

PAC meeting Minutes: December 1, 2020

In attendance: Mark Lawson, Jason Dodd, Bekki Stemp, Kelly Farmer, Tiffany Perreault, Daria Rody, Karli Reimer, Cindy Schaeffer, Jaret Thiessen

Call to order: 6:33

Secretary Report: Tiffany reviewed last meeting minutes. Bekki motioned to accept the minutes. Cindy seconded. All in favour, carried.

Treasurer Report:

- Finances haven't changed since last meeting.
- Gift card fundraiser has gone well. Tentatively our total sold is around \$10 800. This is an increase to previous years. We are hoping to receive 10% back from those sales for the school.
- Possibility of doing this type of fundraiser again in the spring

Principal's Report:

- no Covid cases at the school yet
- hot lunch program on hold
- remote learning is being planned for
- virtual book fair was held, another may happen in the spring
- November Numbers- numeracy focus for the month saw many activities for students
- December 4 and 7 inservice days- remote learning will be a focus, as well as many other topics
- Report cards go home Dec 10
- Christmas Cheerboard donations are due Dec 11
- no Christmas concert, a holiday video will be shared with families instead with music and art and wishes from the students
- December 14-18 Spirit week
- Staff wishlist- outdoor equipment such as snow shoes, skis, field nets, hockey nets, etc.
- Feedback from parent survey- lack of reliable internet in our town. There are many Critical Service Worker (CSW) families in our community, so many students will still be attending school even during code red

Jaret made a motion to spend the money made from the family foods gift card fundraiser on outdoor equipment. Kelly will finalize the amount we raised and will send Mark an amount. He will use his discretion to purchase what is needed for outdoor equipment. Karli seconded the motion, all in favour, carried.

Questions for Mark:

Tiffany asked about whether all classes are able to have students 2 meters apart. Most classes are able to, however not all. The school is trying their best to implement all precautions they

can. Tiffany also asked about what plans the school had for code red and how CSW students will be accommodated in the school. Mark replied that the plans are still being developed but that those students who will remain in the building will be supervised by support staff, as teachers will be teaching the remote classes.

Jason asked if the school was ready for code red. Mark replied that the school had a 10 day readiness plan that is ready to be implemented should code red arise. Grade 3 and up have been practicing logging in to the online platforms being used.

Bekki asked how the school will balance multiple children needing to do online teaching as well as parents needing to be working from home. Our internet is not great out in Balmoral. Mark explained that teachers will communicate with each other between grades to not overlap with meeting times. Any families that don't have access to the internet will be communicating by phone with teachers.

Jason expressed an appreciation for all the hard work the school is doing to keep our children safe and keep them excited to be at school.

Teacher Report- Daria Rody

-Daria explained her role as part guidance and part ½ classroom teacher. In her role as guidance, she has created some social skills groups, is working with Project 11, and has created a ⅓ leadership team.

-the ½ classroom has been working on descriptive writing through the creation of monsters. They have also focused on what good readers do. They watched the classic Grinch movie and then wrote their own descriptions of how the Grinch would feel about Covid and the pandemic. In math they have completed a unit on integers and are working with coordinate grids.

Old Business:

-Board position available- Bekki has agreed to become our new President. Yippee!

Thank you to Jason for being our fearless leader for the past 3 years. We have appreciated your enthusiasm, your hard work, and your sense of humor as our leader.

New Business:

No new business.

Next meeting February 2 at 6:30