

NARAMATA PAC MEETING MINUTES

Sept 22, 2021

Parent Attendees - Heather Romero, Quake and Priscilla Hayden, Stephanie D'Angelo, Lisa Blok, Stephanie Prins, Carole Morton, Amanda Perez

Guests/Staff - Kathy Pierre, Jeff Redden

Meeting called to order: 7:36pm

Approval of agenda: Motion to approve by Lisa, Amanda second

Approval of June 19 minutes date minutes - Motion to approve by *Stephanie Prins*, seconded by *Lisa Blok*

Reports-

- **Administrator- Jeff Redden's Principal's Report:**

Student count update: Last year we started at 97. This year we have 71.

Class breakdown: Grade %

New secretary starts Oct 4

Returning teachers: Mrs Tamung (Fine Arts, Div 2), Mr Johnson (¾) , Ms. Kidd covering for Mrs Read, new sanitizer Mr McKinnon

Terry Fox Run is happening on Friday. Our goal is to raise \$200 for cancer research.

Open House next Wednesday Sept 29 - parents to pre-book appointment timeslots in a Covid-safe manner, from 3.30-5.30pm

Also on Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day to recognize the lasting impacts of the Residential Schools

Sept 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

Hot Lunch: we are still looking for some volunteers to help out with hot lunch -

Fire Prevention Week Oct 3-9

Running Program (DPA) will start next week. The whole school will be able to run together, on Monday and Fridays.

Village Walk on Wednesdays.

Rattler Gear orders will go our in October

Picture Day Monday Oct 19

Friday Oct 29 Halloween - hoping that PAC can do snack packs like we did last year.

Nov ½ early dismissal days (parent teacher conferences)

Heather asked how we can talk to new parents/kindergarten parents - esp to help with Hot Lunch etc. We will provide a bit of a 'takeaway' for these new parents.

We talked about Hot Lunch Volunteering - we still need a few more people. Lisa/Rachel/Jeff will connect with to see where things are at and what is still needed. Jeff has a list on the go of volunteers, as does Rachel. They will get in touch to ensure that everyone is all in the loop.

- **Treasurer - Stephanie Prins**

- \$2689.16 in gaming grant account (from 50/50 draw). \$16,000 in chequing account,
- In our regular account, we have about \$19,000 (expected expenses in September include planners, Munchalunch). Generally we budget for about \$20,000 for the year in school expenses.
- PAC will match the Terry Fox Run (to a maximum of \$1000) so kids are motivated to raise more. Amanda proposed, Stephanie seconded it.
- Priscilla asked about field trips. Stephanie updated that the current budget for field trips ~\$5000 (will depend on what comes from Jeff's wishlist)

- **School Board Trustee - Kathy Pierre**

- School board felt that the school year feels normal with no cohorts.
- School reporting will be starting back up again. Up to November 5, parents will be invited to submit feedback on school reporting (Covid).

Correspondence/Guests/Announcements

- none

Old Business

- **FUNDRAISING:**
 - Parent Survey was a MASSIVE success - we had nearly 100% feedback from parents. One of the questions on the survey was to give parents an option to pay a fee rather than volunteering. Families have a lot of additional stress and many families don't have a lot of time. Giving parents an option to pay a fee instead of being asked to volunteer. Some parents wanted to pay a fee, others wanted to volunteer, some wanted both. Most parents were overwhelmingly in favour of the choice. Many indicated wanting to pay, many wanted to volunteer, some wanted both.
 - The realities are that this year won't be another typical year. Heather is proposing that we engage with parents to choose with what they are able to do: volunteer for the PAC, help with hot lunch, help with grade 5, help with Naramata's Got Jingle, etc. This way we have committees of parents ready. Last year we raised a LOT of money (\$20,000) but we don't necessarily have the capacity. We know that parents want options and we are moving to VOTE.
 - All in favour to implement a parent Option to choose a Fee vs YES: Lisa Blok, Stephanie, Amanda, Heather, Carole, Quake and Priscilla, NO: no one opposed.
 - NEXT STEPS: Executive and Jeff to sit down with the budget and wish list to come up with number of volunteer hours and wish list.

New Business

- **HALLOWEEN GOODY BAGS:**
 - Just Baked did last year's; we will ask Ashley to do these again.
- **NARAMATA'S GOT TALENT/JINGLE:**
 - Based on the current Covid climate, we are expecting that we will be in the same situation this year. We will ask for parent volunteers to organize this event. We voted to hold NGJ on FRIDAY DECEMBER 10. Kathy will talk to Joseph about doing the video again.

No other business

Meeting adjourned 8.37pm

Next meeting set: Wednesday October 20th, 7.30pm