

Monday Dec 01, 2025

December PAC Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 18:02

Attendees: Tyler, Lexi, Melissa, Kelsie, Michelle, Megan, Christine, Serena.
Teacher(s): Sandra and Liz.

Principal's Report

Additional Discussion:

New website going live soon, will include school learning plan.

This is a living document, to adjust goals, November staff meeting discusses Mission and Vision, no big changes but discussion around are we "replicable" and plan to "act wisely"

Website will allow better promotion of these key statements.

Accepting soup donations to the second harvest.

Winter concert. Kids in gym last year was difficult for amount of time sitting still and gym was very crowded. This year students will stay in classrooms until performance time and be a classroom before and after.

Hygge- December 18th at 1:00 PM. Recommendations for cozy clothes to celebrate warmth and connection. There'll be a 1 PM dismissal from class for students to participate. It'll be held interior and exterior in specific spaces led by teachers.

PAC last year provided cookies. This year it'll be chili and bannock and profit will go back to covering cost of visit to residential schools.

Next topic: Michelle wondering about ASKEWS cards as fundraiser. Maybe this school could lead for that cost (pre purchased then sold). Sandra will consider.

Melissa clarifying that parents are invited to Hygge event, Yes families welcome!

Melissa asking if additional CEA coming to the school. Sandra replies, no, staying at five CEAs.

Sandra to confirm cost for chili suggested donation.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Carpenter).

Verbal Discussion due to computer issues.

PAC received cheque for \$600 from Fountain Tire fundraiser.

\$81.36 from Mabel's label, which is an ongoing fundraiser.

PAC issued cheques for \$200 per division for \$1400 total outgoing funds.

The Purdy's fundraiser closed with approximately \$2,300 to accounts not yet received, so exact number to be determined. Comments that Purdy's fundraiser was very successful.

Food boxes \$25 to PAC with \$20 paid to Demilles's for \$5 profit per box and at this time 18 boxes are sold.

Account balance for general account is \$7,023.11, and the gaming account has \$8,738.31.

Carmen clarifying that the Purdy's fundraiser brought in \$2,310.17, and there may be a bit more as a separate cheque will come as we hit a higher percentage bracket due to sales.

Teacher's Report

Liz Wilmont

Thanks for having a teacher at the PAC meeting. There is now a sign-up sheet so teachers can sign up for future PAC meetings. Liz spoke with teachers today.

Div 1- leaves have fallen and they are now out in the forest.

Div 2- they are now having their sit spots in the snow and next week a sleigh ride field trip.

Div 3- spending lots of time at the trails, playing the squirrel game. Having lots of fun acting out preparation for winter.

Div 4.-Learning about pre-contact and colonization and landscape changes.

Div 5-Intergenerational visits at care home and frequent pond visits.

Div 6- Settling in with morning walks and reflection for soft starts.

Div 7- quite a bit of hiking at trails. Larch Hills is getting booked in January and February for upcoming cross-country field trips.

Friday, Jan 30, Pirate Loppet is confirmed date.

All classes are currently participating in door decorating, complete by 12/15.

Miss Wilmot will be organizing a knitting room for Hygge night if any people are skilled and want to join in Div 3? Tyler asks if it will be crochet as well. Liz is open to the idea if independent crocheters, then they could feel free to teach.

Agenda Items

Bottle collections

Ongoing. Tyler, Lucy, and Derek are coordinating to pick up bags and bottles. Drop off by the new wheelchair ramp. A reminder that bottles need to be in clear or blue plastic bags. Additional instructions to come on Facebook. And we need to clarify whether the school account is being correct, whether the school phone number is being used for the account. Tyler wondering if location is an issue. Sandra says there's no issue with the location at this time. Tyler wondering if we need to build a box for collections. Sandra says it's not an issue at this time.

Spring Fling

Carmen and Mary have volunteered to co-lead the spring fling. Carmen thinks that this will be a great collaboration. She feels like it is a great event and one that the reasons their family came to the school and wants to see it continued. The PAC agrees to share previous vendor contacts via email and history of previous spring fling budgets for Mary and Carmen's planning purposes. The treasurer has records of barbecue and purchase list and what was bought back by PAC for estimating food volumes.

Mary bringing up at the last meeting there was discussion around adult vendors versus junior vendors. Mixed opinions to continue with both adult and junior vendors. Mary notes that there is significant effort to coordinate adult vendors and Carmen wondering if the time is worth the profit of organizing. If it's not worth it as a fundraiser to consider it more of as a school event. But this needs to be supported by looking at previous profit.

Melissa mentions that some of the adult vendors are parents in the school and that she will get the vendor fees table rental information to Carmen in the next week. Tyler mentions that they were a family with an adult vendor table and did not feel like they were in competition with kids being there. Kelsie mentions that adult vendors may have attracted attendance to the event to then attend the barbecue and have income that route. Melissa mentions that it was approximately \$2,300 profit from entire Spring Fling last year.

Decision of whether to continue with adult vendors or stop will be left with Carmen and Mary to decide as the coordinators. Discussion re date for Spring Fling, aiming for first week of May. Plan to check with other packs if they are having spring fling or carnivals as well. Previous conflict with Hillcrest and Carlin Country Market. Serena will check after the January DPAC meeting.

A big thank you to Carmen and Mary for stepping up.

Bazaar Bizarre

December 17th

Dropping off items Friday December 12.

Set up Monday December 15.

Selling and wrapping on December 17th from 9 till 2.

Pack up and clean up that afternoon. Melissa has a concern of not enough stuff. Put the word out for more donations needed.

Food Boxes

Michelle, cutoff for payment is December 4. Thank you, Serena, for organizing.

\$25 box will include potatoes, onions, carrots, apples, and satsuma oranges. December 11th delivery for sorting and dividing the boxes. Michelle has enough help at this time.

DPAC Advocacy letter

Serena Kaner is a DPAC representative, trying to align a strategy with the district to communicate that there is not enough classroom support and put a form to the ministry. The NDP promised K to 2 CEAs in every class and this standard is not being met. The DPAC is asking PACs to write letters to the ministry asking for more help or a personal statement letter. Writing the superintendent is not helpful. There is a trend of decreasing CEAs in classes over the last 10 years.

Serena mentions that if a child has not been allowed opportunities due to lack of support, these stories are especially helpful. Form letters are also helpful. The D PAC has form letters. This will be uploaded to Facebook for parents. Serena will send to Sandra to go to all parents.

End of agenda items.

Michelle K. mentioning spirit wear sale. The items were expensive. Were sold at cost. It was a local company, the only profit was on toques. There was approximately \$99 from toques sales that will go to the PAC. If the minimum order numbers weren't met, then they still had to be covered. Michelle K. did cover this in order for the order to be completed. Wondering if in the future this could be covered by PAC? Or could the school cover the spirit wear sale, but not at this time. Michelle bought five additional items in various sizes to ensure the order could be completed. Sandra says there's no

budget for that. The family affordability grant wasn't renewed this year, and last year's funding was used up to purchase shoes. The PAC could likely consider covering this in the future. To be reviewed before next year's sale. Otherwise, Michelle K may try to sell additional stock she has on Facebook over the holidays.

Next Meeting

JAN 07 @ 1440 IN PERSON.

Meeting adjourned: 7:16PM