

Holly Elementary PAC

General Meeting Minutes

October 30th, 2019

Welcome and Introductions:

The agenda and the minutes from May 15, 2019 were approved.

Principal's report:

- Welcome from Jackie (vice principal).
- New initiative for school, connectedness. Jackie speaks about kindness, and "Holly has Heart". Teachers collaborate and brainstorm goals for kids. Mr. Smelly is one of the organizers, he is working on links and resources for parents, lessons for children and the 5 qualities that kids will learn with this new initiative. Teachers will work on recognizing the qualities in younger students, while older students will focus on leadership. More information to follow.
- Stereo system replacement, a lower cost option is preferable. Keri looking into a smaller set of 2 portable speakers with Bluetooth capabilities. Cost would be \$1657, we will continue to use the current speaker in the meantime. The new speakers will be at the school sometime in November.
- Keri speaks to pac about sensory walk (Hawthorne has this installed), interesting options for students to explore. Looking to make installment in main cross hall, not in front of any classrooms. \$350 for materials is estimated; Keri will provide info and visuals.
- Projectors need replacing, a couple have been done now but the rest will need replacing. The cost for replacing one was \$823.
- Gary Nay (mural artist) would like to know if we're interested in postcards of mural, we could sell them at the Christmas market. The cost would be \$2.25 each, also, he has 10x21 framed prints for sale. The cost for these is \$40.
- Keri is looking to create a committee to look after the emergency bin. Looking for quarterly or bi-annual maintenance (sept/January).
- Keri spoke about the Australian visitors Holly had. They toured classrooms and felt that Holly was a great example of a school that is comfortable and is committed to "walking the walk".
- With the retirement of Mrs. Lumsden, the pac was wondering if a choir would be in place at Holly in the coming future. Possibly in January, on Wednesdays. Possible candidates for choir leader may be Mrs. Park or Ms. Fraser. A class dance is in the works for the Christmas concert, this would be led by Ms. Jamie (Deas Island Dance). Pac will look into possible compensation for Ms. Jamie's time in this endeavor. We may be able to allocate funds from the music budget, Keri will follow up.

Teacher's Report:

- Mrs. Stockill not in attendance.

DPAC Report: What is the DPAC rep?

The DPAC rep is elected into the position and attends meetings once a month at the school board office with pac reps from all the other schools in delta and the superintendant and school trustees. There are discussions about happenings in the school district, education opportunities etc. These are then reported back to the general PAC meetings.

Doug Shepherd - Superintendant- report

He said that he was very proud of the work going on in Delta and the smooth transition into the new school year. He spoke to the educational goals in the district that all students would be reading by grade 3 and have the connectedness needed in the school to succeed. Each student having 2 people in the school that believe in them and their success,

Graduation rate in Delta is very high and we need to be proud of that but are the students graduating with purpose as to where they are going to next?

The dpac reps raised concerns about our curriculum and grading system and how they will be received post secondarily and around the world. Mr. Shepherd reassured everyone that the response has been very positive and the post secondary is looking not just at the grades but the analytics as to how likely they will be to finish the 4 year degree. They have started to look at the whole person.

Grades 10-12 must be given percentage and letter grades for every reporting period but even in grade 4-7 it can be requested even though most schools are using the performance scale.

Laura Dixon-School trustee:

Elected by us and responsible to us, will bring forward any concerns of the parents, consult with the ministry of education if required. They are accountable to tax payers and want to ensure improvement of education outcomes

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report is approved.
- Erica will apply for the gaming licence for this year.
- We will be adding \$1000 to the music budget for Ms. Jamie.
- We may be adding \$2 for granola bars for the emergency bin. Estimating \$192 for granola bars.
- Jackie will speak to Johanna regarding the school magnets. She will follow up.
- Pac is wondering what to do with almost expired granola bars from e-bin. Treat day is a possibility.
- The deadline for teachers to use money that is budgeted for the teacher's fund is April 1st.
- Julia wondered if we could get rid of the stump left in the field. We may need a work order from the district, could we use money from the gardening budget to remove it? Will follow up.

President's Report:

- Shannon requests a motion to make Amanda a co-chair, motion approved.
- Welcome back BBQ raised \$375
- A second clothing drive is planned for the spring
- A second book fair is planned for February
- The annual Christmas market is scheduled for November 16th, will create a sign up genius event for volunteers
- Pancake breakfast is scheduled for November 29th. Julia Mellish is planning the event, Shannon will set up a sign up genius event for volunteers. Keri will include an announcement for the market and the breakfast in her next PATW.
- Looking for hot lunch volunteers.
- Spirit wear ordering is done; the profits are approximately \$800. Rebecca may open ordering again in the spring. We may include clothing samples and order sheets at next year's welcome BBQ. Delivery for ordered items may be mid November.
- The current fundraiser for Neufeld Farms will use the profits to cover costs already spent for this year's grade 6 camp. PAC needs to raise \$1000 for funds already spent.
- Grade 5 parents should begin fundraising to cover costs for next year's camp. Grade 5 parents will run this year's sports day concession. Allison Day has offered to help run events. Parents could do pub night at the landing, as well as a bottle drive.
- Next year's camp is scheduled for September 14th 2020 at camp Jubilee, at the same cost as camp Elphinstone.
- This year's spring fair is planned for May 22 2020, planning will begin in January. Volunteers will be needed.
- Parents are wondering whether we will have yearbooks this year. There were none last year (only for the grade 7s), due to privacy concerns. Keri is open to discussion.
- The school website is going to be updated, we may be adding parent communication links as well as PATW and a link to sign up genius.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.