

Lake Hill Elementary PAC Minutes April 15, 2021 7:00pm to 8:30pm via ZOOM

1. Welcome and Introductions			
Roslyn Gillan	President, PAC	Brett Johnson	Principal
Andrea Chan	Vice President, PAC	Emma Marlie	Vice Principal
Stacey Oleske	Treasurer	Sia Zabaraz	A/Secretary & Div 4
Lynn Campbell	Div 1		Div 6
	Div 2	Michelle	Div 7
Tami Sperber	Div 3	Monica	Div 8
Robyn Norris	Div 4	Cara Jackson	Div 9
Karen Fraser	Div 5		Div 10
Danyelle Catini			
2. Review of Minutes – March 2021			
Last minutes accepted by Karen Fraser and seconded by Stacey locke - passed			
3. Debrief Past Events			
a) Fun Lunch Boston Pizza – April 9			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went well though Boston pizza was smaller than Panago Feedback that the smaller cut pieces easier for small kids and it tasted better 75% ordered pizza and 22% ordered chicken strips , next one is sushi and subway 			
b) Purdys – Easter \$702.42			
4. Current Events			
a) Bottle Depot donation bin - still looking for more volunteers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still getting lots of bottles Meggan set up a spreadsheet for volunteering for the bin and it is going well 			
b) Hilltop Greenhouse hanging baskets & planters for Mother’s Day			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery next Wed 			
c) Country Grocery Save a Tape, Cobs Dough Raiser, Mabel Labels			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of these are ongoing 			
d) Discontinuation of Thrifty’s Food Smile Cards Fundraiser			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going forward Thrifty’s is changing gift cards and require us to preload \$4000 This will be discontinued and our current cards will be good until sept 15th to count towards our current program (5%) 			

e) Parent Education Webinar – Alison Rees: Side-stepping the Power Struggle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurs, April 22 7-9pm (registration required) 22 registered so far
5. Treasurers Report
a) Financial position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall: raised \$17,000 dollars and not a lot of outflows as it's a quiet year for spending • Have certain funds dedicated for spend • Bank account we have \$46,000
b) Proposed purchase of shipping container for emergency preparedness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We allocated \$6,000 for shipping container for emergency preparedness. • <u>Situation</u>: The quote has come in higher. Quote is \$8,800. This is \$2,800 above what PAC has approved. • <u>What we are purchasing</u>: Have one that is in reasonable condition and would need a crane and make the ground level. • <u>Location</u>: May need a new location because of Daycare spaces. Location is near the basket ball court by the portable. Need to finalize the exact location for the daycare centres and then we will know where. • <u>What will go in</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Backpacks are super heavy and not reasonable for a teacher to carry on top of helping children out. ○ It would have Food supplies, blankets, activity, first aid kits, cones, tarps, signage, wrench to turn off the gas. Need to decide if toilet seat and canister in each classroom would stay or go in the container. ○ Looking for a 275 gallon water container but not asking PAC for this right now. ○ Have purchased 5 pop up tents for outdoor classrooms and chairs to support covid protocols and these will go in. ○ Once a year the PAC and school administration will review what's expired etc. Emma and Lisa and Marquette from the District reviewing next week – to go over what is needed. <p>Motion to increase allocation to \$8,800: Andrea and Karen seconded and it was approved by all. Next steps – Emma will email the district that the funding was approved and will be based on availability and complete community study of where it goes. Anticipate to have it for next school year.</p>
c) Classroom enrichment funds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roughly \$5000 from cupcake days etc. accumulating that is available for classroom enrichment. This available for staff to discuss when they have time. • Brett trying to max out school budget and Covid budget before coming to the PAC. Emma is making sure we are getting the right learning materials that align with our goals. Emma and Brett to take to the staff tomorrow. May have to carry it to next year. Emma has spent \$7,000 in books, alternate seating, cones, pop tents, etc.

- Danyelle raised a question: any possibilities to expand our current garden? Brett responded that they are addressing it at the staff meeting.
- Other comments made:
 - its an incredible process to get it going and the need to have staff members to get behind it. Defrias has volunteered to be staff. Need to make sure there is a real commitment to keep it going.
 - Takes a lot of planning. Where and how much. Not best place where its currently located. Area between the portable and the school may be an option
 - Need to be mindful of deer and irrigation system especially for summer months. It would require fencing and watering which costs a fair bit of money.
 - An option is to create a native garden.
 - Need to be mindful of kids learning not to wreck it.
 - Need to think of who else uses the school grounds outside of school hours. Many people who visit our school especially in baseball season.
 - Needs to be a burning passion for people and capacity to move the project forward. It's a great idea and a slow steady walk. No doubt the kids would love it but have to do it properly.
 - At Tillicum, there are 5 raised garden beds and have a garden hose and the kindergarten teachers take care of it. Karen can send some pictures of how they do it.

d) Music program - request for 5 new ukuleles (~\$448)

Previous meeting set aside 1500 for xylophones, our portion was \$667 in the end and request to reallocate \$450 of these dollars to purchase 5 new ukuleles –

Motion to approve \$450 to purchase 5 new Ukuleles, Karen Seconded and it was approved

6. New Items discussion

a) Fun Lunch – May 7 (Subway/Sushi) and June 4 th (TBD) ● Teacher Appreciation lunch #2

- Haven't picked a date for June, holding the 4th. Not booked but could if we want to do one last fun lunch for the year
- May 7th subway and sushi fun lunch and we are purchasing lunches for teacher appreciation since we can't do a luncheon. It is actually a staff appreciation not just teachers.
- Need to get an order in for Mr. Abner - Jen or Michelle will follow up

b) Drop Off Bottle Drive - Friday, May 28th

- Andrea Booked the bottle Depot drop off and pick up
- Sia sent Class reps an email to send one volunteer per class. Feedback to be given by April 21. Need 4 more volunteers but there is a sufficient number of volunteers to proceed and hope more volunteer.

c) Parent Education Night – already spoke to it

d) School Supplies for September

- Teachers file, monks and staples have been contacted.
- Talking to Monks tomorrow to see what the pricing is like and if its comparable. It gets delivered to the school and then sent home.

e) District Proposal and Grade 5 Strings

- Issue: They had a slush fund from international students and over budget. District meeting last night included a lot of anger and strong feelings that not enough engagement. Union, parents, etc. Consultation opportunities coming up – decision was not made.
- We have until the 31st of May. We have a month and half.
- Background: our teacher prep time is music class and it is a part of the curriculum so not at risk. It's the extra curricular at risk as we get extra money for Ms Binsted to teach strings after school for the grade 5s. One alternative to keep it may be to have strings as part of music class in grade 4 and 5 and every child would be doing strings. It's a lot easier when things are voluntary but this approach would make it not optional. It was noted that Mrs Mcknight may come back part time to Lake Hill School.
- There's been other budget cuts as well. Strings are at the top of the list but also cuts to EA time. In the past we put 0.2 in reading recovery and the District matches it.
- The more voices are loud, the better. The teachers have a strong voice in the BCTF and can speak through their union. Parents can offer their views. Brett is a rep of the Board but parents have the opportunity that they can make their voices heard.
- What else is being explored to be cut if not the music programs? There are a number of things being looked at: loss of vice principle, loss of daytime janitorial was mentioned.
- It was recognized that this is a difficult decision to make and has to be transparent. There is a lot of emotion involved.
- There is a meeting of elementary PACs getting together to discuss music tomorrow evening. Please let Stacey know otherwise she will go and she will represent us.

f) Discussing Active Travel Recommendations

- Ros presented to the St Margarets PAC with Sia on the Active Travel Recommendations. Their PAC is very much excited about it. They are taking it away to discuss further. Keen on Drive to 5 and walking school bus. They have older kids so also looked into Transit.
- Still have the ICBC drive on the run – to promote active travel to school with local art work and could campaign together and bring the communities together.
- They are coming back to us next month on what they come up with and things we could work on together.

g) Playground update

- Brett expressed his frustration with the process. Every time he asks the district it keeps extending the timeframe outwards. They have said we would get \$165,000 which is up from previous quote but keep moving out the timelines. Everything has been approved at provincial level but have not made an announcement yet.
- The school and parents will come together to look to where the playground would reside. Not too many options except where it currently is. We will have to look at the terrible drainage there and need to take care of this as part of this. We need to find out what this funding will get us or if we may need other grants and have extra funding of our own in case as it is more expensive.
- Comment made that could the baseball group help fundraise as they use the playground? It was noted that it is worth exploring. Brett talking to Lisa tomorrow. Ros can raise it up if Lisa can't.

7. Admin Report

- Scooters have become popular among our students. One thing to look into is getting a scooter rack to get their scooters in. Brett will do a count of how many are coming and if it can be handled in a different way without a large investment. It's a tripping hazard.
- Next month is bike to school week. Megan and Brett got info and she is spearheading that.
- Need to get next years school calendar together. Is there a consistent meeting time for PAC? Want to have an actual date published in the calendar. The Second wed of the month is good as they have the staff meeting and they can share and then submit in the notes. **Request to bring it forward at the May PAC meeting? Emma to email Andrea dates tomorrow.**
- Next year is being staffed for up to 11 Divisions. Will need to make decisions about our computer lab. Staff will need to see whether it's a learning support room or a classroom.
- Kids club is expanding and they are asking for more space. We are getting a divider in the gym and half can be used by kids club. We will have three spaces instead of the two for next year. Huge demand for out of school care.
- Want to focus on invigorating the school culture next year as we transition from COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28.

Next PAC meeting AGM – Wednesday May 12, 2021, 7pm If anyone is interested in taking on a PAC Exec role next year, please let us know. We welcome new faces or returning faces as more hands are always needed :)