



Dorothea Walker Elementary School
Minutes of PAC General Meeting,
February 13, 2019
Meeting Commenced at 6:00pm

Attendees:

DWE PAC Members: Kyla VanEck, Abbey Westbury, Darlene Atkinson, Laura Lebbon, Terresa Li, Simon Adams, Kendra Penrose, Renee Woolley, Todd Knutson, Steph Harland, Steve Walker

Parent Participants: Kendra Dixson, Andrea van Niekerk, Jared Huber

Administration: Sue Bergen, Mary Berg

Meeting Chaired by DWE PAC President, Todd Knutson

PART 1 – Administration Update

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Introduction

2. Miscellaneous Updates by Sue Bergen

- Internet Security - Leslie Smith (RCMP Liaison) has a presentation that she does with kids. She will come on March 6 at 6:00pm so that parents can see what kids will see. After that, it will be decided when and what grades will see the presentation. Sue believes at least the 4,5,6 and maybe grade 3. Opportunity for parents to learn more than what is being presented to children. Primarily scheduled for parents to have an opportunity to see it first, before it's presented to students.
- Enrollment - Losing +/- 80 students next year, as both grade 5,6 moving on.

PART 2 – PAC Business

1. Financial Update - Renee Woolley

- Purdy's provided a rebate cheque.
- \$299.20 profit from movie night
- Oz-Bots and B-Bots in. Orbitz kit that was planned to purchase is discontinued. Sue asked if the savings can go to Lego robotics.
- Another Oz-Bot kit will be ordered as they have proven very popular.
- Motion to use unused \$1,600 for lego robotics instead. Darlene motioned, Renee seconded. Motion Passed.

2. New Business:

2.1. Regional Transportation

- Canyon Falls transportation is one issue. Timing, catchment, bussing, transportation plan to be discussed at SD Facilities meeting. Andrea will attend the SD Facilities meeting Feb 20 @6:00pm at Hollywood Road. Simon will be going to present on behalf of PAC, to speak to all concerns to ensure DWE parents are all represented. Go into the new bldg, not the old.
- Another board meeting tentative, but loosely scheduled for March 13, which will be open to public. Simon spoke to provide clarity on meeting and what its focus is. Michelle Deroche

(sp?) to present. Parent question period is 10min. Courtroom level decorum expected (no cheers). CoPAC could have another representation at this meeting.

- Jim Laird advised PAC of a meeting in April. Simon believes that the opportunity to influence may have already passed.
- Description of existing 320 route: The route is there because Chute Lake Elementary was full from beginning, bus/route was created to serve kids that could not get in Chute Lake. Courtesy seats were available. Courtesy seats are paid, and only available if seats are available.
- PAC's position is to support maintaining existing service. Speak to traffic congestion. Optimize existing routes to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions and allow courtesy riders.

2.2. Spring Dance (Steph Harland)

- Not selling tickets for dance, free event.
- Steph asks if it is possible to take advantage of gym set up for the Aladdin performance. Sue said gym set up for Aladdin performance for 11th of April, and down on the Friday following. Dance scheduled for April 18 (Thursday) before Good Friday. Steph wants help and ideas. Food will be pre-sales. Steph to seek out Shannon for decorations. Kendra to put together Google Playlist and husband can help. Kyla VanEck to stand by as DJ for special song requests.
- Simon moved for \$300 for Steph to spend for dance supplies (glow sticks, etc) Renee seconded. Approved.

2.3. Teacher Recognition (Darlene Atkinson)

- Darlene asked how to select.
- Discussion was that it is difficult to select a single teacher. PAC committee only has exposure to a portion of the teachers, and Sue advised that she cannot be involved in a selection. Decision was to not pursue teacher recognition for a specific teacher.

2.4. T-Bones Fundraiser (Jennifer Huber)

- Issue just prior to the May long weekend (bbq season). Jennifer's husband, Jared Huber, spoke on Jennifer's behalf.

2.5. Family Fun Night (Kyla VanEck)

- Looking for corporate sponsor still. Want to post 'want ad' or recognition in upcoming parent update
- Betty Yao, Steph Harland, Cara Carpenter, Christy Legyt, Jennifer Huber, Abbey Westbury on committee.
- Used toys for prizes. Provide container at front of admin office with size limit and encouragement to donate.

2.6. Spirit Wear

- pending new logo confirmation.

2.7. Hot Lunch (Cara Carpenter, absent but sent notes through Todd)

- Varied response to new vendor, xxxxx. Steph's, Todd's kids said okay. Kendra said chicken was good, cheese was not. Abbey's kids said it tasted like a sponge.
- Need 2-3 more volunteers
- Having a class rep would be beneficial and could work with volunteers.

2.8. Childcare at PAC

- Todd or Steve to send reminder to potential parents prior to next PAC meeting.

2.9. Easter Purdys

- Steph and Renee organizing this fundraiser.

2.10. Playground equipment purchase

- Simon reported on playground equipment
- painting concrete sidewalks - is considered a maintenance project, therefore funded only by school district, so we cannot do.
- SD advised that there is space within existing structure, and identified an additional location. A quick win solution of \$20,000 - \$40,000 addition to existing playground equipment footprint. That would save money over providing a new footprint. Suggested that we work on expanding within existing playground footprint. Then work toward an even bigger picture of developing a new location.
- PAC and Administration would need to liaison with SD on the equipment that would be approved.
- Mary will work with SD to get the sidewalk painting done. Basketball hoops are going to be upgraded now too.
- The tether-ball poles are to seen as a hazard by some now that the portables route foot traffic past them.
- Also looking at an upgrade of the sandbox.
- Darlene advised that the park in Penticton is a great example of a natural playground. Abbey was going to send Simon photos of the Penticton park.
- Simon has more groundwork to do and be able to layout options at a future PAC meeting.
- Simon said the bridging funding is a real possibility, but there is a process for that. The process as a whole will take time.

3. Upcoming Events

3.1. Internet Security meeting on March 6. (parent information night)

3.2. Transport/Facilities meeting

- February 20 - SD Facilities meeting
- March 13 - SD Board meeting (tentative)

3.3. Next PAC Meeting is April 10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.
Steve Walker, Secretary