

Pebble Hill Traditional Elementary PAC

Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2024

7:04 Call to Order – David Blewett

Principal's Report – Karen Simpson

She gave a personal bio and some history about herself. She is happy to be back in South Delta. PH has given her a warm welcome.

Dec. was a busy month - Thank you to the PAC for the bake sale, gingerbread day, and movie night.

January saw 2 unprecedented snow days.

We have had martial arts come into the school. They were raving about all the positive interactions they had with students.

Lacrosse from the Vancouver Warriors has been to the school in conjunction with the Delta Islanders as part of a Stick to School Program. They have been teaching basic stick/ball handling as well as core values of sports – teamwork, integrity, honesty etc.

We have 3 grade 6/7 basketball teams. Thank you to the teacher sponsors and the parent coaches.

The Intermediates are looking at more Spirit Days from now until the end of the year.

Band and Choir are practicing for their upcoming event at the Giant's Game.

The Grade 5 in BC do an MDI Survey through UBC. It looks at their lives both at school and at home. It compares their well-being to that of others in the Province.

There will be a lockdown drill tomorrow (Feb 2/24) and a fire drill in the near future as we missed one that was scheduled for one of the snow days.

Jaya Johal our CYCW is going to take a cart of sports equipment outside each day so there is more for students to do outside.

Emergency Preparedness classroom "Grab and Go" bags have arrived. The supplies for the bin outside are yet to come.

We are getting 3 speed "humps" for traffic calming. Karen will find out where their location will be.

The Communication Board that was part of the Variey Grant funds was not installed properly by the District. It has been removed because it was so wobbly. It will be reinstalled with posts. Michelle is concerned that this could compromise the integrity of the piece. There needs to be communication between Laura Cole (grounds for District) and Habitat.

Young Engineers is a project coming to present to the 2 kindergarten classes.

Grade 6 classes are looking forward to skiing the 4 Wednesdays in February (hopefully – snow conditions are terrible on the mountain)

Grade 7s are looking forward to Camp

Kids for Kids – Anti-Bullying presentation at the end of February.

SDSS course planning for Grade 7. February 29 7pm in the SDSS auditorium.

DPAC – Michelle Fuchs

There is a survey for Grade 5 students in the province to monitor overall well-being.

The emergency preparedness run by Vanessa Heel with 5000 rations. There needs to be a reorganization of the bins. Parents or the PAC may be called on to assist with funds.

The Signal App is being tested with staff to see if it is useful for notifications in an emergency where you must be silent.

There is a person at the District level who can assist PACs with their constitution and bylaws.

There was a (SOGI) Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity presentation in November. Inclusive learning. Not a curriculum item but woven through the framework of all things taught. It is a way of thinking.

Julie said that the library received books for SOGI with rainbows on the spines. The have removed the rainbows so that there is not stigma associated with taking out those books.

Partick Klassen from Inclusive Learning at the District level has the parent/caregiver handbook. The link should be on the week-at-a-glance.

Budget Update – Twyla

As of December 31, 2023 we have a funds totalling \$12,774.37 year to date.

We have spent \$7500.00

We are projected to spend more this year.

We do have a surplus of \$25,000.

We had taken Emergency Preparedness out of the budget (\$400) as the District was funding it but it may need to be added back into the budget to cover the costs of filling the bin.

Gaga Ball – Laura Cole has walked our playground and there was concern that there was not a dry area that the game could be built. We don't want it sitting in pools of water.

Set \$6000. Aside to further research the possibility of having the game set up.

Motion presented by Twyla Elden

First by Cate McMillan

Seconded by Megan McLean

14 present were in favor.

Allocate \$2000. For Emergency Preparedness

First Julie Mitobe

Second Twyla Elden

All in Favor.

Fundraising – Meredith Almas

Ongoing fundraisers – Cobbs, Tru Earth, Nellies, Mabels Labels

The bake sale at Christmas was very successful. With donated items we raised \$889.

Coming up Krispy Kream and Atlantis Day Spa.

We cannot do West Coast Seeds this year as we didn't register in time but we are on the waiting list.

Neufelds in the Spring

Meridian gift cards can be used online only. With delivery at \$100. Minimum

Table Top sale – Sarah will not be here to run it.

We can look at Flowers Beautiful for closer to Mother's Day.

Apparel is loaded into Munch-A-Lunch and can be launched at any time. Sarah will send to Karen to immediate approval.

There is a list of people who are casual volunteers for fundraisers if anyone wants their name added to the list.

Mural - \$12,000 to have it painted on the wall by Gary Nay.

Sarah has looked into having canvas panels put on the wall with his artwork for a fraction of the cost. (\$900)

Twyla has a contact that is a parent of a student at the school who has a sign business. He is willing to donate the materials, image and install. Is this permitted or does it have to be a district installation even though this would be a donation?

Kids for Kids – Julie Mitobe

Scott Graham is coming to do his presentation on February 20. It is about anti-bullying and how to come forward without becoming a target.

The cost of this presentation for the students has been covered by the school (\$925)

The parent night on February 20 will be at English Bluff school. Currently there is a cost of \$15 per parent with a combined minimum of 40 parents.

They have applied to the DPAC for a grant to cover this cost. Because multiple schools are doing this together the amount of the grant is increased.

Open Forum

Andrew Almas is a professor of Urban Forestry at UBC.

He has been looking into a grant that we may be able to apply for through TD Friends of the Environment. A tree planting initiative or some way to make a play structure with natural materials. The climate is changing and our Western Red Cedars do not like the increase in temperature. We have to replace with trees that are more drought resistant.

Karen will put him in touch with the District Grant person so that they can work on/apply for the grant together.

Brittany Bentley – Her girls are hoping that the back forest will be usable again.

This is a possibility now that we are looking at having a 4th noon hour supervisor available each day.

Michelle Fuchs – The Panther Den has had a number of items go missing. We need to find them and return them to the PD.

Karen will look into the District funding some of our 50th Anniversary celebration in May.

Alison Gunn asked about the playground and further updates. Even if we did all the fundraising to come up with the play structure ourselves, we would still be added to a list for when it could be installed by the District.

8:36pm Meeting Adjourned – David Blewett