

Porter Street Elementary PAC

Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2021

We acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the occupied, unceded, and traditional territory of the kwikwəłəm (Kwikwetlem), Katzie, Stó:lō (Sto:lo), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), sełl̓wítulh (Tsleil Waututh), Qayqayt (Kay-Kite), and skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Coast Salish peoples.

Location: ZOOM MEETING

Attendees (14)

Ashif Jiwa Principal, Nicole Marcelin PAC Chair, Tanja - PAC Co-Treasurer, Jenn Faccin PAC Secretary, Joe O'Reilly – Co-DPAC Rep, Claire McCrea - Fundraising Coordinator, Angie Lee, Brian Burnell, Brianne, Charlie Parhar, Jake, Steve Janes, Tina Chan, Victoria Nalugwa

Absent with regrets: Elisheba Muturi – Co-DPAC Rep, Paraskevi Tsahsiris – PAC Co-Treasurer

Quorum is met

Introduction

- 1.0 Commence meeting:** Nicole called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
 - a. Indigenous land acknowledgement.
 - b. Welcome and introductions of executive members.
- 2.0 Adopt previous minutes - November 2021**
 - a. Nicole motions to adopt previous minutes, Jenn seconded. Previous minutes are adopted.
- 3.0 Additions to agenda**
 - a. No additions to the meeting.

Business Arising

- 4.0 Principal's Report: (6:35pm)**
 - a. **Holiday Hip Hop Event** – Thank you to the PAC for subsidising that event. It was a big success. Kids seem to really respond positively to it.
 - b. **Guest DJ Class** – Thank you Joe for Guest DJing an excellent class for our students.
 - c. **Holiday Door Decorating** – All the students put in great efforts. Mr Mah and MME Roe's class won the grand prize of an extra recess with Mr Jiwa. Congratulations students.
 - d. **Actor's Workshop** – This has gone over really well with the students.
 - e. **Student Enrolment** – 336 total students. We had three students moved from French to English this year, and we had three entirely new students enrol.

Porter Street Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2021

- f. **Covid** – Cohorts are a little different this time. We're really sad to be where we're at. It was a difficult choice to have to close the playground before and after school. It's hard on the parents doing pickup and the students as well and we thank everyone for helping to support us in keeping our cohorts as separate as possible at this time.

We have great mask use in the school with a very small number of exemptions. All our staff meetings are held virtually through Teams. Furniture in classrooms and the staff room has been removed to the stage to make more space.

There is a daily assessment to determine if we have enough staff, teachers, custodial staff etc. Teacher absences can be covered by teachers within the school that don't have classrooms to cover classes. The school district has a 'Plan B' to provide teachers as needed from district programs within the community. When 70 students are absent we have to contact Fraser Health to report meeting this absence threshold. It's important to note that absences are not always due to illness and do not indicate higher Covid risk or rates in and of themselves. If 25% of students are away in any one grade that absence threshold must also be reported. Mr Mah's class has 50% of kids absent.

There is no one big binder of hard and fast rules, we only have guidelines to go by. All teachers are able to switch immediately to teaching online if a functional closure is required.

Questions:

- Is there a Covid resource page available? CDC website has a school portion that applies to us.
- If there were a functional closure how long would it be for? It would be for 7 days.
- Saw email about updating parent contact information and wonders how we should send in updates. Call in to Ms Chisholm to update parent contact info and she will update.
- Do we have an isolation room if a parent comes down with symptoms during the school day? Yes, ventilated private area.
- When reporting thresholds to Fraser Health what thresholds are they looking for? We don't know exactly what they do but they're likely looking for trends in each school and the larger community.

- g. **Upcoming curriculum focus for the school:** We have identified our three goals for 2022/23

- Social Human Development Goal: focus on social emotional learning,
- Academic Goal: reading, writing, or numeracy – our goal will focus on numeracy,
- Equity Goal: we will take a holistic approach to incorporating First People's perspectives and views on learning throughout our curriculum.

- h. **Poetry Café** – Delayed due to Covid restrictions. April is poetry month and hopefully we will be able to do it in person if restrictions are lifted.

Porter Street Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2021

- i. **Basketball and Hockey** – we've been hoping to get these going again but can't with the current restrictions.
- j. **Valentine's Day** – A message will be sent with some guidelines for Valentine's celebrations.

5.0 Ongoing and Upcoming Events, Projects and Updates: (7:13pm)

a. Hot Lunch Program & Volunteers

- Holding off on Hot Lunch again with the changes in Covid protocols.
- Lunch Lady doesn't provide fundraising opportunities. It remains a useful option but we are also open to other options especially those that provide fundraising opportunities.
 - When do we think we might be ready to go ahead? We just don't know, possibly after Spring Break. Let's do the leg work now so we're ready to go when we're able.

b. Fundraising:

- Me-n-Ed's – An upcoming fundraiser is in the works likely on a Wednesday or Thursday. More info TBA.
- Truffle Pig – Easter is the next opportunity for a fundraiser.
- Please contact Claire with any additional fundraising ideas.
- Ongoing fundraisers:
 - Mabel's Labels – Can be a great gift for new parents or those with kids entering daycare or school. Order online at any time https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and enter Ecole Porter Street before you place your order.
 - Return-it - Jenn will get a bunch of bags together and a massive quantity of labels that can be distributed to students. Drop off information and directions are available on our website www.PSPAC.com or contact PAC for more information.

6.0 DPAC Update: (7:28pm)

- a. New webinar on tech for students.
- b. Local students' experiments will be tested in space.
- c. Family portal is increasing with report cards going digital.
- d. Wi-Fi improvements for schools are being rolled out starting with secondary schools first.
- e. Port Moody Society Foundation loans devices to students who need them (open to Port Moody residents).
- f. Family Smart In The Know initiative videos available online: www.familysmart.ca/videos
- g. Upcoming Meeting:

Porter Street Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2021

- January 26th 2022
 - BC Bereavement Helpline – Erica Steward
 - Crossroads Hospice Society – Brittany Borean
- All meetings currently virtual, usually at 7pm. Learn more & register at www.dpac43.ca

7.0 Treasurer's Report: (7:34pm)

- a. Current Standing (Potential typo on the slide)
 - Chequing: \$23,578.33
 - \$75.00 withdrawn for BCCPAC membership
 - Savings: \$6,319.66
 - \$0.16 credit interest deposited
 - Gaming Account: \$7,946.78 (contains Gaming Funds made available through the BC Lottery Corporation once the PAC applies and is based on the number of students) \$1.50 service fee
 - Account total: \$29,897.99
- b. PAC Funds collected by the school through KevCash are held in school accounts. The balance will be made available as a line item for future meetings.
- c. We're updating our finances page on the website and it is currently under construction with broken links. Until the links are restore please contact Jenn at PSPAC.Secretary@gmail.com for access to digital financial records. Physical financial records remain in the PAC room.

8.0 Additional Items:

- a. No additional items.

9.0 Adjourn Meeting:

- a. Nicole motions to adjourn the meeting, Tanja seconded. Meeting is adjourned at 7:46pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 9th 2022 @6:30pm

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Faccin, PAC Secretary