

NARAMATA PAC MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2021

Meeting called to order: 7.32pm

Attendees - Heather Romero, Amanda Perez, Adrienne Fedrigo, Chad & Val Taylor, Stephanie D'Angelo, Lisa Blok

Guests/Staff- Kathy Pierre, Jeff Redden,

Approval of agenda - Motion to approve April 14 minutes? Lisa first, Stephanie second. Passed

Approval of April 14 minutes - Heather motion to approve. Amanda first, Stephanie second. Passed.

Reports-

- School board trustee- Kathy Pierre
 - Lots of meetings over the past month. 3-4 meetings per week! Anticipated shortfall of \$700,000. Declining enrollment since 2001 -- we are operating at about 76% enrollment right now. Grad ceremonies will be the same types as last year. Full report to be emailed to the PAC.

- Treasurer- Stephanie Prins
 - \$1195 raised for the Buddy Bench so far. Need another \$500ish.
 - Bussing, literacy program, staff classroom supplies. Spend ~\$4000 this past month -- was all budgeted for

- President's Report - Heather Romero
 - RDOS Parks and Rec grant: currently still in the works. We still haven't heard anything. Adrienne said that it is on their agenda for this week.

- Administrator- Jeff Redden
 - Grade 5 Ambassador Program: big thanks to Val/Chad/Sydney. They did their speeches today. The kids all did so well and were so confident. They are in the process of choosing their two ambassadors.
 - They did portraits with Mrs Rogers, did Okanagan Song at Centre Beach, watercolour painting, yoga sessions, cub car racing, outdoor games from RDOS on Friday before the long weekend.
 - Did the filming of the May Pole dancing. Big thank you to Val, Yanti and Caillum for everything.
 - Crazy hat and hair day this Friday
 - K/1/2 going to Safety Village on May 28
 - Kids Fest: Outdoor performance on June 7th
 - Summer School: happening at Carmi Elementary this summer. Needs to have a referral from teacher.
 - School fees: school fees will go up to \$20 now. Hopefully this will take some pressure off the PAC. Not to include the planner in this fee (planner is separate which PAC generally pays for. We will refer to it as School Activity Fee and not the "School Planner Fee" so as to not complicate things with kindergarteners as they don't receive planners but are still required to pay the fee.

- o School zone: letter has now been forwarded to the Engineers, to see what can be done there. Progress!
- o Question was asked re: the police incident this past week. There wasn't any direct risk to the public so the school wasn't contacted. (This was in reference to the police search by helicopter, circling nearby orchards looking for two individuals).
- o Year End Field trips/activities:
 - Field trips are very complex right now - and also more expensive. Board has to approve every field trip. Safe, following Covid protocols, etc. Need to have exclusive use of a facility (ie. LocoLanding), parent volunteers aren't allowed, classes must ride on a bus solo (no mixing of classes), masks required. Can't have gatherings so we can't have a big group together.
 - June 7 locolanding; iRide Grade 4-5, grade 5 KVR bike trip, paddleboarding on June 21st
 - We are trying to get a bit of a break on bussing costs. Jeff asked if the PAC is able to support bussing costs for these field trips. We are hoping that on May 24 some of the restrictions might be lightened up so as to maybe cut costs down.

Old / Ongoing Business

- **MayDay update from Val:** video is done and being edited. They are just finishing up the Ambassador program -- there are a few additional costs for the Ambassador program (grade 5's): t-shirts, keepsake journals, lunch from Real Things. Should be roughly \$1200 or so outstanding
 - o Lisa: motioned to cover the extra expenses. Stephanie: motion to second.
- **50:50 Draw:** This afternoon we got our license from the BC Gaming Commission; website will launch tomorrow. We will run a few of our own donations to test it out first, and then will market the website, get it onto the PAC website, get a message on the PAC letterboard.
 - o Awaiting details of photo permission rights
- Hot Lunch Coordinator: we have ONE volunteer: thank you to Nadine Allander. We would still like to have 1-2 more people to be involved, to help share the role. We will touch base with Nadine to see where the needs still are and how many additional hands might still be of use. (1 more? 2 more?)

New Business

- Buddy Bench: has raised \$1295 so far. Thanks to Erin Craig and the other local businesses for contributing. The grade 5's are responsible procuring the donations and learning the skills to ask for donations, speaking to others etc.
- **Parent Survey:**
 - o We are going to put together a survey to ask parents how they would like to be communicated with, how they would like to be involved with PAC, etc. We need to include categories/skill sets/what do you want to help with.
 - o We need a good response from parents to see the general consensus on whether they'd prefer to volunteer OR pay a fee. If many choose to pay a fee, it will cut our fundraising needs drastically. If they opt to volunteer, we should have many more people willing to help out than we historically

and currently do. Would you rather volunteer or pay a fee every year? (Option to pay up front a fee per child OR a certain number of volunteer hours)

- o We know which events/fundraisers we have every year, and how much money we need to raise. We can give a list of events/roles that we know we need.
 - o We propose putting the survey together and sending it out before the end of the school year. Needs to be VERY clear and easy. Needs to just have a couple specific questions
 - o Motion to put survey together: Chad Taylor, Steph seconded.
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- **School Sign:** proposed idea of having a school sign. For both school purposes, plus PAC messaging. Amanda to talk to Dawn Lennie about the status of the NaramataSlow sign to get the ball rolling on getting a rough price

No other business

Next meeting set: *Wednesday June 9, 7.30pm*

Meeting adjourned 8:51pm