

NARAMATA PAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 6:00pm

Meeting called to order: 6:07pm

Land Acknowledgement – Carole Morton

Guests/Staff: Jeff Redden, Carole Morton, Julie Clark, Blaine Gerlach, Adrienne and Ben Fedrigo, Jodi Vandermey

Approval of Agenda: Carole to approve, Adrienne to second

Approval of February 22nd Minutes: Carole to approve, Adrienne to second.

Correspondence/Guests/Announcements

- **If Any?**

Reports:

Administrator- Jeff Redden

- Running Program on Tuesdays/Thursdays mornings at drop off, all parents and families are invited to join
- Chefs in the Classroom Program started in the Grade 2/3 class. Nice to see volunteers in the building. Thank you Naramata Slow, Chefs and Parent Volunteers for supporting the program.
- Ready Set Learn Event- Kindergarten Readiness Transition Events: Small turn-out, but it was good, kids were playing and showed Kindergarten readiness.
- Kindergarten Orientation will be in June and families will send out the invites soon.
- Outdoor Learning Space– done late this week and early next week. Thank you Dallas, for organizing KRS Excavation to get the excavator down and coordinate with the school district.
- Wine Barrel Planters- we are asking PAC to plant new grasses.
- Thank you to Dallas for donating large rocks.
- Can we plant red planters with flowers for May Day? Yes, Blaine will take on planting.
- May Pole dancing sessions have started on Monday and Wednesday at 1pm.
- Joined the Naramata Pitch-in to help clean-up for Earth Day.
- K/1- will take on cleaning up the bike park for Fire Smart Program with Chris Hessler.
- Monday is Final Pro-d Day.
- Early Dismissal on Thursday next week- Student-Led Conferences next week- 1:30pm- 4:30pm, Parents can come with their child.
- May Day Ambassador Program- Renee Mathieson- sessions with vision boards/collages of each Gr. 5 student.
- Naramata Fire Dept- first Aid with the grade 5s.
- Golf Session with the kids- An Assistant Pro's from the Penticton Golf Course on the back field
- May Day Ambassador Speeches and Voting program on May 4th at 9am- parents are welcome to come and listen to speeches.

- Grade 3 West Bench Run- May 10th (after school run).
 - May Day Celebration- May 19th-22nd.
 - Kaleden Grade 4/5 Run- has been cancelled due to construction, possibly Summerland.
 - June 1st- Skaha Bluffs- Whole School Field Trip.
 - Grade 4/5s Track Meet- June 7th
 - Grade 4/5s going camping, 3 days/2nights, will alternate years with another activity.
 - Grade 5s – biking on the KVR.
 - Wacky Water Days- June 23rd- last Friday of the school year.
 - Beach Day on the last Tuesday.
 - June 28th- Leaving Ceremony for Grade 5s.
 - June 29th- Last Day of School
 - School Wish List- possibly will ask for money for Fine Arts/Sports materials, in lieu of Fine Arts specialist. PAC is happy to support the direction of Teachers.
 - School Goal- would like to survey parents as to a what school goal they would like to support: i.e., Outdoor Learning- Ask: What is our goal for the school? Our vision for the community? Then present findings at the next PAC Meeting.
- **PAC Updates from PAC President- Carole Morton**
 - Thank you to the parents for help with the set decorating at the Talent Show.
 - Nice to have the irrigation system, good amount of parent helpers and community helpers.
 - Nice to see how many parents are coming out and volunteering, it is always appreciated!
- **Treasurer's Report- Blaine Gerlach**
 - High Interest Saving Account- 5530.17
 - Gaming account- 2459.92
 - Chequing Account- 2608.51
 - Term Deposit- 10 818.84
- **School Board Trustee - Karen Botsford**
 - Budget Committee Meeting- good news for funding, if we went with the status quo, then we will have enough money.
 - But what was clear that came from all the interest groups is that the status quo is low, and that the budget needs to be enriched.
 - Strategic plan is in process; The focus is on inclusivity, equity, outdoor learning, indigenous studies, literacy, numeracy, and student improvements. It will be student focused.
 - First Budget Process- difficult to discern what to do. Public Consultation Committee is tomorrow.
 - IMC Building was renamed to Siya Centre with a ceremony.
 - Four New Day Cares approved: Parkway, Uplands, Giant heads and Wiltse being run by non-profit operators.
 - 700 thousand for each year for the next three years- Feeding the Futures Program, in the prevention of hunger, one coordinator for each district.
 - Offer and happy to help with May Day.

- Blaine- does the Budget Infrastructure Committee cover safety concerns- our plug outlets are unsafe with just the one prong outlet.
- Karen will take it to the Secretary Treasurer of Maintenance- capital funds that cover infrastructure concerns. Will be adding electrical support with hopefully a full-time electrician.

Old/Continued Business

- **50/50- Planning and Involvement- Stephanie/Jacqueline/Carole**
 - Stephanie and Jaqueline- application has been submitted.
 - Raffle to run May 1st to May 31st.
 - It will be an online raffle only.
 - Hoping to beat the last year's total- \$6745.00.
 - Will announce the winner on June 1st.
 - **Carole will make the QVR Code and send to Julie to put on the website and Newsletter.**
 - **Blaine- We should honour the Jackpot price- follow Jackpot at 50%, PAC should and cover the fees. PAC Agreed.**
- **Bulk School Supplies Update- Stephanie and Carole and Kelly**
 - Stephanie has been putting in lots of time with Carole.
 - Office Sent out a notification to the parents that the bulk buy is happening. No one was questioning it, so seems to be in favour, have had some positive feedback.
 - **Will cleanout the storage space in the school.**
 - **Will start the buying soon.**
- **May Day Celebration Update- Jeff and Carole**
 - Couple of meetings now and Jeff has been working with RDOS.
 - Carole has been working on the ribbons.
 - Jeff found some medium suspenders to purchase as the small ones are too small.
 - **Jeff will send the medium ones to Carole to purchase from the PAC/RDOS.**
 - Boys can be wearing suspenders, caps, white shirts, black shorts/pants.
 - Girls can wear white aprons and flower crowns.
 - But if any child would like to wear something different, they will be allowed to wear an outfit of their choosing.
 - Jeff- Carole has been good at organizing everything- thank you.
 - Craig Henderson- will be MCing the event.
 - Summerland Pipe Band will come and do the piping.
 - Grade 5s have written part of their speeches.
 - **Jeff- Mrs. Rogers will take the photos of the Grade 5s. Will be organizing and editing, will look at gift certificate.**
 - OAP- will be doing the BBQing.
 - Soap Box Races on the Friday- first session of building will start with Chris.
 - **Carole- Blaine will be about making the T-shirts.**
 - **Karen and Deanna- are doing the May Day magnets.**

- **Regan- is organizing the games, ordered the silver spoon, tug or war, egg race, will be other games.**
 - **Will need help from people to help set up and take down.**
 - **Adrienne- do we have the backdrop? No, will look.**
 - **Jeff- We may need to use the sound system from the school, gym mats for the kids to sit on.**
 - Friday- Soap Box, Family Dance
 - Sunday- Open House at the Museum
 - Monday- May Day Dance and Games
 - **Blaine- How many chairs do we have? May need more chairs this year. Will talk to the rental company about renting chairs and see how expensive it is.**
 - **Jeff- will ask Val to reach out to a videographer for the event because it is the 100th year.**
 - Carole has done a flyer and will put out on MyNaramata.
- **May Day Family Dance- Carole, Julie, Heather**
 - Can it be done by donation?
 - Reached out to Yanti to DJ and she said she could do it for 200-. PAC has agreed to the amount to pay her. Yanti wants to make it more interactive and entertaining.
 - **We can plan everything through a side committee.**
 - **Will need more volunteers for this.**
 - Ben- can we get a Fog machine?
 - Blaine has a fog Machine.
 - Disco ball, Fun lighting, Instant camera, Snacks/Pizza.
- **Grade 4/5 Track Meet Run- Concession- Carole**
 - Have the tent booked from Valley First.
 - **Need LOTS of volunteer bodies, someone with Food Safe- Julie to send out in the Newsletter.**
 - Jeff- District work order- already have tables, there is also a district BBQ that we can use.
 - **Carole- Borrow the flat top BBQ from the store.**
 - **Jeff- good idea to send out the Menu plan beforehand and price it out so kids bring the right money.**
 - Portable freezer- popsicles and freezies.
 - What's going to be easy, fun and yummy.
 - **Adrienne- will help. Chris has Food Safe, will ask him if he can come.**
 - **Jeff- will find out numbers and send to Carole, June 7th Full Day.**
 - Jeff- Don't start food prep until 10 and will run until 2pm.
 - Carole- Have a square tap to take payment.
 - **Jer can help with shopping. He can load up the truck with food from Costco.**
 - Blaine is the point to offer something unique, or just what has been offered before?
 - Carole- any idea is welcomed, but nice to keep it easy on us for the first year.
 - Hopefully some of the Grade 4/5 parents can help if they are already attending.

New Business

- **Wacky Water Days**

- **Need a new Coordinator this year.**

- Pizzas get ordered. Fire Department gets contacted for the Water Spray zone.
- James Young did a salad last year.
- Games- bubbles and water guns.
- Slip and Slide on the hill.
- Dunk tank and Bouncy castle gets rented from Perfect Party.

- **Talent Show- Greta**

- Great is happy to help next year if the school wants to go ahead with it again next year.
- Jeff- if we bring a Fine Arts Specialist in, to tie into the Talent Show next year.
- Jeff- Was the timing for March good?
- Carole- Yes, but Greta was hoping to start a little earlier in the year next time to practice.

- **Vision of the School- Jeff**

- **June Meeting to take a chunk of the meeting to decide which direction the parents and school want to take next year.**
- **Will send out a parent survey beforehand.**
- We do amazing Fundraising. Can we focus more on getting parents into the school? A shift from the pandemic.

- **Hot Lunch- Blaine**

- Seen a decline in volunteers for Hot Lunch
- **Blaine- to write-up on MyNaramata about helping with school events coming up.**
- **Need to send out really specific calls to action.**
- **Send an email through the School Secretary to gather volunteers.**

*** Update- Volunteers joined Hot lunch to keep it running. Thank you, parents***

Set Next Meeting Date: May 10th at 6pm

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: First: Ben Second: Carole

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:36pm