

École Margaret Jenkins School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2022

In attendance: Heather Macdonald, Tariq Amlani, Betty Greer, CJ Young, Maggie Black, Ashley Frketich, James Hansen, Hera Kanga, Britta Bentz

1. Welcome
2. Approved minutes from January 27th meeting and agenda additions
3. PAC Updates:
 - Staff Appreciation -
 - i. Parent volunteers helping with gift wrapping
 - ii. Looking for local options for catering - Delish or Moxies find by Feb.1
 - iii. Heather to send out sign up genius
 - Hot Lunch - Betty Greer
 - i. Hot lunch is back on for March/April/ June
 - ii. Increase in milk prices looking at Oak Bay Dairy as new milk supplier
 - iii. 150 Orders before Spring Break, will send out info in the newsletter Wed/Thursday next week.
 - Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser (Feb. 7-28)
 - Growing Young Smiles Fundraiser - April (in time for mothers day)
 - Walk-a-thon - May
 - i. Linking Fundraising to outdoor learning space/ making donation on website as we do with donations for hampers
 - Spring Fair / Wait and see what covid brings?
 - Outdoor classroom/ nature play space update
 - i. Heather Sanche / Trudi Lynn-Smith and Leahna from Swell.ca to touch base with Strawberry Vale School.
 - ii. Get teachers' thoughts on outdoor learning/play space
 - iii. Fields/school garden in a later phase
 - iv. Jodi Philips - grants and city grants
4. Budget Update: Teachers continuing to spend class funds, Ultimate frisbee booked for May, iRide also coming in May - PAC supports both of these activities
5. April AGM on April 28th - PAC Exec openings - looking for a new secretary, chair/vice-chair, members-at-large

6. Principal's update:

- Covid: shifting process for communicating covid exposures/ not communicating anything to parents/ school tracks attendance and if it falls below 10% island health is brought in to figure out what is happening/ may shut school down for 5-7days if necessary if overall numbers are too great, hopefully this won't happen as community has been so great or if staff falls below 25% - which is another threshold for shutdown.
- No Chess or Run club at this time, just waiting to see how numbers go; will revisit hot lunch plans next month
- James wants to meet with teachers about outdoor learning space

7. New Business and open Q&A

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm