

Upper Pine PAC Meeting Minutes
Oct 19, 2021

Call to Order

Pam called the meeting to order at 3:03PM

Review Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting

Danielle motioned to approve the proposed October agenda. Melanie seconds. All in favour – motion passed.

Sarah motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Pam seconds. All in favour – motion passed

Reports

Principals Report

Sports – still a go. No spectators. Schedule is coming for volleyball games this week.

Staffing – district shortage of teachers on call. EA's have been juggling classes when needed. Upper Pine has made it work; other schools have had a harder time.

School Board Mandate to Vaccinate – so far just a rumour. Mrs. Braun will let the PAC know when she knows/allowed to share.

Breakfast program started Monday with Mrs. Sutherland. Received an \$850 donation from Vertical Slam towards this program.

Ready Set Learn – starting next week Wednesday with Mrs. Sutherland. Invitations have been sent out. Will put up a Facebook and website reminder.

Halloween Parade – Kids can come to school in the morning with hair and makeup done. Teachers will help kids get into costumes at lunch if needed. Parents can come help get ready, but they cannot be in gym during the parade. Question was asked if we can do parade outside? Weather permitting, it is a possibility but not for sure yet. Madison volunteered to record the parade so Mrs. Braun could upload to website later.

Remembrance Day - No parents in the gym to watch. If a staff member could record, they will try that.

Book Fair – November 15-19. Notices will go home. Will be virtual this year again.

Ms. Rutz – working on the yearbook link. Mrs. Braun will remind her again.

Donated Rink – Mrs. Braun has asked those who donated if it would be possible for Upper Pine to sell and use funds for outdoor building items still needed as the staff felt this rink would not be used. They were fine with it being sold.

Yearbook – so far nothing for this year. Pam will put out a notice about forming a possible yearbook committee from parent volunteers. Madison will send a link with the option that Bert Bowes uses.

Planning Day Summary – Staff want to dig deeper into goals.

Math facts/recall – focus now more on problem solving. Mathletics program to be utilized more with grades 3 – 8.

Literacy – focus more on reading comprehension and writing resiliency.

Social/Emotional Learning – more staff training on how to teach. Amy Tebulte (councilor w/ district) will be giving UP teachers a seminar on this at the end of the month. Mr. Warbinek's class will be taking part in a mental health pilot program starting in January.

No Reading Recovery program this year but Mrs. Fillion (EA) focusing her time with a reading/writing intervention program.

Cultural Budget/Plan – booked 3 more events, not sure if they will be in person or virtual.

Treasurer Report

General Account balance is \$17,377.35 (\$9,377.35 w/ \$8000 contingency)

Gaming Account balance is \$3729.97. Gaming grant came in about \$1000 less than last year.

Danielle motions to accept the October treasurer report. Sarah seconds. Motion passed.

Danielle and Pam presented proposed budgets for the 21/22 year for both the general and gaming funds. See attached

Danielle motioned to accept the proposed 21/22 gaming budget. Madison seconds. Motion passed.

Danielle motioned to accept the proposed 21/22 general budget. Melanie seconds. Motion passed.

Fundraiser Report

Cash Calendar Idea – proposed by Madison. Something to keep in mind for January after Christmas. Need to get a gaming license. Charlie Lake has done this fundraiser in the past with success.

Dieleman's fundraiser is ongoing – due at the end of the month.

Fundraising coordinator position still open.

DPAC/SUPAC Report

DPAC

Sarah mentioned how the UP PAC was asked if we wanted to take on fundraising for a new playground for the intermediates. Most PAC's and DPAC reps strongly suggested that we do not take this on but rather have funds set aside that we could gift the school if and when they receive funding for a new playground.

A question was asked about what the other PAC's do about movie licenses - have we paid our portion this year for Upper Pine or are we still splitting with the school?

SUPAC

Mr. Petrucci has been busy visiting all the schools in the district so far. He noted the common theme with staff and students that they were happy to be able to socialize with no cohorts.

Immunization clinics were going to be available at the middle schools and high schools – notice will be given to parents.

Goal this year is to make everyone feel welcome and open things back up as much as possible.

He also went over his PowerPoint presentation that was emailed to all parents in September.

Volunteer Report

None

Old Business

Facebook page

Cannot be changed unless you tie it to someone else's personal page, and it would have to be re-done and all members readded – not worth it.

Feature the Teacher

Madison had emailed all staff and support staff a request to answer some questions so could update the Feature the Teacher section and possibly send home to parents – only a few responses. She will send a reminder email to Mrs. Braun since September was hectic.

New Business

Hot Lunch

November 4th – Taco in a bag. Notices to be sent out this week and will need to be returned by next week Friday (Oct 29th).

Halloween Fun Event

Too busy, try at Christmas.

Library Request

See below request from Mrs. Gilmour. Pam motions to give Mrs. Gilmour \$1000 plus the proceeds of the TV sale (Pam will post on Facebook marketplace) to purchase books for the RR and guided reading program.

Conclusion

Next PAC meeting is November 9/21.

Meeting ended at 5:07PM.