

Naramata Elementary School PAC

Meeting minutes

Oct 1, 2020

Current president Sean Stevenson calls a meeting to order. Chad Smith motions to carry over the meeting minutes and review them at the next PAC meeting. Lisa Block seconded the motion. Motion carried

New principal Jeff Redden provides a school update. Jeff reports 95 students are enrolled this year with eight of them being on the gradual return program. The school is planning a virtual open house. Looking at how to make this happen with the covid-19 restrictions. Details to come.

School looking at how to safely utilize volunteers at this time. School recognizes the need for volunteers but need to figure out to offer this in a safe manner.

School system has made some shifts to their to the Daily Health check and is taking runny nose, headache and a number of other symptoms off the daily health check list. Symptoms down from 17 to 7.

If students are late arriving to school the process is to call the front desk as a doors will be locked and the receptionist will come and let you in.

Hot lunch program is a go this year. Munch-a-lunch registration is open.

Looking at ways to have one to one readers in the school. This is tricky as most of the one-to-one readers historically have been senior citizens which are high-risk age bracket. School continuing to investigate to figure out how this might look.

Yanti indicated that she has a fundraising opportunity and project that she'd like to lead up. This would take the place of the large community garage sale that normally happens once a year. Significant clothes are still housed inside the school what she intends to take out and move to the Naramata Centre who have agreed to partner with her and the school. Looking for volunteers to help her with this project. Interested parents to contact Yanti.

Jeff reported that fire prevention week is next week information will be coming home in the School agendas.

The school is looking at producing more Rattler gear to promote school spirit. The school would coordinate that kids wear gear on a certain day of the week to encourage school spirit.

Picture day is scheduled for October 29th and all ordering will be online.

Halloween will still be celebrated at the school on October 30th. Dress up in costumes will occur. Sadly no parent parade will occur inside but are looking at possibilities of having a costume parade outside for parents to watch. More information TBD

Early dismissal on November 9th and 10th for parent-teacher interviews school out at 12:45.

Due to Covid-19, Jeff is looking at ways to increase communication between parents and teachers as in-person meetings at the school with teachers are more difficult. Jeff agreed that email communication between teachers and parents is an appropriate method of communication and he will send a list of

teacher emails out in the students agendas.

Heather Romero made an update regarding the Gaming Grant. The previous two years applications, which were approved, did not submit the required supporting documentation (Gaming Account Summary Reports). As a result, this years application is temporarily denied which means the missing paperwork needs to be submitted before this year's application is approved. Heather is communicating with the Gaming Branch to sort this out.

Kathy Pierre school trustee G4 update. See school trustee update for more details

All PAC executive positions were vacant and nominations open

Lisa Blok nominated Heather Romero for President, seconded by Sean Stevenson, voted and motion passed.

Val Smith nominated Lisa Block for Vice President. Motion seconded by Amanda Perez. Voted and motion passed.

Lisa Block nominated Amanda Perez for secretary. Motion seconded by Chad Smith. Voted and motion passed.

Heather Romero nominated Steph Prins for Treasurer seconded by Amanda Perez. Voted and motion passed.

PAC meetings will be held monthly, every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Jeff will continue to send Zoom virtual links to parents in order to attend because at present, in-person meetings at the school are not permitted.

Next PAC meeting will be October 21st 7 p.m.

Chad Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Yanti seconded the motion. Motion carried.