assemblies with the students in the gym without overcrowding.
 - It will possibly be a primary assembly and a separate intermediate assembly.
 - **Pia to send ML** some options for inspirational speakers.

Meeting adjourned: 7:58 pm

**** NEXT General Meeting:** November 9...7pm. PAC General Meeting/Speaker TBD