

Lake Hill Elementary PAC

7pm Thursday, February 10, 2022



Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

Andrea Chan (co-chair) Div 1
Roslyn Gillan (co-chair) Div 4 & 6
Karen Fraser (vice president), Div 4
Stacey Locke (treasurer) Div 3
Meggan Oliver (secretary) Div 3
Robyn Emerson Div 2,6
Monica Hacking Div 8
Tami Sperber Div 1, Div 8
Anita Carreiro Div 10
Cara Jackson Div 6, Div 9
Brett Johnson, principal
Emma Marley, vice principal

2. Review minutes (January 2022)

Minutes accepted (Robyn, Karen seconded)

3. De-brief past events:

- a. Fun Lunch –Jan 14th (Panago)
Andrea: smooth, except cookandcreate couldn't do it. Substitute cookies worked out well and there were no fruitcup options/had to refund those.
154 orders for Panago
- b. Kernels popcorn Day - Jan 26
-144 orders ran smoothly
- c. BC Fruit & Vegetable Program (+ Milk)
-Cara: teachers came and picked up the milk and that went well, fruit and veg went well
Feedback that pears (weren't ripe) and LOTS of pears arrived, so there were higher waste for pears and cucumbers
- There is also free soy milk in the fridge up for grabs
- d. Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Fundraiser (Easter)
8 people have ordered so far, and it is open for more to order. Closes end of March.
- e. Parent Education Night - Feb 3
How to raise an anti-racist child. People who attended enjoyed the point of view of the speaker (spoke from a parent's point of view)- lots of topics and ideas.
5 schools each contributed \$100, 57 people showed up (on Zoom).
- f. Royals Tickets
Andrea: decided to cancel this due to Omicron. Getting a refund on the tickets and cut our losses. Sold 55 tickets and costs were just covered.

4. Current events:

- a. Routine fundraising
 1. Ongoing Bottle Drive- Bin Sort Schedule

4 different groups are routinely sorting now, but we would like more people to sign up whenever possible. They are also accepting MILK products dated after Feb 1 2022 (not flavored or whipped cream)

Brett:

2. Country Grocery Save a Tape, Cobs Dough Raiser, Mabel Labels, Lovable Labels
- b. Winter Fun Lunch - Feb 11 (Adriana's) & Mar 4 (Subway/Sushi)
Andrea: Feb 11 we have 157 orders, March 4 we have 137 orders
- c. Kernels popcorn Day -Feb 23 & March 16
- d. West Coast Seeds Fundraiser
Orders close Friday Feb 18. Andrea to disperse orders
- e. Bottle Drive (morning before school) - Monica aiming for April 8 and will contact Return It in order to see if that date is available. (If for some reason this date doesn't work, then April 22 would be the next best date but that is also a fun lunch day.)
- f. Shred-a-thon scheduled for April 30

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current bank balance: \$33,234
- b. Restricted funds:
 1. Playground \$3,128
 2. Play equipment \$3,483
 3. Emergency preparedness \$350

Received art card and purdy's money since last meeting.

Overall in a great place financially.

6. New Items discussion

- a. Status of Playground
 1. Formal Celebration event
Delaying this until the spring.
- b. Walking School Bus - Beckwith Park
Two parents would like to do this. Cara brought it up and asked if there needs to be anything more official than just organizing this as parents to meet at a certain time and walk together. Cara to spearhead.

C Deciding on next Fundraising Goals

1. Known Projects available:
 - 1. Home reading libraries**
Indigo / Chapters program. In order to qualify, your school has to include an 'inner city' population and Lake Hill will not qualify.
The group voted and agreed that this would be the next priority of funds after the small wooden playground replacement project is complete.
 - 2. Small wooden playground replacement**
Conversation with Blue Imp regarding cost. Budget of \$35,000 allows for about \$20,000 of equipment and \$10,000 to install.
Ashley from Swing Time sent new catalogue - PAC and staff can discuss replacement equipment ideas.
Web climbing nets also being considered.
 - 3. Painting of the Emergency Kiosk**

The school is going to be painted this summer, and the district will paint the kiosk base coat at the same time. So the PAC may consider putting a design on top of this at a later time /next year.

4. Supplies for Emergency Kiosk

Emma wondering about asking for \$5 toward emergency fund instead of \$2 per family in order to buy longer term emergency shelving, and long life food and water.

Also considering building some basic book bins for each grade level in order to store there and have in the kiosk for activities. Also possibility to add games, colouring supplies. Emma has been working with a district emergency preparedness liaison named 'Marketa'.

\$350 emergency funds can go to the school right now. Emma will chat with Marketa and can decide on quantities and prices.

5. Outdoor learning shelter

Is this still of interest to the school? Brett likes the idea and thinks 'if we build it, they will come'. Emma has heard many requests from staff to have a covered play area. The picnic tables and benches (recently installed) are always in use. Perhaps having a covered play area +/- more picnic tables.

Consider doing this in a highly visible area. Perhaps over the nature playground?

Other examples at Lochside, Braefoot, Doncaster.

6. The **portable has been de-constructed and there is an open space** between the basketball court and the school. Brainstorming ways to use this space going forward (it's wet and boggy in the winter and plain/dusty in the summer.)

Garden option? Native garden plants? Could create pathways in between larger plants to go and play amongst the plants. There is an example at Strawberry Vale and another at Cloverdale.

Keep in mind that 2 daycares are getting put in behind the gym. They are likely to be running all year long. ?could they support a garden.

Propose to take the majority of the funds (\$30-\$35,000) and putting it toward the small playground, knowing that it would drain most of the funds. Roslyn proposed this and majority voted to support this.

DECISION: The group voted and agreed that this would be the next priority of funds after the small wooden playground replacement project is complete, beginning with the Shred-a-thon funds.

All voted and supported the idea of asking for \$5 from families to support this at the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year.

c. Spring event

Depending on what is going to happen with COVID restrictions, we would like to have a Spring event toward the end of the year.

d. PAC Executive Elections

We need new officers for the 2022/2023 year!!!

7. Administration's Report

- a. The district delivered a large **'tool trolley'** to the school last year for woodworking. Teachers are going to be trained on how to use it, and opportunities will be available for students to use it to "build stuff".
- b. In the works is a 1 day/week 'youth and family counselor' (will be for the Reynolds family school) in order to support the students.
- c. New EA started: Jamie Stapleton started working in Div 3
- d. Brett is trying to get better access / stairs to get up and down to the basketball courts from the gym area.
- e. Kindergarten age registration - we need to broadcast this information to the community because kindergarten registration this year saw 25 kids register and the district was expecting approximately 35. (Every school is down across the district.)
- f. ProD day Feb 18 - Tapestry conference for teachers across the district
- g. Check 6 news was at the school this week. A parent who is involved with the Victoria Foundation and wanted to do a piece on 'random acts of kindness' so several teachers and students were interviewed.
- h. Valentine's Day Feb 14
- i. Teachers will be dressing up in tutus later in Feb (Feb 22, 2022)
- j. Pink shirt day coming up Wed Feb 23 - same day as student led conferences
- k. Check out the Broadmead Starbucks for Div 3 message hearts at that location with inspiring and positive messages.

Adjourned 8:22pm

Next PAC meeting – Thursday, April 7, 2022, 7pm