



## EIDES PAC Meeting – December 6, 2022 7:00pm

### In attendance:

Carolyn Doyle, Mary Groeneweg, Ruby Yan, Janet Kuijt, Tanya Bossio, Chris David, Charlie Sawatzky, Mark Elson, Felina, Jodi Erbacher, Amber David, Sarah, Trena, Camile

### Baby Sitters:

1. Adopt Agenda:	2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes:
1. Jodi 2. Tanya	1. Jodi 2. Tanya

### 3. Actions from Previous Meeting:

No Action

### 4. Principal's Report: Janet Kuijt

Laura Lee was sick, Janet delivered the report. The school was very pleased with the Remembrance Day services and having the support to accomplish two of them. Free swims for classes have begun and everyone is enjoying that. The school is still waiting to find out if lessons will be possible this year. The staff shortage at the pool is the main hindrance. Pizza days are back and going great. Grade 6 volleyball has started and has great feedback. They missed a pep rally, so one is organized for December 16<sup>th</sup>. Drama is starting again, and this year's production will be Aladdin. We need parent volunteers for prop building, sets – costume donations are also welcome. Report cards are coming Friday. Community Carol/Winter Concert is on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6:30 outside in the playground amphitheater. There will be a hot chocolate fundraiser for the Blue Lake camp and an opportunity to bring Food Bank donations. If you are attending, *please* walk or bike, as parking will be a nightmare. Skating days are being planned and dates will be released soon. Coding club is going amazing, with attendance at 60-70 kids per session and 110 children registered. With so much interest, we are working on new program ideas to make it more manageable. Parent volunteers are need for the coding club to keep this great program going! Maple Man is coming on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 5. Treasurer's Report: Sheri Earl

*Please refer to treasurer reports for details*

### 6. Trustee's Report: Nicole Heckendorf

Not in attendance yet.



### **7. DPAC (District PAC): Chris David**

There is a ten-module course called Four Seasons of Truth and Reconciliation that is free for teachers.

### **8. Expansion Update: Charlie Sawatzky**

Things are moving along. We are a bit behind because of a few framing issues but are still on target to be completed in February. Drywalling starts next week. Teachers could move in spring break and that will be discussed. Furniture delays might make that impossible.

As soon as the addition is complete, the new bus lane will be used and parking around 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave will be very limited. The city has clarified that once the buses are off 13<sup>th</sup> street, there will be no parking available on that street. The plan is to have a bike lane on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Jodi and Mary reminded us that we need a plan to accommodate parents doing school drop off and pick up to make it a smoother transition. Especially at a time when new bus routes are not yet available due to staff shortages. We all agreed and ideas are being discussed. If there is a parent volunteer that would like to dedicate time to help finding a solution, please contact Carolyn.

### **9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **a. Christmas Plant Fundraiser – Jodi Erbacher**

She will update us in January, as the fundraiser was still in progress.

*Jodi is the absolute best and does so much for our school! If you see her around, give her a high five. Or better yet, volunteer for something so she doesn't have to.*

#### **b. Book Fair – Mary Groeneweg and Carolyn Doyle**

We are hoping to have a Valentine's Day bookfair on February 14<sup>th</sup> in combination with a bake sale the same day. We need volunteers for the bake sale, so please contact Carolyn if you are interested. We also want to ensure that teacher's get book fair credit this year.

#### **c. Virtual Sound System – Chris David**

Chris has volunteered to set up the equipment to make our PAC meetings virtual – he is using all his own equipment. Although that is awesome of him, we need our own equipment if we are going to continue virtual meetings. He found a similar system for around \$500. Mark had the idea to change the PAC meeting location to the Kootenay Learning Center and use their equipment. It was also mentioned that the new addition might have the technology for us to use. Great solutions! Chris has agreed to let us use his equipment a bit longer until more information is collected. Virtual attendance is low, please let us know if you like that option!

*Chris David also does a ton for us and needs a high five if you see him! We sets up equipment, is the DPAC rep and DPAC treasurer and runs the coding club for our 110 children. Show him some appreciation by...volunteering for the coding club!*



d. Fernie French Immersion Rep – Janet Kuijt

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) has been running for fifteen years out of Cranbrook and helps French programs come to our school. We need more reps for Fernie. Being a representative means attending virtual meetings and reporting back to the school and PAC. Please contact Janet if you are interested in supporting French education in our school.

e. January Meeting (push it a week?) – Carolyn Doyle

We voted and passed the decision to push the next meeting to January 10<sup>th</sup>.

f. Yearbook – helpers needed with distribution

Yearbooks are coming in January. Mariah Sheridan needs help with distributions of the orders. Contact Carolyn if you can help.

**Added Business:**

1. When Janet mentioned swimming, Felina had a request. Some classes were asked to send \$2 to cover lifeguard fees for their class free swim. Felina asked if that was something the PAC could cover. Janet clarified that in the end, the \$2 was not needed. Instead of trying to return a toonie to every student, the teachers decided to put the money towards a class party at the end of the year. If the \$2 becomes a regular fee request, the PAC will discuss the financial commitment of paying for it.
2. Janet asked about the PAC funding a Grade 2 program from CBAL for \$200. Janet will contact CBAL and we can vote on that in January.
3. There will be a clothing order in January that will be run by Nicole Dinel. She is another *amazing* volunteer who will need help. Please contact Nicole or Carolyn if you are interested.
4. Felina and Janel Park have worked on a grant from the government that would provide \$3500 towards planting trees and scrubs around our school. For this grant, Tree Canada needed a letter of support from the PAC, as well as a maintenance plan. They had completed both of those – Carolyn read and signed the letter. We will find out about the grant in the spring. If granted, more trees and scrubs will be planted in the fall. They will also be looking for donated plant divisions at that time. This will be the beginning of fundraising for this important project. She shared some of her vision for the grounds and it sounds so beautiful!

*Thank you for making that happen Felina! We are so grateful for the hard work and talents she is using for our school.*



10. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

**Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2022 at 7pm**

**Important Dates:**

**Christmas Concert – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 (please walk as parking will be difficult)**

**Maple Man – January 23rd**