

Lake Hill Elementary PAC

7pm Thursday, November 4, 2021



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)
Michelle Vingo Div 3, Cora Hallsworth Div 4, Tami Sperber Div 1/8, Robyn Emerson Div 2/6,
Monica Hacking Div 8, Sia Zabaraz Div 1, Andrew Peckover Div 1.
2. Review minutes (October 2021)
Still need a PAC rep for Div 11
Moved by Michelle Vingo, seconded by Roslyn Gillan
3. De-brief past events:
 - a. Fun Lunch –October 8th (Subway/Sushi) - 120/159 were Subway
 - b. Kernels popcorn Day - October 20, 2021 - 158 orders for 310 bags
 - c. Spirit Wear - Order placed, ETA Nov 25th - 43 orders + 3- grad tshirts
 - d. Art card & gift fundraiser (reviewing orders; delivery week of Nov 29) - approx 100 orders (a record!) - Stacey getting this organized to send off the art in a few days
 - e. BC Fruit & Vegetable Program (+ Milk) - Cara J - so far going well. Apples and pears going well. 2/month. Next one Nov 16 baby carrots and Nov 30 mandarin oranges will go out. PAC needs to clean out the kitchen to give Cara some more room.
4. Current events:
 - a. Routine fundraising
 1. Ongoing Bottle Drive- Bin Sort Schedule
 2. Bottle Drive - Fri, Nov 5th (tomorrow!) - volunteers start setting up to start accepting bottles at 7:30am
Emma has had a touching donation story from a community member.
PAC needs to send some thankyou's to large contributions.
 3. Country Grocery Save a Tape, Cobs Dough Raiser, Mabel Labels, Lovable Labels
 - b. Fall Fun Lunch –Nov 5th (Panago) - 173 orders; Dec 3rd (Hot Dogs and Booster juice)
Andrea is going to start being firmer on the deadlines
 - c. Winter Fun Lunch - January 14th - requests? (Adrianna's likely in Feb) - email lakehillpac with ideas for January
 - d. Kernels popcorn Day - Nov 17th, 2021 - 155 orders
 - e. Online Silent Auction via 32auctions.com opens Wed, Nov 10th @ 9am to Fri, Nov 26th @ 9pm - about 70+ items, about \$7000 in value, going really well. Michelle Vingo putting the items into the online platform. Photos of items can go to lakehillpac email.

- f. Purdys Chocolate Holiday Fundraiser - closes on Nov 21st. Hoping we can up some orders so we can get to 25% of sales.
- 5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Current bank balance: \$21,877
 - b. Restricted funds:
 - 1. Playground \$675
 - 2. Play equipment \$3,483
 - 3. Emergency preparedness \$350
 - recently a gaming grant > \$4000 recently. We can spend this on a variety of things. Recent donation \$600 from the Carreiro family/ Div 10 toward the playground.
- 6. New Items discussion
 - a. Status of Playground
 - Almost done!
 - The woodchips are a hard wood product and very safe - no splinters, no chemicals.
 - Waiting on benches and a big red slide before it's complete (aiming for weekend installation).
 - The children are very excited. Promised Div 4,3,2,1 the opportunity to go first, which will hopefully be on Monday. About 70 children can go on the playground at once.
 - The school district has to pave a small strip between the playground and the school - this will be done on Nov 12 - then it will be actually wheelchair accessible.
 - Other divisions will be included on a rotating schedule
 - The fence will be up for a little while but Brett will be able to let children in during school hours until it's officially finished.
 - 1. Formal Celebration event - details tbc. A plaque will also put on it including big donors (Coast Capital, Peninsula Co-op, Gov't, PAC).
 - b. Parent Education Night
 - 1. Collaboration with other SD 61 schools
 - 2. Topics: Anti-racism, Bullying, Mental Health Support
 - Anti-bullying is the topic we would like to focus on. Ros has communicated with Officer Eric about this so he may provide a talk for the parents.
 - Anti-racism is being done with Tillicum elementary (Dec/Jan timeframe)
 - Mental Health Support to be decided
 - c. Parent vs PAC initiated fundraising
 - A reminder to all that any fundraising initiative needs to go through the school / admin so that the school can support it formally. If anyone has an idea, we would really like to hear it, and then be able to run it formally and go through the proper channels. This helps protect any possibilities of liability or potentially fraudulent activity.
 - If a person wishes to fundraise and say that the proceeds from the initiative will be donated to the school district, that would be ok, but it cannot imply that it is a PAC or LakeHill initiative.
 - PAC bylaws need to be updated to clarify this situation.
 - VC PAC may be able to help with this language / clarification.

- d. Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser - February
 - Easy fundraiser. Can go online and order seeds and they ship to people's homes. Then part of the proceeds would come back to the PAC.
 - Karen will help with this organization.
- e. Attendance at North Quadra Community Association
 - Andrea and Roslyn attended the meeting last weekend. They were able to thank the community for contributions to the bottle drive to support the playground. Also updated the community on the upcoming daycare coming to LakeHill. The CEO of the district of Saanich was present. Roslyn also brought forward the active travel report and request for the extension of the sidewalk along Lucas Ave. The consensus is that letters of support to Saanich to make some noise in order to increase the priority of this request.
 - Suggestion of a formal letter to come from Lakehill school and PAC, but also it would be excellent if other interested parents could write letters to Saanich to encourage this sidewalk project.
 - It took over 10 years of advocacy to get the second sidewalk on Borden previously, so we all need to keep pushing this topic again and again.
 - Roslyn to start the letter process and will share with the community.
- f. Need to discuss safety plan / kiosk and supplies plan with PAC / parents and Emma.
- g. Monks: boxes - Andrea still sorting out what happened with this.

7. Administration's Report

- Halloween: good celebration on the Friday before Halloween at school. Seems like people enjoyed this celebration and being in costume was fun.
- Remembrance Day: Yra Binsted is putting together a recorded service and details are getting sorted out to connect as a community while keeping things safe. There may be some elements on zoom.
- ArtStart performance on Tuesday Nov 16: Trent Archiberry (spelling?) will be coming in to perform 3x 30 min live shows: 3 classes in the gym at one time to have a small group performance live.
- Nov 12: ProD day: staff are involved in a pilot project re: reporting in the province is starting to shift and 'catch up' toward the curriculum. The new system relates to a new performance measure and staff will be learning / working toward a change in the reporting process. Brett is excited about this change: "proficiency level" relates to the idea that a student is learning over time. In grade 4 and 5 there will no longer be letter grades. The new language includes: "Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending" and a learner may loop through these stages over time.
- School district has given more funding for 0.4 FTE for school support teacher. Brett believes that there is a higher level of anxiety in schools across all schools. This is an opportunity to create some support for these challenges. Opportunities for social emotional skills, social groups, and stress-response skills may emerge from this staffing addition.
- Food Bank drive: The food banks locally are really in need this year. The school is going to push for a bigger food drive over 3 weeks this year. Week 1: family foods (pastas, sauces, tuna), Week 2: toiletries and socks, Week 3: interesting foods for kids (granola

bars). Display will be in the front of the school. St. Vincent de Paul was very grateful this year. Emma hopes to do another food drive later in the year.

- If we have a family in need in the school community, Emma and Brett would like to know in order to help them through the upcoming season.
- Board Game Cafe donated some games to the school.
- BC Transit coming to the school Nov 30 presenting to each class: bus safety talk. All students are free to use the city bus, and this is an initiative
- Yra is entering the CBC "Primary ORF" competition - grade 3 song and a grade 4,5 song. Trying to record 'Strawberry Moon' song at Beckwith Park. Children are very excited about this!

Next PAC meeting – Thursday, January 6, 2022, 7pm