

## NARAMATA PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022

**Meeting called to order: 7.36pm**

**Guests/Staff-** Jeff Redden, Amanda Perez, Stephanie Prins, Craig Clark, Heather Romero, Adrienne Fedrigo, Kathy Pierre, Jacqueline Duncan, Stephanie D'Angelo, Lisa Blok, Toshie Ogasawara

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

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

**Reports:**

- **Administrator- Jeff Redden**

- Thank you to PAC for treat boxes
- Jingle was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers, PAC, Yanti etc
- Rattlers Gear order did go out before Christmas. Supply chain issues are making it difficult. Should have it all by end of January.
- Late French Immersion program deadline is Tues Feb 1 for grade 5 parents
- Health and Safety Guidelines: reminder to parents about daily health check. Masks are very important, handwashing. Teachers are trying to distance students. Miss Aoki's class is coming in a different door to prevent too many students gathering in one spot.
  - The kids have been really good at stepping up their game. Staff has been asking students to step up again and they have.
  - Vees visit has been cancelled.
- Basketball season should be starting up soon. Perhaps February we can have games against other schools.
- DancePlay in the gym will be starting soon.
- Jan 23-29 is Family Literacy Week.
- Cross Country Skiing (Div 1) happening this winter
- Pro D Day on the 18th and Family Day on 21st
- Report Cards going out in March
- Early Dismissal March 10
- Shamrock Games March 18
- **Outdoor Learning Space:**
  - Seating has been ordered. Should be installed in the spring.
  - Once the seating is installed, we will get the footings installed for covering.
  - Jeff will talk to PAC to see if we can put the word out locally for someone to design it. A sail shade isn't a good idea as at Giant's Head the kids were playing on it/climbing the poles. We have the funding raised for the seating and footings - the shade part will likely be done in a second stage.
    - Jeff has discussed it with Steph already. We discussed that we should send this out to the school community as a whole (not just at PAC meeting) as there is interest from parents to participate.
    - There might be some \$ left from the Stage 1 part of construction.
    - One parent asked if parents can offer skills/time as volunteer resources? We will know this better once we have a design and plan from the district.
- **Treasurer- Stephanie Prins**
  - **Current balances:**
    - \$5476 high interest savings

- \$26,000 main chequing. We have about \$21,000 for our annual expenses, plus our contingency fund.
  - \$1500 donations (ticket sales, random donations etc), silent auction \$8500
  - Gaming Grand \$1940, \$143 interest revenue
- **School board trustee- Kathy Pierre**
    - **Long Range Facility Plan:**
      - Quite a few meetings over last few months. Several options have been presented by the contractor. Trustees were not happy with all the suggestions, so at the January 31st School Board Meeting, they'll be putting a motion on the floor regarding the school district plan.
        - A report is submitted to the Ministry of Education as a result of these meetings.
        - Absenteeism is very high, so it is therefore unrealistic that decisions are going to be made on the original timeline. It will be done, but most likely later than originally planned.
        - COVID update: Dr Bonnie Henry continues to make announcements but not putting any mandates in place. It is up to local school districts.
        - 2022-2023 school calendar has been posted for public review, and will be submitted to Ministry by March 31st.

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

- n/a

#### **Old Business**

- **Naramata's Got Jingle:** everyone worked very hard to pull this off. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped to pull off the concert, the talent show, and the silent auction. An article on MyNaramata was published today, and we will have something going out to parents in the next newsletter.
- **Traffic Calming:** there have been reports of cars still driving very quickly. Traffic is a bit slower right now (not as many visitors etc). Jeff will send out another email to the Ministry of Transportation. Coming down the hill causes people to go faster than the speed limit. Last reached out in late November/early December. Jeff will reach out to Blaine/Jeremy Gerlach as he is the one who had first commented with advice/direction for how to handle that.
- **PAC Fees:** we are happy to report that most parents completed the survey, and many parents opted to help with volunteerism (thank you!), as well as many parents who wanted to pay a fee instead. We will be reaching out to the parents who wanted to pay but haven't yet. If parents opted to pay the fee instead of volunteer at the school, please email naramatapac@gmail.com as we appreciate not having to track everyone down.

#### **New Business**

- **COVID update:**

- Opportunity for parents to ask any questions/voice any concerns.
- We are aware there are cases in the community. Parents have asked about when isolation is required.
  - While the Province has allowed asymptomatic close contacts to attend school, the school community is opting from a position of being ultra cautious.
  - Parent comment: Parents are always welcome to reach out to Mr. Redden, or to the School District. They are always happy to hear from parents with various concerns. Please reach out and contact Jeff or the Superintendent's office.
  - Parent question: how are the teachers doing? How are they coping? Can PAC offer any support?
    - They are overall pretty good. Tired. Morale is maybe a bit lower than it would normally be. Maybe little thank yous, cards, a gift card? Something nice for the teachers might be a welcome note of appreciation.
    - A parent has asked about can we bring in lunch? Coffee?
      - Yes, for sure! Our staff is picky though and Mr. Redden and Mr. Johnson can only eat so many cookies himself :) :)

**May Day:**

One parent asked about May Day. Will it be organized again?

Val Taylor will run it again. We will reach out to Grade 5 parents for additional volunteers to help support Val/Chad.

**50/50::** Needs 8 weeks or so to organize and run. We are planning to run it again and it will help us get to the fundraising goal. Jacqueline said that it isn't really \*that\* much work to organize. Jacqueline and Steph are happy to run it again! We should have it run so that all the money hits the bank account prior to the end of the year end, that would be far cleaner from a bookkeeping standpoint.

**Meeting adjourned 8.45pm**

**Next meeting set: Feb 16, 2022: 7.30pm**

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