

PCSS PAC MEETING

Minutes

November 10, 2020 7pm

1. **Attendance:** Crystal Stankevich, Kelly Fitchett, Sherry Harder, Brian Hamm, Greg Wanke, Jodie Wyatt, Mike Nelson, Tania Wiklund

2. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes:**

Corrections: PAC positions available: Secretary and Vice President.

Motion to accept: Sherry H., Seconded by, Kelly F. : Carried.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Mrs. Shreeves retirement gift:** Morris Flowers gift
- b. **School Planning meeting (Pac engaging parents on needs):** Crystal and Pam attended. Working on a power point presentation. Report consolidating survey results from parents.
- c. **Chromebook Carts** – unable to reimburse for that.
- d. **Hub update** – looking at distributing Naloxone kits in consultation and support with counselling. Free online course for staff. Two Doctors and alternating counsellors currently available two mornings per week.
- e. **Lunch Program update** – good turnout. No mess or waste issues – businesses have approached PAC to take part. Great parent support on Thursday – many students taking part – 144 meals last week from DQ, 97 from Buffalo Trails. Extra lunches are being purchased by PAC. Developing a list of students in need. Positive response overall.

4. **Treasurer's Report – attached to Minutes.**

General account:

Balance as of November 7, 2020: \$ 5,457.94

Gaming:

Balance as of November 7, 2020 : \$ 9,696.97

5. Principal's Report

Remembrance Assembly – Virtual

-grade 12 leadership class made a slideshow to be shared in each classroom

-25 minutes long - link on newsletter and PCSS website

Mandatory Numeracy Exams are complete for Gr 10 + in current math courses – required for Graduation – next session end of January

Dr. Perkins and upper management attended forum at high school (town hall)– met with teachers to address concerns in inequities within district and disgruntlements (It is based out of Nelson, staff wishing more management visibility, frustrations from amalgamation in 90's)– 4 hours of conversation. Formal response on concerns was provided from district. Will be an ongoing process. A broader town hall will be provided next Tuesday when parents are invited. Pre-registration for 5pm next Tuesday.

Restructuring of Educational Assistance staff. Avoided layoffs of EA's at PCSS. Staff have helped to support that. Teachers: district held back some positions to our school not knowing how many kids had enrolled. 1.0 for every head, 10-12 how many courses (8 courses = full student). Close to projections so now have a posting (closes on Friday) – hopefully will get one new teacher for English and Socials. Understaffed counselling due to timetable. Will have one more posting for a support teacher in near future.

Athletics: one community member and staff volunteers afterschool for Volleyball (all grades one afternoon each). Cannot compete with other schools. Drop in basketball in mornings – now shut down with ramping up of virus. Thursdays there is art afterschool. E-sports starting up.

Leadership classes – students working on project regarding transitions from grade 7 – virtual tour of our school – providing info session to grade 7's. Also, many collaborations happening with community projects (food bank, hampers etc).

Rebranding in library: LKB students and staff – renaming spaces to celebrate indigenous presence. A bed identified space and renamed space. Presented to Lower Kootenay Band Chief and Council. Sturgeon Nose Canoe – keeper of history, vessel of journey and exploration/preservation. Installing actual sturgeon canoe made by Kai Louie's father (Wayne Louie) displayed in library. Library having monthly displays for different groups.

Mr. McIntyre received grant for \$25, 000 to use within tech education/computer lab – will be improving working space.

Gay/Straight Alliance - advocating for space in school for regular meetings during breaks

Some students addicted and heavily influenced by vaping – struggling with having closed campus. Opened some areas for kids to slip off for their puff between classes. Big issue with grade 8/9 – vaping in bathrooms. Looking at taking off bathroom doors while allowing for privacy with stall doors. Struggling with finding balance. Find way to curb this problem. Some students uncomfortable with using bathrooms. Exploring gender neutral bathrooms. Primarily one bathroom. More discussion to be had.

PCSS trying to improve communication – newsletter is primary source for that. Open to PAC involvement. Some issues with emails not getting to all parents. This is on the radar.

6. New Business

Funding request from Mr. Elliot – PCSS music class grade 8 - 15 for new ukuleles and cases \$750 – - PAC to take out of gaming. New mixing board for PA system for community - \$200 out of general.

11 pumpkins for art class to carve for Morris Flowers – Team Todd won for Oscar the grouch pumpkin. Karen Hawkins has delivered prizes to kids.

7. PAC positions for 2 year term.

- a. **Vice-President: Crystal Stankevich**
- b. **Secretary: Tania Wiklund**

8. Adjournment at 8:10pm

9. Next Meeting December 8, 2020 – 9am

PCSS PAC Monthly Financial Report

PCSS General Account

Balance as of Oct 12/2020 \$ 2,531.33

Gift for Peggy Shreeves - \$113.39

Fog Machine - \$325.00

Hot lunch deposit #1 (Oct-Nov 12/2020) + \$2812.75

Hot lunch expenses #1:

Panago \$480.00 - \$1807.50

Golden Flour \$555.75

Dairy Queen \$771.75

Buffalo Trails -TBD

September service charge - \$8.00

CDCU - binder for cheques - \$20.00

Hot lunch deposit #2 (Nov 19-Dec10) + \$2,387.75

Balance as of Nov 7, 2020 \$ 5457.94

Gaming Account:

Balance as of Oct 12/2020 \$ 12,488.41

Shot clock - \$ 2423.00

Fog Machine - \$325.00

Sept service charges - \$2.00

Snacks for students - \$ 41.44

Balance as of Nov 7, 2020 \$ 9696.97