

## NARAMATA PAC MEETING MINUTES

Feb 16, 2022

### Meeting called to order: 7.34pm

**Guests/Staff-** Jeff Redden, Amanda Perez, Stephanie Prins,, Heather Romero,, Kathy Pierre, Kirsty Lindsay, Lisa Blok, Chad Taylor, Miranda Halladay, Adrienne Fedrigo

**Approval of agenda** - Amanda Perez motion to approve, Stephanie Prins to second

**Approval of last meeting minutes** - Stephanie Prins motion to approve, Amanda Perez to second

### Reports:

- **Administrator- Jeff Redden**

- Thank you to the PAC for the gift cards and general encouragement to the staff. They are very thankful to have a caring and supportive PAC. Staff are looking forward to
- Thank you to the PAC for the Valentine's Goodies and to Just Baked for getting the delicious chocolate covered strawberries
- Rattler Gear has arrived and was sent home with students yesterday. Tomorrow (Feb 17) will be a Rattler Day so they can all wear their new gear! There are a few extras so we will make those available for sale.
- Also a big Thank You to PAC for the Dance Play in the last week of January. Ashley Diaz from Penticton put the program on and the kids loved it.
- Basketball is in full swing. Practices on Tuesday 4-5pm. Jeff is talking to administrators next week to see if we can do a couple games (one home, one away?) as a reward
- Will be talking about Track and Field, and X-Country running to start up soon

- **Coming up:**

- Cross country skiing for Grade 4-5's today and 24th Feb and March 3
- Pro d day and Family day
- Next Wed is Pink Shirt Day (anti bullying), but this year we are going to focus on conflict resolution. We don't have a lot of bullying but the kids all know eachother so well, so learning some more skills on perspective-taking and conflict resolution
- March 8: report cards home
- March 10: early dismissal/parent teacher meetings (by request)
- Shamrock Games on March 18

- **Outdoor Learning Space:** this spring to have the bordering, engineered bark mulch

- Jeff spoke with West Bench as they also have plans for something similar. Needs to see if it is the size might work and then how much fundraising we need to do

- **School Goal: focussed on reading this year.** Trying to build a culture where reading is really valued by our school. How to create that culture?

- 1: look at resources. Do we have the correct/appropriate with making sure we have enough books of each levels. What are the books kids WANT to read?
- 2: making the school a more reading friendly place. Are there little corners in the school and in the classrooms that are cozy little reading corners? We want to look at our school and see how we can make it more of a reading-friendly space. (Sitting at their desks or library tables isn't very cozy)

- **Covid-19:** yesterday, Bonnie Henry lifted some restrictions. We are expecting that possibly some restrictions MIGHT be lifted in the next little while. Nothing official has happened yet, but we are thinking it might be coming soon (assemblies, parent volunteers, etc).

- **Rapid antigen tests for symptomatic students** will start to arrive soon. Rapid tests will soon be sent home with symptomatic students.

- **School board trustee- Kathy Pierre**

- **Busy month in January:**

- Jan 20th budget committee for determining 2022-2023 budget came together.
  - HVAC ventilation: the mechanical engineering firm is currently checking all the systems in the district and will report back soon.
  - Ministry is starting to receive shipments of rapid tests for staff and students.
  - A child was struck in a crosswalk in front of a school in Penticton. City of Penticton is stepping in to encourage Ministry of Transportation to make amendments to encourage traffic calming. RDOS is being encouraged to step in and do the same for rural schools outside of the Penticton jurisdiction.
  - Long-range facility plan is put on hold until later in the school year, until the district can meet with parents directly.
- **Treasurer- *Stephanie Prins***
- **Current balances:**
    - Profit/loss:
      - Expenses: \$3500 in expenses for last 2 months (Dance Play, outdoor rec). No income this past month.
      - Currently have \$22,789.78 in Chequing
      - Gaming Account 4,629.16
      - Term Deposit 10,780.84
      - High Interest 5,477.54

### **Correspondence/Guests/Announcements**

- Miranda Halladay here to present – wearing her NaramataSlow hat. One of the initiatives that NaramataSlow is embarking on, is having Naramata recognized as an official Dark Sky Community. Growth of our community means a lot of light pollution, and protecting our spectacular night sky is paramount.
  - Miranda attended an event at Chute Lake Lodge in the fall. A private company ([www.bcplanetarium.com/shows/](http://www.bcplanetarium.com/shows/)) brings a portable ‘dome’ to put on a presentation for the kids on Earth Day. They could do a showing during the day for the elementary school, and then an evening presentation for the community.
  - Question about the facility: the school board offices thinks that we \*might\* be able to plan for this, particularly since it seems that restrictions might be lessening soon.
  - Cost is \$1400 – NaramataSlow has budget approval for half, and is presenting to see if the PAC would possibly support with the second half.
  - Discussion:
    - Stephanie Prins – we can use the Gaming Grant funds to cover this.
    - **Chad Taylor makes a motion to contribute the second half of this cost (\$700). Adrienne Fedrigo seconds it. Passed.**
    - Miranda will go ahead and organize it, and will loop Jeff in with the organizer, and will CC Stephanie on it for payment needs.

## Old Business

- From President (Heather):
  - PAC purchased some thank you gifts for staff to help get them through this challenging time. A little pick-me-up gift card to the movie theatre for each teacher and staff member.
- **May Day 2022:** if there is a parent or community person who would like to take on this role, that will be great. Val will help with the ribbon dance, and Chad will help with the Legacy Project. Perhaps planting a tree in the outdoor learning space?
  - MayDay is an RDOS event between the community and the school. PAC is not to be the lead organizer but we can reach out to the network of parents within the school. There will be a binder for any interested parents
    - The school will organize the dance itself, but as far as coordinating the emcee, the soapbox races, etc, the school is not involved with that part. Having a parent to help out is much appreciated by the school, as it is fair bit of work for them to coordinate.
    - **\*\*ACTION ITEM: WE NEED ONE - TWO PARENTS TO STEP INTO THIS ROLE**
    - Chris Heisler and Adrienne Fedrigo will sponsor and organize the Soapbox Races
  - First Aid: Chad will also do the First Aid as part of the Grade 5 Ambassador programming
  - Lisa Blok suggested that we loop in Kelly Lucarino with this, as she teaches the dance (along with Yantj), as well as Mr. Johnson since it is the Grade 3's who will be dancing. Lisa will send an email to connect them all.
- **50/50 Draw:** this is in the works already. Stephanie D'Angelo and Jacqueline Duncan are keen to organize it again.
- PAC Executive Update:
  - At the end of the current 2022 school year, the PAC will be in search of nominations for a new PAC executive board. All of the current members have completed 2 and 3 years
  - Chad Taylor asked to have it reflected in the minutes that the current PAC has done an amazing job, above and beyond. (PAC is very appreciative of Chad's support and positivity! You're awesome, Chad!)
  - **\*\*ACTION ITEM: Parents to start to give some thought please to how they can contribute time towards PAC next year. Voting in of new Exec. will need to take place at the end of this school year.**
- OCP Review:
  - The part 2 of the RDOS OCP Survey about the growth of Naramata is now. It is open for the next few weeks, and it key that we engage with kids.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8.35pm

**Next meeting set:** Wednesday March 16 730pm

**Motion to adjourn:** motioned by Lisa Blok, seconded by Stephanie Prins