

MINUTES
BIRD'S HILL SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
via MS Teams
May 19, 2022 - 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

1.1 In attendance: Larina R-M., Anita M., Amanda D., Kori O., Melissa W., Monica T., Joanne S.

Regrets: Julie B., Nihal B., Lisa. M, Maria & Steven, Adelle F.

2. Review / Acceptance of minutes - April 20, 2022 minutes with the corrections in place

- Motion to accept minutes: Joanne S.; 2nd Larina R-M.

3. Treasurer Report (Joanne):

- We have \$2,975 in the PAC accounts currently.
- Separate from that money is the playground account \$13,183.00
- Motion to use no more than \$500.00 for Grade 5 farewell: Joanne S., 2nd Melissa W.: non opposed

4. School Report (Anita M.)

- Thank you PAC for the Qdoba lunch on April 25.
- Staffing update:
 - Retiring at end of school year** - Carol Dyck grade 4/5
 - Maternity Leave in 2022/2023 school year** - Katelyn Chuckery grade 3
 - End of contract** - Cameron Vergie grade 2/3
 - Returning in May 2022** - Taye Code grade 2/3
 - Returning for 2022/2023 school year:**
 - Kindergarten -Candace Henry
 - Grade 1/2 - Andrea Chubey
 - Grade 3 -Vanessa Yewchyn
 - Grade 4/5 - Caitlin Diachun
 - Grade 4/5 - Mark LaPage
 - New for 2022/2023 school year:**
 - Grade 1 - (.5) Amanda Parisian (.5 also reading recovery)
 - Grade 1 - (.5) *NEW*
 - Grade 2 - *still interviewing*
 - Grade 3 - Eric Anderson
 - Grade 4/5 Liam Marshall
 - Resource - Deborah Wellan
 - .5 guidance, .5 resource - Reece Stadnyck

- Staffing update continued:
 - Not returning in 2022/2023 school year:**
 - Lori Neil
 - Ainslinn Richards
 - Anne Marie Bailey
 - Carmela LoVetri
 - Taye Code
- School events:
 - June 9 - PAC event in the evening (rain date June 16)
 - food trucks, hotdog carts
 - charge \$5.00 for ticket, choose one item from any food truck
 - June 9 - K open house
 - June9 - school open house for parents to view children's work
- Grade 5 farewell
 - expectations RETSD are asking that early and middle years no longer do farewell events. School based activity. Farewell to teacher but not to peers. Grade 12 is farewell event.
 - Denchuk award will be recognized separately
- 2022/2023 school year: maintain parent teacher conferences virtually(in person will be available). Also a celebration of learning two times a year covering music, literacy, numeracy.
- Parent Question: Fields Trips planned?
 - Answer: Covid wise, it is green so field trips are allowed and teachers can do field trips but nothing is booked.
- Parent Question: for parent teacher, is there an opportunity to visit the classroom?
 - Answer: Celebration of learning would give the parent the opportunity to see their child's classroom and work in the school.

5. Committee Reports

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

- Registrations for 2022-2023 school have gone out. Due end of May 2022.
- Outstanding registrations - families being called
- Lunch Program supervisors are fully staffed
- CPR completed.
- 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

5.2 Fundraising (Amanda/Julie/Melissa):

- Bike raffle - for playground, will apply for a raffle license for June 9, 2022.

5.3 Hot lunch (Joanne/Julie):

- Deferred discussion to 2022/2023 school year.

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

- \$13,183.00 in Playground Fund
- Bryan from Playgrounds R Us provided some drawings and a quote for the North Playground (Grade 4-5 side). The quote was for \$202,615.95 and included removing existing surfacing and structures, replacing stones with engineered wood fiber system (including drainage system), new play structure and swings, and wooden border (similar to what we currently have).
- Some changes to the design were sent back to try and bring costs down, information should be available on May 20th, 2022.
- Originally new design was requested for the South Playground (K-3 side) too, but based on the quote, it was asked if he could find a way to add swings to the area which would fit into a plan when we replace that play structure. He mentioned if we were to add the swings to the area where they currently are the 2 trees behind would have to be removed as they wouldn't meet today's standards for clearance. (One of the trees doesn't look the healthiest. Not sure if we are interested in removing them?).
- Proposed idea is replace the swings on the South side first, and then focus on raising money for the North play structure. After the updated drawings and quote are received a meeting with Anita, Marnie (and whoever else would like from the school), playground committee and Bryan to further discuss the plans will be set-up
- Grants and RETSD requires three quotes from the architect firms, and with the landscapes
- Need to get quotes and designs to send to RETSD, RETSD chooses architect firm.

7. New Business

7.1 Staff appreciation

- Thank you PAC for lunch on April 25.
- appreciation gifts/treats : Soaps, toilet paper ,cookies, sweet or salty treat bar & Buble
- Motion to use an additional \$200.00 for teacher appreciation: Larina R-M; 2nd Kori O.; non opposed

7.2 Grad 5 Farewell

- keeping events the same as previous two years; low key and focus on students being able to say farewell to their teachers and school, not a big event. Celebrating the growth of students. It will be a regular school day, celebration during the day with treats and certificates
- Denchuk award will be recognized separately will school wide announcement

7.3 Meetings

- meeting will remain to ensure yearend activities are discussed/actioned as needed and to be able to prepare for new school year.

8. Meeting adjournment 7:34 pm.

Next meeting: June 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm (via MS Teams)