

Parent Advisory Council
Pitt Meadows Elementary School
Ecole Elementaire Pitt Meadows

PAC Agenda

Feb. 11, 2020 6:30pm

PME Library

Meeting begun: 6:32pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:15pm

Minutes by: Lianna Henderson

Review & Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda by Amber Potter. Seconded by Kristen McDonald. Approved.

Review & Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes by Erin Schwarz, seconded by Kristen McDonald. Approved.

Principal's Report

- March 5/6 will be conferences, with an 'art show' by primary classes
- Laptops will be provided by district: MacBookPros that have been refurbished have been supplied
- Last week, 4 trustees visited the school, escorted by grade 6/7 representatives. According to the 6/7's the teachers are the best part of the school!
- Family literacy night was well attended- geared to primaries, invited to come in pj's and read together. They enjoyed a snack and a book to come home.
- Ski trips have gone well- there is one left
- Assemblies have been on themes of perseverance; and the heart and stroke foundation who presented. Jump club at lunch has begun as a result, as well as 'drop everything and jump'. Fundraising will need to be returned for Feb. 25/26
- SFU students have visited from the PDP program and they have run experiments with the grade 6/7s
- Caine's arcade- the kids were engaged and involved. Older kids developed the arcade and ran the games for the younger primaries.
- PALS was run for preschool families, but turn out was low. The next is in April, so we are asking
- Basketball teams are doing remarkably well
- Quebec trips are going well, with returns planned for tomorrow

- Feb. 26 is pink shirt day
- Feb. 27 is the Lunch box theater presentation
- RAC is spreading throughout the school- Mrs. VanSickle's class went to the council meeting to propose a 'RAC' day, and made the papers. The kids have also spread caring throughout the school.
- Thursdays Pro-D will be spent learning about SEL (Social-Emotional Learning)
- The karate group kindly donated their time to taking down the fence art so that we can repaint those that are salvageable
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Health & Safety Report (Arlen Sagard)

- Emergency bin- Arlen and Barb opened the container today. Perishables are on one side, with gymnastics equipment and carnival games on the other. If we want another container onsite, the cost would be approximately \$7000. The larger gymnastic pieces are some of the only left in the district, and the students benefit from the opportunity to use it. There may be additional storage on the stage for carnival games. IF we can get a container, we have a parent willing to move it on site.
- Arlen will contact Eileen to check on history and orders for emergency equipment

Chair Report

- Lunch box intermediates: proposed dates of April 14-May 21. There is some conflict with Quebec students and Jubilee, but we may be able to work around it.
- The district is ready for the new playground to arrive on spring break, and the school has requested that the other playground be painted. The rubber installation is weather dependent. Friday, April 3 at 11:30 is proposed as the 'grand opening' day for the community, if all goes ahead as planned.
- We would like the concrete playground painting and basketball hoops to be revitalized and we are willing to sponsor the work. Barb will check what the district can do.
- We would like to support the outdoor activity by purchasing equipment for the classroom teacher. Amber will look into donations or purchasing. We can also talk to classes to see what they would like in their bins.
- We would like to see the school look more welcoming, and inviting – we can reach out to students to see what they would like.
- We would like a long-throw ceiling projector in the gym with a pull-down screen. It will need to be simple and durable. Kevin will look into getting a quote for the equipment needed.
- Looking to May: elections. If we have heard by word-of-mouth about people being interested, it may be worth planning to get them involved.
- Primary Fun Day: there will be 2 sides to the field; 1 with the traditional rotation stations and 1 with the PAC carnival stations. There will be about 150 kids on both sides.

Fundraising Committee

- Roses and Valentine's popup will be tomorrow. We sold 29 roses online. The others will be on sale tomorrow at lunch or after school with the heart cookies- the order was for about 390 cookies.
- Movie night- Facebook and Munchalunch is up with preorders available for pizza and couches. There will be a family day contest for the final couch. It is Tame your Dragon 3. We can pre-buy popcorn so we don't have to pop all day.
- April 14-April 30 the hanging baskets will be on sale on Munchalunch, with Amber and Kristen advertising with a basket for the last week
- Fun Day- will be planned for April, including a coloring contest and an estimation contest
- St Patricks popup- the final day before spring break
- Hot lunch: pretty positive feedback for the new vendor, with the exception of a fork shortage. We will remind parents to send a utensil if possible, and purchase some more to have on hand. We may try Booster Juice as our next trial.

Treasurer (Luba King)

- Luba is not here, and will update at the next meeting

CPF Report

- Hosted a PME parent survival night, which went well. There is some interest in setting up an afterschool support program with older kids buddied with younger.
- Next meeting is Thursday, Feb 20 at 6:30pm at LVE
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Fruit and Veggie

- A parent is concerned that the fruit is not being washed-if they are not we would like a reminder to the teachers and students to wash in the classroom (we will confirm with Joy)
- Information from the program was still going to Sylvia- Barb has confirmed that Joy is the contact

DPAC Report

- High school reg runs from Feb 4-19, with criteria for which schools you are able to register and receive priority
- Math night- lots of hands-on ideas, with activities and games that you can play at home to enhance math skills (estimation and computation) Website: EducatingNow.com
- Understanding Anxiety- the information provided is in a slide show that Erin received and we can share the link with our parent group. Lots of tips for parents supporting children as they experience and learn to cope with anxiety.
- Feb. 20 we are hosting the DPAC meeting. Erin will pick up the food to host and submit the receipt to Luba.

Next meeting: March 10