

**PAC Meeting Minutes
June 2/2021**

I. Call to Order and First Nations Land Acknowledgement, introductions- 4:32 Taryn Stokes

II. Roll call: Petra Borhaven, Cam Stokes, Taryn Stokes, Lisa Skoreyko, Amanda Hulland, Jen Newcomen, Maria Latouf, Farley Cursons, Shelby Sanford, Sarah Wick, Javier Consoles, Aisha Sayer

III. Agenda Approval - all approved

IV. Minutes Approval- all approved

V. Reports/Discussions

Chair Report

- DPAC on may 20- IT department did a presentation. Standard meeting agenda. More advocacy training for the fall. Sept. 15 is the next meeting.
- PAC will donate the standard scholarship amount to this years Grads.
- PAC is signing up now for art cards for next year to be eligible for 50% off. The art cards were a fundraiser at Christmas where kids drew images that could be put on cards or other items to then be purchased.

Principal's report

- The school received grant for a tipi for the fall as well as a donation of canvas for a second tipi.
- During the last ProD day the teachers spent time identifying whether each student in the school had teachers/adult staff with whom they had a level of comfort and could go to for support of any kind. Most students had many adult connects.

Big Ideas from this Planning ProD Day

1. Successes: Using outdoor spaces, google classroom, ADST elective rotation, social emotional wellness, student council for student voice, new applied math in secondary side.

2. Challenges and changes: bringing music back for both sides of school, kids struggling with academic rigour- how to balance fun with rigour, phone use: how to manage, possible new phone policy, keeping elementary school engaged: Inquiry based learning, exploring passions.

3. Academics: numeracy- creating consistency within teaching, literacy- needs continued focus, cross-curricular learning- application of school learning to the world.

School Goals (these are a work in progress)

- Increase student engagement, resilience, confidence through passion based learning, outdoor education, student leadership and feedback, school wide events.
- Reincorporating community and parents back into the school.

Hot Lunch Report

598 meals eaten this month with an average of 42.7 meals per day
Expenses \$3701.27
Income \$4277.35
Difference \$923.92
School subsidy \$1104.85

Treasurer report

General Account Balance \$10 492.10
Gaming Account Balance \$1 633.41

GGC/Fundraising

May sales: \$4000 in save-on cards sold
\$2500.50 in coop cards sold
\$499 in profits
\$4283 in profits for the year.

VI. Topics from Previous Meeting

VI. New/Other Business

- Lifeguard for a year end field trip: Vote of support and motion accepted to use funds for this.
- **Javier Consoles**- Mental health coordinator for the district-is seeing lots of positive changes in our school. Compliments to the parents for supporting their children so well and to Sarah Wick for doing a great job. The children are showing resilience in getting through this time.

Would like to see:

- Every adult as having the ability to help counsel children so there is support everywhere for the children.
- Focus on supporting children in building resilience so that they may feel a sense of stability that can leave them free to want to learn.
- Decreased stigma around mental health issues and disabilities.

The following courses can be complete by any adult interested in gaining skills to help support children in these ways:

<https://www.complext trauma.ca/educators/>

<https://www.complext trauma.ca/event/schools-workshop-heal-aces-rating-tool-2/>

<https://payportal.pdce.educ.ubc.ca/teach-mental-health-registration/>

Can complete this course by selecting “No I do not want a certificate,” so that you may enter course without having to pay the fee.

Despite Javiers busy schedule he is open to connect if anyone feels they have questions or need his support.

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- **Tick awareness** (shared by Farley Cursons) there is an increased occurrence. Prevention is key: long pants with tights cuffs when in forest especially in early summer. Look for bulls eye mark that indicates tick bite. Use tweezers pulling it straight out, antiseptic wipe after. Look up “Ticks in BC” to get more information from provincial web sources. Check yourself and pets when you’ve been out in the forest.
- Parent led project to build a pirate ship with request for funds to support this. Motion put forward and accepted to grant \$100 for this project.
- Parental concern around the infant act allowing students 12 and up the ability to consent to the vaccine on their own. The school staff takes the stance of being neutral on this topic and will not be trying to influence children in any way and will keep their personally beliefs to themselves. Maria Latouf and Chris Hamilton are open to sharing their contact if there are any parents with concerns about their children and vaccines and would like to share supportive discussion or connect to the Facebook group.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2502392436574221/?notif_id=1623100009346867¬if_t=added_to_group_reminder&ref=notif

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Christine Hamilton: kootenaychris@gmail.com

VII. Meeting Adjourned 5:46pm

VIII. Next meeting Wednesday Sept. 15/2021 as a tentative date: bring your ideas for next years budget.

Minutes by Lisa Skoreyko