Upper Pine PAC Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021, via ZOOM

Attendance

Pam, Danielle, Melanie, Stephanie, Sarah, Madison, Tanya, Mrs. Braun

Call to Order

Pam called the meeting to order at 3:01PM

Review Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting

Pam motions to accept the proposed November meeting agenda. Melanie seconds. All in favour – motion passed.

Sarah motions to adopt and accept the October meeting minutes. Pam seconds. All in favour – motion passed.

Reports

Principals Report – from Mrs. Braun (\*\*notes added in by Sarah)

Principal’s report November 2021

1. Thank you to Madison for filming and posting our Halloween parade.

2. Yearbook update - I have signed up for TreeRing and their consultant is working with me to get all the pages set up - Hart photography will get the student pictures to me early December. \*\*Last years yearbook online link is now working – Mrs. Braun will resend to parents\*\*

3. Volleyball is in full swing with Elementary Tournaments tentatively scheduled for November 22nd - Girls A and 23rd Boys A in town at Anne Roberts Young School. \*\*Notes coming home with players this week\*\*

4. Parent/teacher conferences will be happening again this year - like last year you will have the option to do a phone/zoom interview with the teacher or an in-person interview. Staff will be getting out their days and times request shortly.

5. Small rink has been sold and picked up. We will now get the room ready for winter.

6. Playground update - the small wooden structure (primary playground) is going to be removed in spring - they cannot get parts to fix the slide and the one side is slowly sinking so it is now unlevel. If we do want to go forward with finding a new one the district maintenance is willing to work with us. They have already done a visual site inspection. They will be encouraging us to go with an accessible playground for this part - this will play well into any grant application or funding support we ask for. I do have the district guidelines that may seem a bit overwhelming - Chad Cushway said we shouldn’t be scared off by it as they do help us out quite a bit. \*\*PAC would be responsible for applying for grants, 2–3-year process, approx. 180K\*\*

7. Framework update - We had a great staff meeting last week and we were able to add many strategies to our Framework. I have added a snapshot of each part of the goals. \*\*Please see attachment\*\*

\*\*Mr. Warbinek’s class will be taking part in a Mental Health Literacy program in January. Not many details yet. Mrs. Braun will reach out to colleague for more info and pass along information to be sent to parents.

\*\*Remembrance Day ceremonies held Wednesday, Nov 10 – no spectators. Mrs. Braun will think on if there is any way to stream this to parents.

Treasurer Report

General Bank Balance on November 9th is 19,768.50.

Gaming Bank Balance on November 9th is $3,650.22.

Danielle motions to accept the November 9th treasurer report. Pam seconds. All in favour – motion passed.

Danielle filed the annual gaming report on October 30/21

Gaming funds are able to be used for social activities – can transfer money from gaming account to the general to cover the open house expenses.

Fundraising Report

Dieleman orders have been submitted.

Ice Melt sales ongoing – need to check inventory.

DPAC/SUPAC

Report from Sarah below

DPAC Report – October 26, 2021

There was not a formal DPAC meeting this month. Sam Kramer (Pres) and Theresa Brown (VP) were both away and Corrie Bennie (Secretary) ran the meeting. Heather Balatti (Treasurer) did join, and quorum was able to be established but just stuck with a roundtable discussion for this month.

Schools did their reports about what was going on – most just getting started on fundraising this year.

Of note:

Baldonnel – has a bunch of brand-new teachers this year and they are overwhelmed finding their feet as teachers. PAC has been focusing on doing some appreciation treats for the staff as a little morale booster for everyone. Work bee in the Baldonnel community this weekend to work on upgrading the rink.

Bert Bowes – paved track initiative is almost complete. Hope to be 100% completed in Spring 2022.

Central – Cash Calendar for Christmas. Shrek Junior play is happening Feb 22, 23, 24th.

NPSS – Watch your gaming funds and how you spend the money. Gaming guidelines changed in Feb ’21 and some of their spending from a few years ago did not qualify as eligible or paperwork was not detailed enough. They did not get audited but got a letter of warning. Good thing to come of it was they realized they were not claiming the ELC students, so they were able to get more money for this year.

Pat Jensen is looking to find parent reps for indigenous group from schools/as well as Mrs. A. is looking for a parent rep for LGQTB support group she will come and speak at an upcoming meeting.

Heather shared some ideas on parent engagement in PACS/ talk about communicating better between parents, schools and staff. Some have found specific sign-up sheets for events go over better than having just a general call for a set amount of people. Shorter meetings. Encourage parents PAC is more than just fundraising but a way to get to know administrator and how to help them help the kids.

SUPAC Report – October 26, 2021

Jarrod Bell sent out the SUPAC report slide show last week. We didn’t spend a lot of time on this.

Mr. Petrucci went over the learning support model and all the aspects of this, including how the electronic model is used in classrooms – used for yearly plans, unit plans, and daily plans and be able to connect current year and use last year’s notes to guide. Curriculum is needed but the snapshot of the class needs helps to plan how the learning plan is going to be laid out. Idea of no more average student – talked about a design learning experience for all types of learning.

COVID – So far rumor that staff will be mandated. So far, they are in stage 1 of a 5 step plan they need to follow before the board can make any sort of decision whether to mandate or not. There are new guidelines coming out on how boards can address this question. Mr. Petrucci is meeting with other superintendents and HO’s next week about this. School Board will be public about this process but when it comes to any personnel information, it will have to be closed door.

From Helen Gilbert – it would be premature to even say where they board is going. There are HR parameters, legal parameters, and operation issues to still discuss even though the way it was presented in media came across a different way. There has not been enough time to do proper due diligence as they are still in stage 1 of 5.

Health Order Updates – as of Oct 22/21 (new orders) – Mr. Petrucci “humbly advises” that we go back to virtual meetings (probably till Christmas). If a meeting does not have to do with a teacher/student, then we would have to ask for vaccine passports and have a COVID plan in place.

RE: Youth Sports – staff is not equipped to be able to check for vaccine passports at the door and gyms are not equipped to be able to properly socially distance. Other districts have cancelled sports/events and we have not so that’s a plus. Streaming sports for older grades are possible (zones) – Mr. Petrucci will reach out to high school and encourages parents to do the same.

Hot Lunch – so far, the PHO has not talked about this specifically and so it is deemed in its own separate category. Mr. Petrucci says this is still a go – masks mandatory.

Other - French Program was talked about – numbers seem to dwindle in high school level and has low retention for grade 11/12. Mr. Petrucci and Heather will connect privately about this and will reach out to the French Immersion Coordinator.

Hot Lunch Report

Taco in a bag went well – 5 volunteers. Purchasing was very close to exact.

Louise is interested in becoming hot lunch coordinator.

No hot lunch set for December – look at in January.

Old Business

Gazebo Sign

Thank you to Bradley McGinnis for hanging the sign up and donating his time to do so.

Volunteer List

Danielle and Pam will update excel spreadsheet and give updated list to Darcy for school volunteer needs.

Communication

Thank you, Mrs. Braun for communication from school. Please email as well as send home if possible. She will add a blurb at bottom of newsletter to also check website and for parents to join Facebook page.

New Business

Cookies

Danielle is waiting to hear back from Canadian Grind about cookie pricing and availability. She will touch base again Wednesday for pricing and to clarify if cookies can be done for December 10th. Pam motions the PAC spends up to $500 for cookies and decorations for the whole school to decorate on December 10th. Danielle seconds. All in favour – motion passed.

Fridge

School using PAC fridge – fine for now but as hot lunch orders increase more, need to look at school getting their own again. Mrs. Braun will look in town at City Furniture.

School Lunches

Time – something kids need to get use to (less visiting, hurrying in after being outside etc.)

Hot Lunch – if they don’t finish their hot lunch items, they are

allowed to pack it home

Bringing treats/food outside of allergies – Teachers do try to encourage choosing healthy items first before the treat. If a specific teacher has issues with a sugar treat coming to school, communication needs to happen with parents.

Christmas Concert

Jingle Mingle. Tentatively planned for December 16th. Different time slots allowed for parents/students to come and mingle throughout school. School may use the supplies bought for the open house.

Rink

Pam needs to ask the person who flooded the rink last year if they are interested still for this year – will get back to us.

TV

Still for sale.

Conclusion

Meeting ended at 3:56PM

Next meeting is January 11th at 3PM