

Porter Street Elementary PAC

Meeting Minutes for Nov 8 2022

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Location: Porter Street Library

Attendees (28)

In-person: Nicole Marcelin PAC Chair, Jenn Faccin PAC Secretary, Joe O'Reilly DPAC Representative, Claire McCrea Fundraising Coordinator, Angie Lee PAC Treasurer, Ashif Jiwa Principal, Ashley Ainsley, Bahareh Harjan Zadeh, Elio Parente, Kimberly Sivak, Steve Faccin, Sonam Chandi, Anna Maria Marando, Jodi Frisk, Diane Mugisha, Paulin Barushimana, Silviya Raukora. Virtual: Alisson, Brian, Chris S, Hitomi, Jessie, Karen Bhartu, Nora, Sylvia Schmitz, Tiffany Fonseca, Victoria, Diane

Quorum is met

Introduction

- 1.0 Commence meeting:** Nicole called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.
 - Indigenous land acknowledgement.
 - Introductions of executive members.
- 2.0 Adopt previous minutes - Sept 26 2022**
 - Nicole motioned to adopt previous minutes, Jenn seconded. Previous minutes are adopted.
- 3.0 Additions to agenda**
 - Classroom Parent program progress.

Business Arising

- 4.0 Principal's Report** 6:56pm
Welcome it's nice to see everyone in person and online!
 - Welcome new PAC members!
 - We want to create a village here with every student having a sense of belonging at Porter. Accepting all students with all their unique and amazing talents.
 - Welcome and introduction for our counsellor in attendance tonight Harriet Chang.
 - 27 years counselling and hoping to be here the rest of her career.
 - Impromptu tour of the Counsellor's office!
 - FSA's are just finishing up. Numeracy, reading, and writing.
 - Report cards coming out in December. No letter grades at elementary or middle school levels. MyEd is where the report cards can be accessed. Mr Jiwa will send the link.
 - Card Program – thank you for your support in this.

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Principal's Report cont'd...

- Afterschool programs
 - DWYL programs up and running. Quite successful and we will tweak the program to tailor better to more specific age groups etc.
- Action Plan for Learning – 3 goals: Academic: Numeracy; Human and Social development: Solving problems peacefully; Equity: Indigenous Learners
- Remembrance Day: It remains difficult still at this point to find the balance of everyone's comfort level. We have a lot of illnesses at the moment – 20% of the student body was away sick with typical winter
- Christmas Concert – Two concerts with student body divided into two groups and an afternoon and an evening performance. Dates: December 14th & 15th. Dress rehearsals will not be open to parents. More information to follow.
- International Students – We gained an extra English division with the addition of International students. We will have 9 students of all ages joining the school.
- Student and Family Affordability Fund (Government Grant) – Our school supports our most vulnerable student families weekly. The school will be finding ways to offset costs for all families. The school is looking for ways to spend our portion of the grant: \$25,000.
- Mme LeBlanc is giving up some of the Library for French Immersion Learning Assistance to support students.
- June 23rd the Grade 5 Event – the last Friday in June. There will be some fundraising for a legacy gift. A separate meeting will be called to bring together a committee.

5.0 Announcements & Voting Items 7:19pm

Project Updates

KM Club

- Thank you Laura for all your hard work putting on this club. Every Tuesday after school meet in the undercover area.

Hot Lunch

- Subway Oct 25th was successful. We raised over \$200
- Pizza Hut coming up Nov 22th (Nov 10th is the last day to order)
- Upcoming date: December 12th Loz Takos for Quesadillas & Burritos

Fruit&Veggie Program

- Thank you Brandi for managing this program. Volunteers welcome to come help distribute and organize.

Family Donation Program

- Raised \$4,300 this year. Thank you families this program contributes to everything we can do at the school from special events and subsidizing activities to new classroom and playground equipment.

Fundraisers

- Hallowe'en Fundraiser (Truffle Pig) – raised about \$300.
- Me & Ed's November – January 23rd is the next Family Pizza Night Fundraiser

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Announcements & Voting Items cont'd...

Ongoing Fundraisers:

- Mabel's Labels, Return-it Depot, TruEarth. www.fundraising.truearth/porterstreet. More details on our website at PSPAC.com

Upcoming Events - sign up to volunteer! (Events Committee: Nora, Steph, Yasmin & Elio)

- PJ Movie Night Update – November 25th, tickets are free please register and order snacks in advance on www.MunchaLunch.com/Fundraising, day-of volunteers will be needed.
- Santa Breakfast – December 11th, Pancakes & Santa visit. Registration coming soon.
- Community Bingo Night Q1 of 2023 - NEW this year!
 - Looking for some awesome prizes to raffle off – contact Nora with donations.
- In-Class Presentation: Body Science
 - Body Science with Saleema Noon's team - coming April 2023.
 - There will be a parent info night with online content accessible to families ahead of the classroom presentations.
 - Information is highly tailored to student's age and stage.
- Discussion: Fundraising Programs & Goals
 - Staff identified a few areas that could improve student's experience at school: Gym curtains to divide the room, the stage backdrop and lighting setup (currently inoperable).
 - Action: Joe will source some options for the lighting
 - Suggestion from the floor: Concrete ping pong tables
 - Action: Joe will contact the city and find some options for us.
 - Please continue to bring your ideas forward to any of the PAC Executives or Mr Jiwa.

Vote: Elect Co-Treasurer position for 2022-23 Executive

Sylvia is nominated by Nicole, Joe seconds, and Nomination is accepted.

Votes for: 4 online and 13 in person. Votes for: 17. Votes against: 0

Motion passes.

We are now working with our bank Prospera Credit Union, formerly Westminster Savings, to remove our two previous Treasurers, Tanja McAffer and Paraskevi Tsahtsiris, from our PAC bank account and adding our new Co-Treasurers: Angie Lee, voted in at previous meeting Sept 26 2022, and Silviya Vasilevska, voted in this evening Nov 8 2022.

Vote: Incremental budget expense of \$500 to conduct Movie Night and Santa Breakfast

Motion is made by Nicole, Silviya seconds the motion.

Votes for: 13 in-person and 5 online. Votes for: 18. Votes against: 0

Motion passes.

Upcoming Vote: pending final draft for review of PSPAC Constitution & Bylaw Amendments

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6.0 DPAC Update 7:50pm

Recap of latest meeting & upcoming events

- Digital Awareness Presentation: What Makes Our Kids Click. We will share the minutes from this presentation on our website www.pspac.com as soon as they're available.
- Parents were interested in the future grant availability.

7.0 Treasurer's Report 7:55pm

Overview of our accounts

- Savings \$6333.49, Gaming \$6320.61, Chequing \$14,288.57
- Total: \$26,942.67
- General report on 2022 current standing

8.0 Additional Items 8:02pm

Classroom Parent Program

- 9 out of 16 classrooms currently represented. We'll discuss how to proceed with this new information.

9.0 Adjourning 8:03pm

Closing comments

- **Visit our Website** for further information www.pspac.com
- **Next Meeting:** January 18 2022 on Zoom

Nicole moves to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.