

Holly Elementary PAC

General Meeting

February 10, 2021

Welcome and Introductions:

- The agenda for this meeting was approved.
- The minutes from our last meeting were approved.
- We had 17 participants for this virtual meeting.

Principal's Report:

- Red, white and pink week is going very well. The focus is on heart in mind not necessarily on valentine's day. It's been a fun week for students.
- PATW (peek at the week) is a good source of communication for parents and students; feedback is appreciated.
- Holly will be receiving a donation from Applewood Motors in the amount of \$1000 dollars. We are hoping to put this generous amount into a new environmental project for students. See vice principal's report.

Vice Principal's Report:

- At this time, we are focusing on new health and safety protocols.
 - All adults are now required to wear masks at all times, even within learning groups.
 - PE equipment is cleaned between groups.
 - Masks must be worn at all times during music class.
 - Band requires 2m of distance, and designated spacing. Equipment that is shared must be cleaned thoroughly.
 - Maintaining physical distance outside of classrooms is very important.
- Designated spacing areas are working well for separation.
 - Benefits students who struggle with social skills and routine. As well as those who need extra supervision.
- Emergency bin is very well stocked; water and granola bars must be replenished due to expiration dates. Joanna can look into pricing and ordering of these items.

- A new initiative for this spring at Holly:
 - Grade 6 students and teachers will be joining Farm Roots (mini school), to build a real scale greenhouse in the school's courtyard.
 - We hope to encourage and teach farm to table initiatives. We hope to have support from local farmers.
 - We are in contact with a group in Sweden, who may be able to help us to grown microgreens via Facebook.
 - Next year we would like to include grade 7 students as well, and grow more produce.
 - In future, we would also look into building flowerbeds and installing grow lights.
 - We are ear marking a \$3000 dollar grant for this initiative.
 - PAC chair Rachel MacInnes would like to donate red wiggler worms to the school for the greenhouse.

Teacher's Report:

- Colleen Grounds is our teacher stand-in for this meeting.
- Grade 7 grad hoodies are done.
- Yearbook is in progress.
- Grade 7 students are in charge of their own fundraising. PAC does provide \$10 dollars per student towards grad festivities at the end of the year.

DPAC Report:

- Doug Shepherd (superintendent) presentation
- Report on FESL – framework for enhancing student learning
 - Goal to improve educational outcomes for all students
- Every 10 years a group meets to develop a plan, align district plans and create a report to review progress.
- The vision created for 2010-2020 drove towards core values and mission statement (displayed at the school's office)
 - The vision 2030 process starts this spring
 - The focus has been on the educated citizen
 - Literate
 - Develop individual potential
 - Acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to contribute to a healthy, democratic and pluralistic society and a prosperous and sustainable economy.
 - The idea is to develop the educated citizen looking at the intellectual, human, social and career development of every student.

- Within the vision, they want enough space for educators to be creative towards a goal and they want the vision to drive creativity.
- The educational goals have been:
 - Connectedness- every student having 2 adults that believe in them
 - Readers- all will be reading by grade 3
 - Assessment- big 3: where am I at, where am I going, how do I get there
 - Graduation- no one left behind
- Who will be involved?
 - Parents will help by collaborating and supporting
 - PAC will engage with schools with goal setting
 - DPAC will give input and feedback on spring vision and with a review
 - Committees will input with direction and with review

Treasurer's Report:

- Erica has no new transactions.
- Current bank balances are \$47k General; \$16k Gaming.
- Purdy's fundraiser has so far made \$600 dollars in sales; \$157 of that amount goes towards Holly.
 - Pick up is at the end of march
 - Keri will be sending out another reminder for parents, and ordering ends March 26.
 - We will look into possibly advertising on local sites (Ladner landing), but a parent must do the posting.
- Spirit wear (Holly gear) made \$905 dollars.

President's Report:

- Rachel was looking into a by-law change allowing faculty to join the PAC. We have decided to not make changes at this time, and if any parents are interested, we are still looking to fill the position of co-chair.
- Rainy day raffle is in the works. Funds would go towards an undercover play area.
 - We are looking for contractor quotes
 - Erica will apply for the gaming license once we have set a date for this event. Details to be discussed. We cannot advertise until we have acquired the license.

New Business:

- Danica H. asks about budget for this year- this will be posted on the school's website.
- Rebecca C. is preparing to launch spirit wear sales. Details to come.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm