

MINUTES
BIRD'S HILL SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
via MS Teams
January 20, 2022 - 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

1.1 In attendance: Larina R., Anita M., Joanne S., Amanda D., Kori O., Melissa W., Julie B.,

Regrets: Monica T., Nihal B., Lisa. M, Maria & Steven.

2. Review / Acceptance of minutes - November 2021 minutes

- Motion to accept minutes: Larina; 2nd Joanne

3. Treasurer Report (Joanne):

- We have \$7,400 in the PAC accounts currently.
- Separate from that money is the playground account \$3516.00
- Mom's Pantry fund's received

4. School Report (Anita M.)

- Candy Canes went over very well
- December a great month. Towards the end of the month, more kids were away sick
- School Community really supportive of remote learning, picking up test kits
- First week in class, going well. Division is not reporting individual COVID cases. Rather school is reporting weekly. The school will not be reporting if kids are isolating, only positive cases. If there is a large amount of cases, classes or school may move to remote learning. Or if staff are off sick, classes may move to remote learning if there are not substitutes.
- A flow chart went out with what to do in regards to isolation.
- The division was already classified as yellow since September (equivalent to the provincial Orange level), therefore the only change to make was three layer masks to be worn by students and teacher.
- Parent Q: will school provide more rapid tests? A: school receiving more but for staff in school. Government is suppose replenish, no word yet as to when. Rapid test will only work during the contagious period.
- Fundraising can still happen, hot lunches etc. as long as they work with the guidelines (no parents to hand out, but teachers can, individual wrapped packaging, etc.)

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Lunch Program Committee (lunch time supervision) (Amanda/Joanne)

- Outstanding registrations
- Lunch Program is looking for supervisors

- Committee is looking for another member to join, currently 3 members & school representative (Joanne S., Amanda D., Melissa W., and principle Anita M)
- Meetings are monthly and one hour long, usually same week as PAC
- Students that take the bus are covered by the RETSD for their lunch program fees.

5.2 Fundraising (Amanda/Julie/Melissa):

- Mom's Pantry - Backorder products are ready. Arrangements for delivery to be made.
- Sports tickets raffle - on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions in regards to sporting events and spectators.
- Ms. Rand to run a Fit- a thon February.
- Dominos is booked for January 31 - February 6, 2022. The flyer and information will be sent out in an email.

5.3 Hot lunch (Joanne):

- Consider something in the spring when things can be done outside. Deferred discussion to a later meeting date.

6. Playground Committee –(Julie/Melissa/Kori/Monica)

- \$3,516.00 in Playground Fund
- \$1,000.00 private personal donation to come (RBC aware for community service given to Wpg Blues MJHL player, who chose Birds Hill School as he is a billet with a family from this school)
- Committee met in December. Gathering quotes for 3D drawings, then next step is to award the quote and drawings, and then get quotes for the full project. Most companies say that the drawing is included if we go with them, however as we need multiple quotes, we cannot guarantee who will be selected
- Need to get quotes and designs to send to RETSD, RETSD chooses company.
- Anita will look into what RETSD will do in regards to moving soccer pitches and leveling the fields.

7. New Business

7.1 Parent posed the question, how does PAC want to allocate funds for the next half of the 2021-2022 school year? New water dispenser, school events, teacher wish list?

- It was discussed to look into another water dispenser in the 4/5 area.

7.2 Motion: to purchase Valentines treats for students & staff, total cost no more than \$200.00 including taxes.

- Move: Larina R. ; second: Julie B.

7.3 Meetings

- February meeting cancelled

- Future virtual meeting dates for March, April and June to be determined based on PAC activities. May meeting will remain to ensure yearend activities are discussed/actioned as needed and to be able to prepare for new school year.
- Discussion on frequency of meetings

8. Meeting adjournment 7:27 pm.

Next meeting: March 2022 at 6:30 pm (via MS Teams)