

WL McLeod Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020

In attendance: Mandi Davidson, Libby Hart, Paula Wylie, Dannilee Marttinen, Candace Lawrence, Anna Manwaring, Michelle Roberge, Heidi Tanninen, and Amber Tait.

1. Call to Order - **5:49 PM**
 2. Quorum of Membership - **NO**
 3. Introductions and Explanation about PAC: **N/A**
 4. Review of last meeting minutes:
Accepted as read: Amber Tait,
Seconded: Anna Manwaring.
All in favour.
 5. Review of meeting agenda:
Accepted as read: Mandi Davidson,
Seconded: Candace Lawrence.
All in favour.
 6. Executive Reports:
 - a. **Chair's Report:**
 - i. Met up with other executives at the before school started PAC executive meeting.
 - ii. DFS is here, we will need to coordinate a time that would work best for a couple of us to come into the school to sort these.
 - b. **Vice-Chair's Report:**
 - i. Attended PAC executive meeting before school started.
 - c. **Secretary's Report:**
 - i. Completed the PAC meeting minutes and prepared the agenda.
 - ii. Signed a few cheques here and there.
 - iii. Attended the PAC executive meeting before school started.
 - iv. Have been posting lots of facebook to try to keep parents updated through all of this.
 - d. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - i. Paid bills and tried to have everything up to date and organized for next Treasurer for 2020/21.
- Farm to School - \$10,271.70**
- i. Just the basic activity in this account for wages, groceries, and supplies.

PAC - \$6,539.58

- i. Still need to deposit one cheque from sd91.

Gaming - \$16,552.67

- i. Talked to Gaming and they explained things are less flexible as it was at first. Initially they said we can do subscriptions to accounts, but that is only if it is extra curricular. Not for learning purposes. So things that can be funded are things like snow shoes, supplies for outdoor, extra playground, etc. Things that PAC can own, but the school classrooms and students can use.
- ii. Applied for gaming grant a few months ago.
- iii. Completed the Gaming Summary Report last week. We will hear back by the end of October about the grant for this year.

e. Principal's Report:

- i. 257 students. 3 students are doing distance learning, and 6-7 are currently home schooling. Parents have been amazing about following the "Daily Health Check" and about picking up students who have had to be sent home.
- ii. Lots of new teachers this year. The position for english grade 4/5 class has not been filled yet. Candace is covering the position for now.
- iii. New bell schedule has been amazing! Much calmer with the separate lunches and no bells throughout the day.
- iv. Terry Fox run is on Thursday. Ultimate frisbee tournament will still be happening, it will just be a McLeod only version. We have suggested to other schools that they do something similar.
- v. First assembly was a walking assembly. It was great for the students to get to see all of the new faces and yell hello through the doors.

f. Vice-Principal's Report:

- i. We have been finding new ways to do things. Technology has been so helpful to make things more accommodating.
- ii. Assessments for reading/math are starting already.
- iii. Things have been going quite smoothly all together!

7. OLD Business:

- a. Farm to School COVID Wages - School board office has agreed to cover the wages from the end of last year, when we had no incoming cash through farm to school. They will be reimbursing us soon.
- b. PAC Message Board - Anna did all of the beautiful chalk art work on the side of the school. She will update this for us soon. We have put purchasing a message board on the backburner for now.
- c. Grade 6 Celebration - Still waiting to see what we can do for them. If we are unable to bring them back to celebrate them, Libby will bring their plaques over to the high school to give to them at least.

- d. Teacher Funds -
 - i. PAC should send around an email asking for ideas of what the teachers think would be good for PAC to purchase for their use. Or we should go ahead and purchase some sort of playground equipment. Anna will price out some tire swings.
 - ii. PAC will also go ahead with the card and cash for each teacher. Libby will email Dannilee a list of teachers and Dannilee will make the cards for this again this year.
- e. 20/21 Fundraisers - We will start off the first half of the year with 3 fundraisers: Colibri, Fresh to You, and DFS.
 - i. Colibri will start tomorrow (online only), Anna will send Lindsay the information to add to the school newsletter.
 - ii. Fresh to You has offered to donate a bundle #2 to the school for every bundle sold. We should hear back from Fresh to You by the end of the month to know if we have been accepted.
 - iii. DFS is in, we just need to come up with a good time for a couple of us to come into the school to sort these for the classrooms.

8. NEW Business:

- a. Families on Facebook - How can we get more families involved and on our Facebook page?
 - i. We will plan to keep sharing certain facebook posts out to the Vanderhoof Community facebook page. This seems to have added a few followers to our page.
 - ii. We should look into doing up a facebook engagement contest of some sort (maybe a draw). PAC executives will come up with an idea for this.
- b. Social/Open House - We all tried to look into ideas on how we could make this work. There was nothing that would seem to work, so this will not be happening this year.
- c. Student Helpers - Lindsay has been discussing with the office helpers that they are under no circumstances to allow anyone to pick up students without first checking with Lindsay or another staff member.
- d. Road Direction - The district surprised us a few days before school was supposed to start with the fact that they were going to change Damon square into a one way in the other direction. Libby contacted them quick and said to hold off on this until we can discuss it further. The district is now going to be talking with the bus garage and school to work on finding out a better option for this as it being a one direction going the other way, would not be a good

option for our children's safety.

e. Grants -

- i. PC Equipment grant had to wait until the first PC grant was completed, but after that was completed, Heidi went to go for the equipment grant and it now seems to be closed due to COVID. Heidi will email them to double check.
- ii. Co-op also has a grant available. We should pass the information for this grant along to Ravi when he comes to Vanderhoof.

Adjourned: 6:39 PM

Next Meeting: October 19, 2020 @ 5:00pm. F2S Meeting will be directly following.