

PAC General Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

Attendance: Mrs. Anderson, Alicia Rempel. Jennifer Pyper, Rachel Bailey, Karma Dea, Heidi Hanscom, Jacklyn Low, Corrie Simmonds, Tanya Blisset, Claudia, Stephanie, Cori Simmonds, Vesna Milacic

Call to Order at 7:02pm

Approval of Agenda

Draw prize

Guest Presentation – Mrs. Labby, Yorkson Creek Middle School

- Transition forms completed for G5 students
 - Students teaching styles and needs assessed and discussed with teachers and Vice Principals at Yorkson Creek
 - In process now
- WEB Mentors
 - “Where Everyone Belongs” mentors (G8 students at Yorkson Creek)
 - Will be at school when G5 groups visit middle school
 - G8 students are mentored/trained to be with G6 students and are with them through the 1st year at Yorkson
 - 2 days in Aug. WEB Mentors are trained and learn about their assigned buddies
 - WEB mentors go through an application process and interviewed before becoming a WEB mentor
- When G5 students visit Yorkson they will:
 - G5 students will meet some of the teachers
 - G5 students will have a tour of both the inside and outside of the school
 - G5 students will look at the classes and meet some of the EXPO teachers
 - Makers space class, drama, music, art, textiles, outdoor ed, etc.
 - G5 students will participate in team activities
- If child is still anxious after visit or wants a further intro. to Yorkson, students and parents are definitely welcome to come in w/ child to learn more. Staff at Yorkson wants students to feel comfortable with transition
 - Contact VP’s at Yorkson to schedule visit
- Sept. 2018/2019 school year
 - Only G6 students and their WEB mentors will be attending 1st day of school
 - G6 students will have 1 generalist teacher for the entire year with the exception of their Explore classes
 - G6 students will have same class teacher in G7 as they did for G6 (called “looping”)
 - Advisory classes (non-academic)
 - Separate classes into smaller groups w/ kids from different classrooms
 - Student directed learning
- Lockers
 - Recommended that parents purchase a lock before school starts (ie: summer) and have their child(ren) practice using it at home
 - Helps with confidence before starting G6
 - Please avoid locks with keys due to lost keys

- Parent Night – June 7th @ 6:15pm
 - Kids welcome
 - Tour of school & have opportunity to ask questions
- One of the main values/goals of Yorkson Creek is to build strong rapport & relationship with students throughout school.
- Approx. 30 clubs @ lunch for students to participate in
- Cell phone policy
 - In backpack & locker during school
 - Not allowed to have @ recess & lunch or during the day unless special permission given to student
- School supply list will be available on website later on in the year (approx. June 2018)
- Homework club available @ 7:50 am and again after school
- No before school or after school care

Principals report - Mrs. Anderson

Litterless lunches

- Successful program
- Extra bins are also being placed outside of classrooms to help students with making sure that they do not misplace their containers

Juice box recycling

- Now being collected and returned to depot. Money will go towards equipment for kids

PAC funds of \$5K being used towards self regulation goals/programming at school

Diversity & Respect week focused on anti-bullying (last week of Feb.)

- March 1st – assembly about safety and anti-bullying
- Mrs. Wiebe will have some music at assembly presented by students

Kindergarten playground was expanded. Great feedback from students and staff

Class photos - May 1st

Sports day - June 15th (rain or shine)

District track meet - June 6th

School track meet - May 30th

G5 farewell assembly - June 27th

Year End assembly - June 28th

Star Wars day – May 3rd

IDEA Summit – G4 & G5 will be attending

Music classes will start again beginning Sept. 2018/2019 school year

President Report – Alicia Rempel

District PAC (DPAC) Representative

- Alicia Rempel, PAC President received information from DPAC stating that they received an anonymous parent concern that PAC funds are being used inappropriately.
- After Alicia's phone conversation with the DPAC President, Suzanne, Alicia followed up with an email, which reviewed our policies and procedures.

- Concern was not shared with other PAC Executives (with the exception of the VP Jennifer Pyper) prior to PAC General meeting as Alicia and Jennifer felt it was important, for transparency, to discuss at an open general meeting and to be recorded in the minutes.
- Concern regarding spending was not initially brought to PAC members attention by parent. Was directed to DPAC only.
- Alicia Rempel did not receive the specifics of the exact area of spending; however, was told it was in regards to “Parent Fun Nights.”
- PAC Executive team wants all parents to know and feel comfortable approaching PAC members in regards to any concerns that they may have.

Copy of email sent to Suzanne in response is as follows:

Hi Suzanne,

Thank you for your time today and for addressing the parent concern with me. I appreciate the opportunity to have this conversation and respond to the concerns brought forth.

Lynn Fripps PAC has a line item in our PAC budget (that is motioned and approved at our AGM in June) to spend PAC funds on volunteer appreciation. We choose to spend that money with a one time celebration at the end of each school year for all our volunteers (popcorn committee, hot lunch committee, Spring Carnival committee, PAC Executives, Fruit & Veggie Committee) averaging about 30 parents in total with approximately \$15 allocated per person. It's an opportunity for us to thank our parents for giving their time and commitment over the year.

Our PAC Executive and committees meet for a holiday dinner around Christmas time in lieu of a regular Executive meeting. That dinner is entirely paid for by ourselves, personally.

Our PAC Executive also meets once per month, at a local coffee shop where we choose to conduct our business. We pay for all items purchased, personally.

Our PAC financials are transparent and we are always open to discussion, if parents have questions. Our monthly statements are brought forth at our general meetings and are motioned/approved. They are also posted on our PAC website for parents to review and reflect upon, if they cannot make meetings.

If you have any other follow up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. While this is a difficult allegation for me to hear of, it is not a difficult conversation for me to have. And in fact, I welcome the opportunity for any further clarification if needed.

Best regards, Alicia

Alicia Rempel
Lynn Fripps PAC

President
604.617.5140

To date, Alicia has received no further reply from DPAC President in regards to her email addressing the anonymous concern.

Treasury Report – Karma

Not much too much activity to report. \$17K+ in general account left over; however, hot lunch expenses need to still be removed.

Martial Arts and movie nights have been good fundraisers for the school

Approval of General Account –March 2018

- motioned by Karma for approval
- 2nd by Stephanie - passed

Approval of Gaming Account – March 2018

- motioned by Karma for approval
- 2nd by Claudia - passed

Approval of General Account –April 2018

- motioned by Karma for approval
- 2nd by Jenn Pyper - passed

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Any money left at the end of the 2017/2018 school year with the exception of the \$20K nest egg will be spent on playground fund

Secretary Report – Rachel Bailey

No questions or comments from attending parents

Approval of Minutes from February 2018

Motion to pass February minutes by Rachel Bailey

- 2nd given by Claudia
- Motion passed

DPAC update – March – Jenn Pyper

See April 19, 2018 notes from meeting

Event Updates

School Supply orders – order form going out in May

Movie Night – April 27th Paddington 2

Additional comment by parents

- Concern about parking lot at pick up & drop off
 - Fast drivers
 - Double parking & leaving cars unattended
 - Stopping on top of cross walks
- Notice will go out to parents in May flyer as well as Mrs. Andersons weekly review blog

Meeting Adjourned 8:19pm