

Pebble Hill Traditional Elementary

PAC Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2024

Call to Order: 7:02pm by Julie Mitobe

Introductions of the PAC as well as the parents in attendance.

Principal Report – Karen Simpson

We are sitting at 12 divisions for this school year which is one less than last year. We now have an extra classroom.

It has been a good start to the new school year.

Gotcha Tickets: Given to students that are: Responsible, Respectful and Resilient. There will be a draw every Friday for those that get their names in during the week.

Past Events:

We had a successful Pirate Day.

We had our Open House with a treasure map to the classrooms. Over 100 students in attendance.

Professional Day was focused on AI

As teachers/administrators we need to learn how to use AI and it's purposes within the classroom. It doesn't benefit us if we just shut it down completely. It is solely teacher driven in elementary schools and not for student use.

Focus on Numeracy: school goals, Math Minds learning program.

We have made over \$2200. To benefit the Terry Fox Foundation.

Next year could we have pledge forms for the run to encourage students to gain additional sponsorship? Ask friends and family?

This idea was discouraged because we do not want students going door to door to solicit funds. Too dangerous.

We participated in a walk for Truth and Reconciliation day. A different route than the Terry Fox run. It was beautiful to see so many orange shirts. Then there was a live stream with a Residential School Survivor.

Emergency Preparedness Fund is asking for \$10/student

We have been bumped up on the priority list as our bin is very sparse.

Cell Phones in School

This has not been a huge issue/transition for our school.

We need to discourage the filming of incidents and instead encourage students to help where they are able.

Upcoming Events:

Cerebral Palsy day is coming up. The student we have with CP is excited to share his story.

ARC-BC for Grade 5 students

How do create inclusive presentations, power points, with the use of appropriate colours, fonts, sizes for those with visual impairments. How to present learning.

Civix – Student Vote run by Brynne McLeod for students in grades 4-7.

Students are informed of the voting practice in BC as well as given information on the Candidates and parties running. We want to create informed students.

Results are announced on the same day as the actual election results.

October 23 – photo retakes

Oct 23/24 Parent Conferences

Oct 31 – Halloween and Diwali fall on the same day this year.

We will have the Halloween parade and Monster Mash

Still working on how to best celebrate/participate in Diwali.

Nov 5 Math Games with stations. Run by Grade 6 students. There is a family component from 4:30-6pm.

Asks:

Sports Equipment The \$300 from the Grade 7s from last year has been used.

Purple = outdoor vs indoor equipment

\$500 for sports equipment

Sport Chek has made a donation.

Meredith Almas will reach out to Canadian Tire in person.

Music Program being run by Colleen Watts.

\$500

Fine arts, Ukelele, have a Hip Hop group attend the school and teach. There is not funds to sufficiently cover this event. Do we have permission to go forward to find out what is involved?

Mathletics subscription has been renewed.

Drainage for our new wood chips on the Intermediate playground has been brought forward to the District as well as Habitat (before they have our new playground piece installed)

Teachers would like additional ipads. They cost \$469. Each through the District.

This is to document learning. Dongles and ipad stands are also being requested.

The District is still putting money into Technology. They are upgrading our computer carts.

Nov 18 the District PAC meeting will be held at Pebble Hill.

Looking into the Best Buy Tech Grant

The application needs to be filled out by Karen. October 15 is the cut-off date.

Budget - Twyla Elden

We received our grant today \$40,055.11

To be used for field trips, playground equipment, classroom things, mathletics.

Fundraising – Meredith Almas

Flower bouquet/bulbs has made \$268.

We will be launching Neufeld Farms and Purdy's Chocolates also this fall.

Our application for WestCoast seeds is in.

Andrew Almas is working on the TD "Greening" Grant

Used uniform sales have brought in \$436.12

Holiday Bake Sale on December 10.

Stream Of Dreams

We will need volunteers for each class.

Education piece by the program \$4800. Must attend before you can paint a fish.

Kids paint the fish.

They will be attached to the fence between the gym and the parking lot.

We do not have a date yet to do this.

Inclusive Learning has spent \$1400 on wiggle chairs, head phones etc. As well as the outdoor gazebo for the courtyard which should arrive this weekend. (\$1100) plus sand.

Additional Business:

Have we ever considered Life Vac for the school?

Would need District approval.

We do have an AED now in the medical room.

There are First Aid trained people in the school. 2 EAs plus Karen.

Can we offer a First Aid training course for parents and teachers?

On a professional day could we offer the Babysitter Course or the Home Alone course to run in the school library? Could we run it as a fundraiser?

Hot Lunch will be twice a month this year. This is a good balance.

Teacher Appreciation lunch in June. Should be open to any volunteers and not just put on Kindergarten parents.

Meeting Adjourned 8:27pm