

Parkland PAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Jill Burren, Kristy Rose, Leah Austin, Natasha Whitten, Amanda Coutts, Danielle Studley, Madison Jenneson.

Acceptance of November Agenda: Jill approves

Acceptance of October Minutes: Leah approves

We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8.

Principal's report (Kristy Rose):

- Report cards are changing next year. No longer letter grades for grade 4-9. Moving to a proficiency scale. Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending. Every student will be setting goals. Working on core competencies. This year the formatting will change a bit with new wording and layout.
 - Leah – our district has been piloting it for four years. I really like it.
 - Madison – I'm curious on how kids don't get lost. It feels arbitrary. I hope there's still the same incentive to try and do better.
 - Leah – it's lots of work. Teaching math is much different than how we learnt when we went to school. We now show them different strategies and they get to choose what works best for their learning. Extending is a 4/4 which would be considered an A. 3/4 is a low A or a B. 2/4 is a C range. And a 1/4 is the teacher telling you they need some work. We report 4-5 times a year. The kids do a lot of self-reflections.
 - Kristy – For primary not much has changed. It's also something they can understand.
 - Madison – Is testing changing to accommodate that?
 - Leah – FSAs are hard for lots of students, but testing has changed too. Nowadays kids have a much larger way of understanding things.
 - Madison – What does the transition for grade 10s.
 - Amanda – It's going to be hard for the Grade 8s and 9s.
 - Madison – I feel with the letter grade, there's a little bit of accountability.
 - Leah – This new way helps spell it out a bit better on how they're doing.
- Book fair next week. Is PAC willing to help any students that need help purchasing a book?
 - Yes – just books. No gadgets.
- Remembrance Day assembly tomorrow at 10:30am. Parents are welcome.
- Parent teacher interviews – Please book with your teachers.
- Carmen is working on doing the CBC music challenge. She included the whole school this year. Final submission goes in end of November.

Leah

- I emailed and invited our board of trustee. I didn't hear back. Will try again next meeting.
- Fundraising – 50/50s brought in \$1230 last year. Doing another on Nov 23rd and will announce it at the Christmas concert on Dec 15th. We will also do another basket raffle at the concert.
 - Laundry soap 20% back. It's a subscription which I'm not a fan of.
 - David's Orchard – have his email. We would need to order a minimum of 80 boxes. Profit is around \$8-10 each box.
 - Natasha - we could send an email next year at the beginning of the year to see if anyone would be interested.
 - Leah – Purdy's is 25% return. Could look at Easter.
 - 50/50 again in the spring
 - Hypnotist and a magician at the hall?
 - Madison – We could keep the costs low.
 - Amanda – I think in the Spring it would work.
 - Leah – Could be an adult only event.
 - Madison – We could get a few babysitters organized.
 - Amanda – Did we want to try Mable's Labels? Really a good product. Seems like a good idea after Christmas.
 - Natasha – need to send in the licensing for the 50/50 draw. 2 packets per kid. Did 800 tickets.
 - Kristy – sent home one per kid last year. Then there were some families that wanted more and some families that didn't sell any.
 - Natasha – Ok, we'll send one pack per child.
 - For the raffle basket – anything to add?
 - Jill – Northern Lifestyle donated a hat and a gift card.
 - Madison - I can go look around.
 - Natasha – Beans and Barley might donate something. I'll ask.

Natasha

- We have \$32875.76 in our account.
- \$-1.12 in gaming account. They won't reimburse the fee for that one. Waiting for the gaming report.
- 50/50 HGC report had to be filled out. Then we could put it towards our Capital Gains project.
- Will get the school a cheque for hot lunch donations.

Any other Business

- Madison - Is there anything we can do to help improve communication between me and the school?
 - Leah – We used Class Dojo and it works really good for our school and communication.
 - Amanda – We have the newsletter, but Class Dojo keeps everyone informed.
 - Kristy – It's a commitment, you need to commit your time to it every day.

- Leah – Can post pictures of students work. It's really easy. My kids post their own work.
- Kristy – Easier to do in an intermediate class too. Some parents don't have access. Make sure to book with the teachers next week.
- Natasha – I email Kristy all the time.
- Kristy – I talk to a lot of parents through agendas.
- Jill – December 16th Pancake breakfast. We'll wait to see what students order and Jill will shop for it.

Next PAC Meeting will be December 14th at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm