

Lake Hill Elementary PAC

7pm Thursday, January 13 , 2022



MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Brett Johnson, principal
Emma Marley, vice principal
Roslyn Gillan (co-chair Div 2)
Andrea Chan (co-chair, Div 1)
Karen Fraser (vice-chair, Div 4)
Stacey Locke (treasurer, Div 3)
Meggan Oliver (secretary, Div 3)
Monica Hacking Div 8
Robyn Emerson Div 2, 6
Cara Jackson Div 6, 9
Cora Hallsworth Div 4
Sia Zabaraz Div 1

Michelle Vingo Div 3,, Tami Sperber Div 1/8, Andrew Peckover Div 1.

2. Review minutes (November 2021)

Moved to accept minutes by Robyn, Seconded by Stacey

3. De-brief past events:

- a. Fun Lunch –November 5th (Pizza), December 3rd (Hot dogs/Booster Juice)
174 Panago (biggest so far), 164 for Hot Dogs and Booster Juice
Thank you Cliff for helping make the hot dogs happen!
- b. Kernels popcorn Day - Nov 17 & Dec 15 - went well
- c. Spirit Wear - everything got distributed and was good. Happy to receive feedback. The gold addition seemed to go over well. Thank you Andrea!
Staff are working with grade 4/5 classes to decide what the schedule of upcoming Spirit Days will be.
- d. Art card & gift fundraiser
Thank you Stacey for doing this!
A huge success. 112 orders, proceeds \$1435, no complaints.
- e. BC Fruit & Vegetable Program (+ Milk)
Milk is expiring too soon after it is arriving at school for reasonable distribution times / spoiling in children's backpacks because they were getting them later in the day.
Cara Jackson - thank you for doing this!
Emma's suggestion is to see if Cara can get the food into classrooms as early as possible in the day, then students can drink it during the day and it won't spoil in backpacks.
- f. Bottle Drive - November 5, 2021
Monica thank you for your work on this!
Seemed to go really well. Two stations in each parking lot. Lots of donations. Lower parking lot was particularly busy this time, which was different than previous time.
Proceeds from this: \$1358 - a huge success!

Monica volunteered to organize another one in April / May.

g. On-line Silent Auction - November 2021

Thank you Michelle Vingo, Andrea for doing this.

Thank you to everyone who donated, including Robyn and Monica.

It went smoothly. Proceeds came to \$5600

People paid promptly and picked up promptly.

Andrea has Thank You cards going out to bigger sponsors.

h. Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Fundraiser

Thank you Karen Fraser for distributing this product.

This initiative raised \$708.

Easter fundraiser is already open for ordering. Karen has volunteered to do this again.

4. Current events:

a. Routine fundraising

1. Ongoing Bottle Drive- Bin Sort Schedule

We have 2-3 more volunteers that are going to help out with sorting - thank you!

2. Country Grocery Save a Tape, Cobs Dough Raiser, Mabel Labels, Lovable Labels
Ongoing / no changes. Send Country Grocery Receipts in with your child to school in an envelope so they can get in to the bucket near the front of school.

b. Winter Fun Lunch - January 14th (Panago), Feb 11 (Adriana's) & Mar 4 (Subway/Sushi)
Boston Pizza closure is making Panago more busy.

CookandCreate is taking a break from this business for now. Cookie substitute from the Simmering Pot coming up this week. Looking for feedback re: the new cookies. Cannot do fruit cups without CookandCreate.

c. Kernels popcorn Day - Jan 26, Feb 23 & March 16

d. Parent Education Night

1. Feb 3, 2022: How to Raise an Anti-racist Child Workshop

1. Collaboration with 5 other schools in SD61.

Andrea is in collaboration with Tillicum organizer. Partnering of many schools.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Current bank balance: \$32,295

b. Restricted funds:

1. Playground \$2,958

2. Play equipment \$3,483

3. Emergency preparedness \$350

Replacing the small wooden structure - estimate is approx \$30,000. Brett can start to have the conversations required to get this going with the district, playground companies, etc. PAC will likely contribute to this project in a large way going forward.

6. New Items discussion

a. Status of Playground

Formal Celebration event - Brett was trying to organize this with the district and local politicians. Significant rain and then the omicron wave starting took time away from the politicians, district, etc. So now what? Is it safe to hold a formal event together outside? Do we postpone this until later?

Brett has some thank yous to write.

Really happy with the playground all around. Going well.

Sia suggested putting together a video with sound bites, videos, etc to post something as a playground opening celebration instead of a formal in person 'ribbon cutting'. Students could be really involved in this project.

Re-visit this at next meeting.

b. Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser - February

Jan 26 soft open to order. We sort the seeds and distribute after they group arrives. Proceeds 40% to PAC.

Anybody can order - feel free to pass on to extended family, community, etc.

c. "Black Shirt Day" - now called "Black Excellence Day"

Danielle Catini has raised this initiative suggestion. The idea is to boost education and create unity in fight against racism.

Brett has cleared this with the district - virtual event Friday Jan 14 around diverse perspectives, racism education - appropriate for the grades 4, 5 classes. The primary grades (K-3) will be working around these topics using a book called "Let's Talk About Race".

d. PAC Executive Elections

Andrea, Roslyn, Karen, Stacey and Meggan all have to step out of our current roles for next year. Elections will be in May.

e. Pandemic question

Sia brought up a question to see if there's anything that the PAC could be doing to support the school re: pandemic / safety, etc.

Brett - eg. HEPA filters in the classroom? Brett has been discussing this with the school district... the district responded that LakeHill has a very effective filtration system in place. Many windows and doors are open. Most of the classrooms (not Emma's / Div 3) have each a large way of drawing air in from outside and being cleaned all the time and not being shared with any other part of the school. So the conclusion was that HEPA filters are not necessary at LakeHill.

Discussion about mask options. Brett is continually trying to learn what is the best strategy.

Brett doesn't feel good asking the PAC to supply anything at this time because there is no straight answer / not a known good investment.

7. Administration's Report

Leveled Reading Books - some of the books are getting quite outdated / less appropriate.

Also trying to increase home reading book options. The school would benefit from more. The books are often good quality so they are expensive (sometimes \$10/book).

Focus on K-3 readers and trying to increase variety so kids can get books to read at home often.

Kayla is doing a lot of work on organizing the books to be appropriate.

Last year federal funds were used approx \$8000-\$10000

It is \$500 for one set of readers for one classroom.

Emma suggests PAC donates a certain amount in 2022, and a similar amount again in the next 1-3 years so that the books can be improved.

Emma and Ms. Elly to look into Indigo School Grant (Karen's suggestion).

It may be that the PAC sees the playground project through, and then the next project as far as fundraising goes could become the book project.

Andrea suggests taking a specific fundraiser (eg. the shred a thon in April) and put that specifically toward the book project.

Music - choir performance at the Legislature in Dec was really successful. Yra and the music program won \$3000 and that was excellent. Not exactly sure about the details on these funds yet.

District Wide Professional Development - Jan 28 on zoom.

Key note speaker unfortunately passed away so the details are still coming together.

Incoming Kindergarten Registration - Jan 24

This will set the numbers for next year's enrollment. Current enrollment is 215 students in the whole school.

Portable Tear Down

This project is taking a very long time. Fire alarm was accidentally set off Jan 13 so that became a fire drill. Hopefully the portable will be gone soon and that project will be over.

COVID 19 status

Brett thanks everyone for the ongoing patience as everyone tries to do their best. About 36 students have been away for various reasons this first week of school. Teachers and students seem to be doing well and feeling safe and staying calm.

Staff would like to really remind parents PLEASE DO NOT TO SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK. Do the daily health check.

Adjourned 8:35pm

Next PAC meeting – Thursday, February 10, 2022, 7pm