



JAMES THOMPSON ELEMENTARY

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 29, 2024

Attendees: Jen Dahl, Nicolle Kit, Pavan Padda, Gillian Yen, Sharon Hoffinger, Gurjit Bains, Terry Nowak, Imelda Nourwisah, Jiyeon Kim, Kay Li, Angela Louis, Josephine Wei.

Welcome

9:00am Jen Dahl welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of April 24, 2024 Meeting

Motion moved by Terry Nowak, seconded by Pavan Padda. Minutes from the April 24, 2024 meeting were approved. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

- Jen briefly discussed the revenue and expenditure of the budget. Hot lunch has been doing really well. \$2000 of the profit would be transferred to the Grade 7 farewell account. The scholarship has been sent to Burnett. Sharon is leaving, Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Scott are both retiring. PAC usually spends some money on gifts for retiring staff.
- The final allotment for teachers will come in June. High jump mat has been purchased. Catherine will finalize all the expenses and close out the year at the end of August.

First Call for Nominations for PAC Executives 2024/2025

- Jen Dahl nominated Nicolle Kit to be Chair, Josephine Wei seconded.
- Imelda Nourwisah nominated Catherine Wang as Treasurer, Nicolle seconded.
- Terry Nowak nominated Pavan Padda as Vice-Chair, Jen seconded.
- Imelda nominated Gillian Yen as Secretary, Angela Louis seconded.
- Nicolle nominated Terry as Co-Chair, Jiyeon seconded.

Yearbook Update

- Orders have been closed. Parents like the idea of having Spirit Week for the whole week.

Playground Update

- Sharon said it was a tie between the two designs. The most important thing was to have slides, monkey bars, bouncy bridges, and parallel ribbon slides. Discussion with the design of the playground. PAC would be doing community build to save the cost. The quote included the concrete and we would need our own supplies and volunteers. We didn't have a date yet for install but we would try to do it on a weekend like 2-3 days.
- Playground fundraising has not stopped.

Principal Report

- The new principal Kevin Vine is very kind, great at technology and has a great sense of humour. He has a young family and is eager to meet everyone at the school.
- The grade 6/7 Outdoor Education Camp had a great time. The staff came up with a thoughtful list of things about the camp. We have already reserved our next date to be at the end of September 2025.
- Track and Field participation was fabulous. There would be a ribbon ceremony at 1:00pm in the school for the event. Great turnout of our school at the BC Track.
- The Passion Show was a success. The staff really want to do it again.
- Grade 7 visited Burnett. There were lots of transitions happening behind the scenes that started back in February. Welcome to K on Friday. Band concert on Monday. Sports Day next Friday is going to be an Olympic theme.
- The school is busy hiring for next year. Mrs. Watt Grade 2 / 3 teacher and Nadine Scott, our EA teacher, are both retiring. Both have been here for 23 years. Our grade 5 / 6 teacher Ms. Whitelaw has to reapply.
- Grade 7 event on June 21, 2024. There will be a final assembly to say goodbye to all staff on June 27, 2024.
- June 13, 2024 11:20am evacuation drill - invite all parents to come and practise what we should do during an emergency.

Second Call for Nominations

- PAC is looking for someone who can shadow the Treasurer as this is Catherine last year.

We are declaring by acclamation, PAC Executive for 2024/2025 are:

- Nicolle Kit and Terry Nowak, Co-Chair
- Pavan Padda, Vice Chair
- Catherine Wang, Treasurer
- Gillian Yen, Secretary

Teacher's Appreciation Lunch

- June 12 Wednesday 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am

NEXT PAC MEETING: TBA in September 2024 at Thomson School Library