

Thompson Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes for the June 9, 2021 Meeting

Attendees

Jen Dahl, Pavan Padda, Raj Chatha, Harjeet Manhas, Mandy Lichtmann, Bill Juhasz, Imelda Nurwisah, Kay Li, Catherine Wong, Rosa Maria Salazar, Jenny Lai, Gillian Yen.

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Jen Dahl at 9:13 am.

We hope all the students and families feel very safe at the school.

Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2021 PAC Meeting

A motion was made by Rosa Maria Salazar to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 PAC meeting. Imelda Nurwisah seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

First Call for Nominations for the PAC Executive for 2021/22

Chair and Vice Chair

Rosa Maria Salazar nominated Jen Dahl to be PAC Chair and Pavan Padda to be Vice chair.

Treasurer

Catherine Wong will assume the Treasurer position as this is Raj Chatha's last year
Imelda Nurwisah nominated Catherine for treasurer.

Secretary

Jen Dahl nominated Mandy Lichtmann for Secretary.

Committee Head Nominations for 2021/22

The following have agreed to hold the positions listed:

Fruit & Vegetable Program Head - Jennie Lai

Yearbook Head- Kay Li

Crossing Guard Head – we will talk to Edna Bevan about resuming the role

Safe Arrival – Lily The

Emergency preparedness – Celine Vowles

Hot lunch - Yvonne Chan and Linda Wei.

Special Events – Position open. The first event is Terry Fox Run. We need organizing volunteers for cutting oranges and crossing guards.

Parent Educator Coordinator – After the meeting, Imelda Nurwisah volunteered for this position. Thank you Imelda!

RDPA Coordinator - Position open. Monthly meetings. Every PAC can have a representative attend the meeting.

Multicultural coordinator – Position open. This role mainly provides translation. Josephine Wei and Karen Fung have helped a lot.

Harjeet - thanks to Bill for all the photos. Hopefully next year there will be more parent photos. Thanks to Edge Imaging, software for yearbook. Great templates. User friendly.

Bill Juhasz – Happy to provide Tea and Talk meetings for hot topics when we are past COVID.

Treasurers Report - Raj

End of year, not much happening except receipts for teacher allotments coming in.

Catherine Wong is glad to join the team as new treasurer. Thank you Catherine!

Principal's Report – Bill Juhasz

Thank you to everyone for volunteering. We are looking forward to hopefully more of a typical year in September. Everyone is to be commended for their strength this year. Parent support at Thompson is great. We have a common goal here to work together and it is very special community.

Teachers are currently having placement meetings. We are anticipating 9 divisions next year but it could change. Emphasis on balanced classes: special needs, gender, ELL, academic. Individualized learning is the focus now.

Harjeet said she enjoyed the grade 6/7 model of students having both Mrs. McCaskill and Mr. Dimmick teaching the classes.

Grade 7 Grad is on June 28 at 10:30 am. Students will line up with their parents, have a photo op, yearbook signing then a luncheon in the gym. There will be speeches from students and teachers. Teachers will run special games with prizes.

Staffing – we will most likely be downsized to 9 divisions. Every student is coming back in the Fall except one kindergarten student that did transitional learning all year. All other transitional students will return to Thompson.

Mrs. Heinrichs is retiring. Ms. Perez will teach grades 2/3. There will be a new Resource teacher in for Ms Perez. Ms. Buss is leaving and Ms. Ginet will be back in September. Bill hopes to keep Mr. Nazo for Band.

Playground: Three quotes have been requested by our Playground Committee. Steel & plastic, traditional versus a more natural design with logs, etc. Waiting for quotes from all. Thinking the playground will cost \$175K. Fundraising amount will then be determined. Playground committee will lead fundraising. Jen asked when we will know if we get the grant. Follow up: we will find out if we are successful in receiving the grant in spring 2022.

We did not get the library grant that Thompson applied for.

Second Call for Nominations for the PAC Executive for 2021/22

No additional nominations came forward.

With this being Harjeet's last year at the school, we will need people with cheque signing authority. Jen will remain a cheque signer. Pavan and Mandy will also have cheque signing authority. They will make plans to go to the bank together to arrange this.

PAC Executive for 2021/22

The following were sustained by acclamation:

Chair - Jen Dahl

Vice Chair - Pavan Padda

Treasurer – Catherine Wong

Secretary – Mandy Lichtmann

Big thank you to Liz, Harjeet and Raj for their outstanding volunteer contributions over the years. Raj for many years as PAC treasurer. Harjeet for her years on the PAC exec, work on the yearbook and hot lunch committee. Liz Ritchie for her years of running the hot lunch program.

The meeting adjourned at: 10:15 am