

NARAMATA PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2021

Meeting called to order: 7.04pm

Attendees - Stephanie Prins, Amanda Perez, Lisa Blok, Heather Romero, Chris Heisler, Adrienne Fedrigo, Chad Taylor, Val Taylor, Ashley Selwood, Stephanie D'Angelo, Yanti

Guests/Staff- Kathy Pierre, Jeff Redden

Approval of agenda - motioned to approve by Stephanie Prins, seconded by Lisa Blok

Approval of Dec 16 2020 minutes - motioned to approve by Lisa Blok, seconded by Stephanie Prins

Reports:

- **School board trustee**- written report submitted by Kathy Pierre (report sent January 20th). Please see the report which we'll post on the PAC website.
- **Treasurer Report** - Stephanie Prins
 - Spent \$4498 this year so far. Generated \$15,000+ (\$11750.99 from NGJ)
 - Current Accounts:
 - Chq \$20,420
 - Gaming \$1900
 - Term \$10,558
 - High int \$5474
 - Heather to follow up with RDOS on Parks and Rec grant.
- **President's Report:** Heather Romero
 - Website: -- parents please use the website! It offers resources, past meeting minutes, agendas, etc.
 - Naramata's Got Jingle raised nearly \$12,000. We will need to discuss how to spend this.
 - Thank you to Yanti! You did an amazing job and we so appreciate the amount of work that you put into. Yanti then gave a massive thank you to Joseph for pulling it all together. It was a huge team effort!
 - Chad mentioned water turbidity issues where the school had to bring in bottled water. Maybe bringing in a filtered water system for water fountains. Would need to go through the maintenance department. This often happens each spring with turbidity issues.
 - Jeff: the district is going to be installing a filtered water fountain in each school (from the Covid funding that the government provided). Maintenance head was in this past week looking at locations etc.
 - We would need to make sure that the fountains would filter to the level of safety needed for filtration levels. Jeff to talk to the maintenance department to find out details of this.

- Administrator- Jeff Redden
 - **New cohorts:** started right after Christmas break finished. It was interesting watching how the kids adjusted to each other. In the first week they didn't play throughout the cohorts, but in this past week they are all playing so well and it is really filling their social/emotional buckets.
 - **New Logo:** the kids have spoken and they picked the Frank D'Angelo version. Shannon will put the clothing options on the website (t-shirts and hoody's) in kids and adult sizes.
 - **Hot Lunch:** starts up again this week. We have a few families that we are supporting in hot lunch to prevent financial burden and promote inclusion.
 - **Drumming:** has started this week with Bobby Bovenzi. The kids are loving it - taking place this week and next
 - **Spirit Day:** to celebrate the return of hockey! Thurs Jan 28th -- wear sports jersey
 - **Tae Kwon Do** -- each class gets 4 lessons, starting in February
 - **Foundation Skills Assessment** for grade 4's coming up Feb 16 - March 2. This is for the province to see how we're doing as a whole in comparison to the province.
 - **Covid:** thankfully no cases or alerts. Custodial staff is ready to start using the Clorox 360 disinfecting machine will start up in the next week. More effective than just wiping surfaces.
 - **School Score Goal:** in the past years our goal was in connecting with the community (Seniors, OAP etc, not possible with Covid).
 - Our goal this year is involving "trauma informed classrooms" → Making sure kids are feeling safe and secure at school and in their classrooms
 - Becoming more aware that our kids are undergoing more trauma and stress than is typical, and the school staff and environment are working towards being more in tuned with this. Ways to promote this includes:
 - Creating a safe space (physical and emotional);
 - posted schedules;
 - predictability;
 - building a sense of trust and good relationships with their teacher;
 - offer choices helps to empower children;
 - regulation (morning breathing).
 - Heather suggested having a conversation with Jeff offline to bring in a home/school connection.
- **Traffic concerns**
 - Vehicles travelling too fast. We are looking at having a speed bump installed. The placement of the school signs makes it hard to notice.
 - Yanti: it would be nice to have a big visible sign that flashes like at Uplands
 - Ashley: in the past speedbumps have been denied due to snow removal. Maybe having a "please drive mindfully" sign that applies to the whole village?
 - Group agreed to take this offline - we'll have an offline discussion outside of this PAC meeting
- **Budget re-shuffling**
 - Grade 5 skiing has been cancelled due to Covid. Looking for alternate activities for the grade 5's. Lisa suggested Chute Lake. Taking the kids to Apex for tubing. Skating at McLaren. If we can find an alternate activity, we want to be flexible.
 - Heather verified that we already approved their budget and are 100% in favour of ensuring that the kids still have a fun activity even if their original planned activity doesn't go as planned
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**Brief discussion on the SeaCan in the parking lot. Jeff confirmed that the school does not need it. Everyone agreed that it is time for it to go, especially before any large snowfalls.

Correspondence/Guests/Announcements

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Old Business

- Clothes Library (Yanti)
 - It is a work in progress. Still a lot of sorting to be done.
 - Once the library is sorted, Yanti is working on a way to welcome families and also benefit the school. Proposed Naramata Elementary info/shopping night (by cohort). Naramata School Nights will be the way that NES will benefit from the NCL.
 - Parents don't really know what it is, how it works. When? What? How does it work? What is the tie in to the PAC? Community connection to help connect the younger/new parents. Heather/Amanda/Yanti to go over things in person on Saturday. Once the concept is clear and system is set, we can help to spread the info to families.

New Business

- **WINE DRAW:** Val won! Thank you to Bench 1775 for their donation.
- Upcoming events and what do we want to spend \$ on?
 - \$13650 is what we have fundraised so far plus Gaming Grant
 - Wish list was \$13,250. Drumming cost \$200 more than the budgeted amount. Therefore we have raised enough for the wishlist but we don't have much left over.
 - Jeff's update to the Wish List additions:
 - because we're doing a lot of Outdoor Exploration, they would like to have Outdoor Explorations equipment like bird books, magnifying glasses etc. for them to take to Centre Beach.
 - If grade 3 swimming doesn't happen, what else can we do?
 - Chad asked to have more audiobooks added to the library for kids to assist with learning to read
- **May Day:** Val would like to head up the May Day Committee. She is a 5th generation Naramatian and wants to keep traditions as well as modernizing the event.
 - 2020 they did a Virtual May day, partnered with MyNaramata. Adrienne mentioned that RDOS has a new rec coordinator who isn't too familiar with Naramata traditions. Anyone interested can reach out to PAC to get involved.
- **Upcoming events and fundraisers:** what do we want to spend \$ on? Heather expressed concerns about not asking too much from the community but we also don't want our accounts to get too low.
 - Purdy's Fundraiser raised \$500. Coffee raised \$300. But, it wasn't an ideal time to do a fundraiser. Online fundraisers do well since we aren't 100% reliant on our local community.
 - James Hibbert Pottery did a Naramata mug fundraiser a few years ago - did quite well.

Meeting adjourned 8:29pm by Yanti; seconded by Steph
Next meeting set: Wednesday February 17th 7pm