

Salmo Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held on Zoom on October 18th 2021

Welcome:

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Danielle McLean, Chair, welcomed those present. Territorial acknowledgement.

New Board of Directors as per AGM on October 4th 2021

Chair: Danielle McLean

Vice Chair: Shelley-Anne Jorgensen

Secretary: Parker Sawchenko

Treasurer: Robyn Baird

DPAC Representative: Dawn Leslie

Review of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from the last meeting will be conducted at further date once they have been compiled.

Correspondence Update:

- Ms. Snell agreed that Outdoor Kits would be a great addition to the school. PAC will carry forth with the Salmo Valley Grant Application.
- Mr. K introduced the Fresh to You Fundraiser to PAC.
- The Salmo Lions Club reached out for an update on the Lunch Program - Danielle provided update and committed to sharing another update as progress is made.
- Various correspondences with DPAC regarding start of the school year and AGM.

Business Carried Forward:

- Playground Construction Acknowledgment:

In order to honor the countless volunteers who have helped complete Phase 1 of the Playground Revitalization, PAC will submit a Thank You article to the Salmo Valley Newsletter. Students will make some Thank You cards in class. A plaque will be created to thank these volunteers and placed in front of one of the new trees that will be planted from Mountain Edge Nursery.

Thank you project – **Motioned:** Heather Verigin **Seconded:** Parker Sawchenko
Carried.

Carry Forward: Decide who will complete this project and generate a timeline.

Principal's Report:

- Highlights:
 - Terry fox Run – great success
 - Truth and Reconciliation Week – Individualized classroom based learning. Ms. Hatt helped prepare lots of the learning material and activities.

- o General assessment of students via literacy programs, classroom art projects, and outdoor education. Teachers are formulating their programs and setting goals for the year as they get to know their students.
- Ongoing:
 - o Dyslexia awareness month – Mrs. MacInnis facilitating
 - o Metis Awareness month – Ms. Hatt facilitating learning and activities. One guest Elder has visited the school already and another coming this week to spend time with students, share their story and insight into their culture.
 - o Safety Awareness Week – Bike Safety, Fire Drills, Hold and Secure, Earthquake, Lock Down, Covid Safety
- Moving forward:
 - o Halloween for Hunger – Collection of non-perishable goods for the Salmo Food Bank. Spearheaded by Ms. Berk.
 - o Halloween Celebrations on October 29th
 - o Take Me Outside – School wide outdoor education on October 26th
 - o Twilight Child Health Fair on October 21st in Ymir

The school district is currently reviewing their protocol for volunteering within the school system. Once this protocol is revised, PAC will send out an email to parents and caregivers guiding them on how they may get involved. A notice may also be drafted for the Salmo Valley Newsletter so extended family members and passionate community members can seek out volunteer opportunities as well.

New Business

- Tentative Meeting Schedule:

November 15 th (3:00 meeting)	March 7 th
December 13 th	April 11 th
January 17 th	May 16 th
February 7 th (3:00 meeting)	June 13 th (3:00 meeting)
- Grinchmas:

Candice Simms is interested in running a program that prepares holiday hampers for school families in need. PAC may support this project from an arms length to avoid conflict of interest. Parents expressed a desire to support an initiative like this through Salmo Community Services and perhaps have Candice partner as well. Suggestion to put out to teachers to “adopt” a family.

Heather Verigan to reach out to Community Services once Danielle speaks with Candice.

PAC Subcommittees

- GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE:
 - o Spearheaded by Monica Juhas.

- o First activity will be held October 25th. It will be a school wide, mini fall celebration including a pumpkin hunt, popcorn, and cider. Budget requested \$200.

Budget approval – **Motioned:** Monica Juhas **Seconded:** Heather Verigin **Carried.**

- o Regular garden club activities plan not to have much of a budget. The Garden Club will look into applying for grants on their own so as to not deplete PAC funds. They will return to PAC for grant approval as to avoid conflicts of interest.

- LEARNING GARDEN COMMITTEE:

- o Spearheaded by Casey Berk.
- o Update will be provided at another time.

- GRADE SIX GRAD COMMITTEE:

- o Spearheaded by Sheri Pawlyshn and Heather Verigin.
- o The committee will meet soon and seek input from previous grade six parents.

- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

- o Popcorn – Spearheaded by Heather Verigin. First event November 5th
- o Scholastic Book Fair – Spearheaded by Amy Pol. Tentative November 15th
- o Fresh to You – Spearheaded by Mr. K and Shelley-Anne Jorgensen.
New fundraising opportunity. Parents can order \$20 or \$25 bundles BC grown food online. For each bundle purchased, one will be donated for the school to distribute to families in need. The PAC will receive 40 percent profit from the total funds raised. Registration cost of \$60. Order date October 29th

Participation in Fresh to You – **Motioned:** Heather Verigin. **Second:** Monica Juhas. **Carried.**

- HOT LUNCH PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

- o Spearheaded by Danielle McLean.
- o Awaiting kitchen inspection, addressing Covid protocols. Ms. Snell will have Myka book health inspection.
- o Committee will meet soon.

- COMMUNITY CUPBOARD COMMITTEE:

- o Spearheaded by Sheri Pawlyshn, Tanya Forbes and Melody
- o Committee will meet soon.

- PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE:

- o Spearheaded by Sheri Pawlyshn
- o Finishing up Phase 1 – Formulating a plan to lay curbing blocks. Assessing damage to current improvements. Brainstorming ideas for maintenance and safety and repair. Potential to purchase lock up bins for loose items in

the playground. Ms. Snell suggested if basic bins were available the kids could be responsible for bringing in supplies for storage after use.

- o Committee will meet to discuss Phase 2 soon.

- DPAC COMMITTEE:
 - o Spearheaded by Dawn Leslie.
 - o AGM held October 14th. Dawn will provide an update at next meeting.

- PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE:
 - o Spearheaded by Sheri Pawlyshn.
 - o Sheri brought forward an interest in a Mental Health Conference. The organizers, however, will not allow multiple viewers under one ticket and the ticket price is too expensive to purchase multiple quantity.
 - o PAC is interested in sponsoring parent admission to online seminars and learning opportunities where possible. If admission is more affordable, more parents will be parents participate, creating greater learning for the parent community.

All committee leaders will submit a short description of their group to PAC. Once received, PAC will submit to Myka for distribution to parents and Ms. Snell to add to PAC section of School Website. Parents will then know what committees are out there, what they are working on, and who they can contact to get involved.

All committees are encouraged to meet, find volunteers, and work on the projects they are passionate about. PAC wants these groups to feel empowered to do the groundwork and bring ideas for approval to the PAC meetings.

Treasurer Report:

- No financial report given at this time. Outgoing and incoming treasurer to meet to soon to discuss the position and go over current finances.
- Signing authority with Kootenay Savings to be changed over for new board members soon.

Chair report:

- Nothing new to report beyond research completed on new role as Chair.

Next meeting to be held:

November 15th at 3:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm