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**Blacklock Fine Arts Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2021  
Blacklock Library**

**Attendees:** Susanna Eppich, Cindy Haley, Lindsey Bain, Chelsea Crich, Marina Reimer, Carla Ferrari, Tracy Roper, Eric Jorgensen, Colleen Aldridge, Steve Guy, Courtney MacDonald, Ashley Hencheroff, Reena Puri, Cindy Chung, Mireille Melen, Tara Houston, Kelly Dewar, Erin Colivas

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Erin welcomed and thanked everyone for coming

Review and adoption of agenda by: Erin and Cindy H

Review and adoption of May and June meeting minutes by: Erin and Cindy H

**Principal's report – Susanna Eppich**

Susanna offered a warm welcome to the PAC and to the new school year.

There are 240 students enrolled, with 4 places left at the school. There has been a third kindergarten class added this year to accommodate the influx of students both new and overflow from our neighbouring schools. The new Kindergarten class will be taught by Mrs Atherton. This leaves a vacancy for one of the Grade 1 classes. A posting has gone up and will be filled as soon as possible. There is also a posting for a 4/5 teacher as Mrs Schmuland will be departing early on maternity leave. There are 8 SEAs in the school this year and 1 childcare worker

Classroom placements were discussed there are still some small adjustments being made, these will be finalised soon.

Discussed the possibility of our school boundaries changing and that Blacklock is eventually going to be back up to a 12 division school. We have the space to do this and portables are unlikely.

Covid protocols are ongoing, students are sanitizing and washing their hands upon entry to the building. Entrances for the children continue to be spread out. Grade 4/5 as well as all adults in the building are wearing masks.

Susanna asks that the PAC continues its efforts in fundraising for the roof for the outdoor classroom.

Goals for the school year are to continue the infusion of arts into the education of our children as well as a focus on literacy. Baseline data has been collected for our grade 1-5s and the hope is that they move up a full letter grade in their reading skills by the end of the year.

Upcoming events include:

- Terry Fox Run.
- Orange Shirt day will take place on September 29 this year. Susanna has a guest speaker coming to present to the children.
- Carlyn Andres (Aboriginal support worker) is working with the children in creating a mural for the school. Some discussion about potentially turning it into a legacy piece for the school
- School will not be in session on September 30 in order to recognize the national day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Meet the teacher – information to come

### **DPAC - Chelsea Crich and Lindsey Bain**

Meetings for the DPAC will be through Microsoft teams the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Thursday of each month. The guest speaker for September 23 will be Kristin Coyne from the Encompass Support Services Society speaking on “Foundry Langley”.

Chelsea advised that the DPAC is looking for parents to sit on a District wide asset committee, she will report back with more information next month.

DPAC is holding a PAC 101 & Treasurer 101 sometime in October or November, this would be a great learning opportunity and is open to all.

Important dates:

- DPAC meeting October 21 - 7:00pm
- Langley School Board Meeting – October 19 – 7:00pm

### **Treasurer Report – Cindy Chung**

PAC general: \$9,307.01

Gaming: \$4,807.93.

The Community Gaming Grant has not been deposited yet

### **Fundraising/Events – Lindsey Bain, Cindy Haley, Chelsea Crich**

Michelle Young notified the PAC executive that she will be stepping down from her position as Events Coordinator. Lindsey Bain, Cindy Haley and Chelsea Crich have volunteered to step up as acting events coordinators for the year.

Lindsey has re-established the Purdy's account as a seasonal account and put it in Blacklock's name. This results in better benefits/rewards for us. We will still offer chocolates at Christmas and Easter time.

Susanna mentioned the Christmas store which was done pre-covid. Funds generated from the store were donated to help provide Christmas to families in need in the community. Due to Covid the Christmas store is still not possible. Last year chocolates were sold outside of the office raising \$1400 to support families in the community.

Motion to allocate \$1000 for Purdy's chocolates in support of families in the community again this year – 19 in favour

Craft fair was discussed. Susanna advised the capacity for the gym is 307 total – 153 due to covid rules. Lindsey motions for \$250 budget for the craft fair. Carla F and Kelly D 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Tentative date of November 27. Tabled for further discussion in October meeting.

### **Health and Safety – Carla Ferrari, Mireille Melen**

As former health and safety executive Carla provided a brief overview. There are safety backpacks in each classroom. Ongoing fire drills. Lice checks to take place usually in fall, after Christmas and in the Spring. Done in the hallways so as not to disrupt learning. If lice is detected the notification process is discreet, Susanna is notified and a letter goes home to the family. Lindsey volunteered to help Mireille with the lice checks.

### **Hot Lunch – Carla Ferrari**

Hot lunch is back on this year, but the meals must be individually wrapped. This will be done through Munch a Lunch starting in October. Carla has a connection at Costco and will be looking into various options for individually packaged foods for the lunches. Also briefly discussed Subway, and Pizza.

Susanna requested that we put a hold on treat day for the time being.

The fruit and veggie program continues this year.

Erin suggested possible food-safe training for hot lunch parent volunteers.

### **Old Business**

Some discussion about fun night vendors and the possibility of local business owners paying for and running their own rides at the event. Susanna would be alright with this so long as the businesses are appropriate. Tabled for further discussion in October.

### **New Business**

Erin discussed 'Canada Wide Non-Consent for Students' form regarding masks. She is happy to share if anyone is interested. Susanna said that signed forms can be sent to her.

There was also discussion about Health care workers/student consent for vaccinations.

Susanna affirmed that there would be no vaccinations happening in the school without parent consent.

Packed parking lot, and traffic jams were discussed. Susanna said the Liason officer will be back next week and that will hopefully help with some of the traffic flow and other issues.

School photos were also discussed. There will be a new photo company this year, and there will be class photos this year.

Meeting called to a close by Erin at 8:22pm