

**PHIL AND JENNIE GAGLARDI ACADEMY PAC
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm via Microsoft Teams

OPENED IN PRAYER by Gennelle Holley

Attended by:

Gennelle Holley
Simona MacKinnon
Jen Tomlinson
Kelly Hiller
Joy Chan
James Moller
Giovanna Cochlan
Lee Leighton
Dagmar Aiken
Shannon Smith
Kim Curtis
Meagan Goudreault
Melanie Bean
Patricia Dol
Madeleine Smit
Bobi Linnekar
Tara Moose

PAC AGENDA AND MINUTES

MOTION: *'To adopt the agenda for current meeting'*. Moved by Jen Tomlinson, seconded by Kelly Hiller. All in favor: yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: *'To adopt the meeting minutes from October, 2020.'* Moved by Jen Tomlinson, seconded by Dagmar Aiken. All in favor: yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Hot Lunch (Joy Chan)

- Next order will open on Friday for period from Dec to Feb. Some new vendors will be added.

- Is there any concerns or feedback on the current vendors? Nothing brought up.
- Gennelle and Shannon often volunteer on Fridays. They report that several times they were short in the milk order. Joy reports that this was due to some new families joining the school and their orders getting in late. Joy has corrected this so it won't be a problem going forward.
- Is there a possibility of adding more gluten free items to the menus? Yes, Joy will look into this.
- Hot lunch will now require 3 volunteers each Friday due to a change in how the high school lunches are handed out.
- Joy will change the default setting on the hot lunch website so that 3 volunteers are able to sign up per week.

Hospitality (Jen Tomlinson)

- Jen is planning on putting up some Christmas decorations in the school. Probably some Christmas trees in the chapel.
- Jen is looking into using the Pickled Carrot cater the teachers' appreciation lunch for Christmas.
- Jen will be chatting with Bernadette about the details of how this luncheon would look.
- Jen may require a couple of volunteers and she will make a call out for help using the hospitality Facebook group.
- Jen will ask Mary to put a blurb in the WAAG suggesting people who are interested in helping with hospitality could join the Facebook group.
- If anyone is interested in helping but does not use Facebook but wants to help, they can email Jen directly.
- Jen suggested that parents could put a donation towards the luncheon as a Christmas gift to the teachers. Joy will look into how to use the hot lunch website for this.

Fund Raising Committee (Simona MacKinnon)

- Scoops cookie dough fundraiser is open until Friday. So far it's raised \$798.
- Dec. 4 the cookie dough orders are arriving. They will be organized and distributed in the undercover area.
- Deadline for poinsettia orders in Nov. 23. They will arrive at the school at Dec. 10th.
- Next fundraiser will be mid-January or Feb.
- The wreaths that are on the order form will stay on the order form and the grad class will be making Christmas sprays (instead of wreaths) as their own fundraiser.

Treasurers Report (Patricia Dol)

- Account Balances General Bank Account \$19,460.73
- Gaming Bank Account \$10,134.52 GAMING GRANT Gaming grant was received on October 14th in the amount of \$4,660.00
- Other notes: Two cheques have come in The Card Project \$53.60 – from last year's fundraiser Mabel's Labels - \$56.51 – not sure if this is from this year or last year.

- PAC CONTRIBUTION TO PLAYGROUND: PAC GENERAL ACCOUNT PAC GAMING ACCOUNT 2019/2020 PAC budgeted \$3,000 2019/2020 Gaming Funds \$2,240.00 2020/2021 PAC budgeted \$2,500 2020/2021 gaming grant \$2,240.00 TOTAL \$5,500.00 TOTAL \$4,480.00
- Total playground budgeted contributions to date is \$9,980.00. Proposing another \$5,000.00 from general funds be given bringing the total PAC contribution to \$14,980.00.

Playground (Kelly Hiller)

- The school has communicated to the PAC executive that they are wanting to move forward with the plans to build the playground. There were three potential playgrounds shortlisted and one play structure has now been selected. This one was selected largely due to it being a more challenging play structure to appeal to older kids.
- The school would like the playground to be in place by March which is timed with the decommissioning of the old intermediate playground.
- The gaga ball pit will be constructed as well at the same time.
- The high schoolers will be asked not to use the gaga ball pit during recess times for the elementary school students.
- Could the playground use be rotated (after COVID) to allow more grades to use the different playground items.
- Currently the grade 4-7s don't get rotated into the new swings and super nova recess schedule and are permitted to use these structures before and after school only.
- Some parents were surprised that the older grades weren't given as much access to the new swings and supernova.
- One idea to propose could be that all grade levels be mixed and let all grades use all play equipment (once COVID is over).
- Some parents indicate that they feel there are social advantages to allowing age groups to mix.
- Kelly provided a breakdown on the expenses required for building the gaga ball court and the new play structure.
- For the installation costs to stay at \$3450 we will need 10 volunteers at the time the playground is installed. If we can't get 10 people to commit to volunteer for this installation costs will jump to over \$10 000.
- Bernadette requested that the gaga ball pit be made of composite wood to prevent damage by vandalism.
- It is notable that there was a personal directed donation towards the playground of \$10000 and another donation from Christ the King Parish for \$2000.
- We are in the range of about \$15000 to \$20000 of fundraising left to do.
- One suggestion made that we could ask a Rotarian Club if they would be willing to donate labour.
- The message from the school/board is not that if PAC cannot raise the \$20000 the project will not go ahead.
- Currently the PAC bank account has the capacity to pledge another \$5000 above and beyond what was already pledged in the budget.

- The board would like to see PAC do everything we can to contribute to the project but at the same time, they want to move forward.
- It's still undecided what the surface should be under the gaga ball court.
- The numbers presented in the budget worksheet are still quite fluid and there are many decisions still to be made.
- We could avoid the rubber surfacing grant (which is a matching grant) and then we could use mulch and then we could use the money that would have been the matching portion to put towards the play structure itself.
- Green Roots (playground company) will still have to provide an official quote for this particular structure and surfacing.
- The board is asking PAC to contribute what we can towards this project but the boards seems to understand that PAC's ability to fundraise such as large amount in such a short time is limited.
- The board values seeing commitment from the parent group.
- It would be ideal to do fundraising outside of our school community.
- Kelly feels that we have likely exhausted all of our grant opportunities.
- Letters were sent to all the churches in the community to make them aware of our need to replace current playground but there was no response until Christ the King Parish's recent donation
- A sincere thanks to Kelly (and Kim!) for all their hard work so far on this big project.

OLD BUSINESS

- No agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Indigenous education and reconciliation:

- Meagan introduces herself to the group. She believes her family to be the only family self-identifying Indigenous. She facilitates a turtle island course nationally. She was approached by Bernadette to see if she could help with introducing new ways to incorporate indigenous education at Gaglardi. She is trying to create ways to enhance this area of education that's not just the teacher talking. She has been brainstorming field trip ideas such as to Alert Bay. These trips would cost money and we could do some extra fundraising to help cover the costs of these trips. Meagan has had success with coffee and tea fundraisers in the past and has contact information for these fundraisers. Would PAC be open to taking on the running of a fundraiser for this purpose.
- Meagan questioned the group about interest in running a blanket exercise for the parent group. COVID makes the logistics of this difficult right now but something to think about after COVID.
- Meagan is hoping to raise around \$1500 for this project.
- Aromacoffees.ca is the company that she has in mind for the fundraiser.

- Aroma coffee has a minimum order of 150 bags which might be a bit steep for our school.
- Perhaps Royston Roasting Co would be a better option as they have no minimum order.
- Meagan is open to being approached by any parent that may have questions on this area of their child's education.
- The blanket exercise is an exercise that demonstrates indigenous history to a group of people using blankets to demonstrate land mass. The people that come in represent indigenous people before colonization. People join the group showing representation of what happened to the indigenous people over the last 500 years. The actual exercise takes 30-45 min and then about 45 min for discussion afterwards. www.kairosblanketexercise.org (Reconciliation through education and understanding.)

2. Raffle

- We could ask businesses that have donated in the past and see if they are available to donate again.
- Lee's family is willing to donate tickets to the Saratoga speedway (Covid permitting).
- Should we consider a silent auction instead of raffle? We can't do an auction online due to gaming regulations. We can't display items in the school due to COVID. Selling raffle tickets might be easier this year.
- We could pay \$76 to get the tickets professionally printed this year to avoid a work bee.
- Kelly will reach out to Mrs. Jung about the April Point Lodge prize.
- When we are asking for prizes, we could offer to add to the prize to make it more affordable for businesses. (e.g. if they are willing to donate one night accommodation then we could purchase a second.)
- Kelly will go ahead and contact Mrs. Jung and will wait to contact the Kingfisher until January.
- We can do gift cards to alcohol but not raffle off the actual alcohol.

3. Playground funds

- We would like to pledge \$5000 over and above what we already have budgeted to contribute to the playground this year.
 - Our carry-forward money from previous years (a cushion) of \$14 441. The additional \$5000 would come from this \$14 441.
 - **MOTION: To approve the spending of an additional \$5000 towards the new playground in addition to what was already planned in the 2020/2021 budget. Moved by Kelly Hiller. Seconded by Giovanna Cochlan. All in favor? Yes. Motion carried.**

MOTION: To amend the 2020/2021 budget to read “playground funds: \$7500.” Moved by Simona MacKinnon. Seconded by Meagan Goudreal. All in favor? Yes. Motion carried.

4. December PAC meeting

- Should we have a Dec. meeting?
- We could have a meeting to just focus on the raffle. As the raffle is such a big fundraiser for us, it would be risky to cancel it altogether.
- We could set ourselves a deadline for the raffle license and the application requires that we indicate our prizes and whether they were donated or purchased. Last year the license was issued Feb. 24th. We’re not sure how long it takes for the license to be awarded.
- We could set a deadline for prizes to be determined by Jan. 15th
- Final decision to hold a Dec. meeting to focus on raffle prizes.

PARENT FEEDBACK

- No items

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Next Meeting on December 8th, 2020