

SOOKE ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING: *13 June 2017*

Minutes (Approved)

Call to Order (6:30 pm):

Present: Danielle D., Candice N., Lisa S., Maki M., Lorna E., Tara P., Britney C., Lisa N., Dan N., Kerry A., Mandi B.

- Territorial acknowledgement (6:30)
- Adoption of Agenda as presented (6:30)
- Approval of May 2017 minutes as presented (6:30)
- MOTION to adjourn by 7:30

PAC Elections (6:35-6:45)—Chaired by Mrs. Arnot

President: Tara Pugh

Vice President: Lisa Nilsson

Treasurer: Kristal Sharp

Past President: Candice Neveu

PAC Lunch Coordinator: Maki Morris

Food Committee Member: Britney Ceraldi

Secretary: OPEN

Speac Rep: OPEN

MOTION to destroy the ballots **CARRIED**

Reports (6:45 – 7:00)

Admin Report (Kerry Arnot, Principal): Field trip season has been very busy. Lisa Stone has temporarily replaced Noelle until July. Arts Reach has offered Hip Hop and Square Dancing for several classes. Grades 3-5 went to the symphony at Belmont. Parent consultations for class arrangements have taken place. Division 1 won a prize package from Sierra club so went whale watching and to the Ocean Discovery Centre. Jump Rope For Heart raised \$4300. Supply lists are being finalized. Beach Day to Esquimalt Lagoon is on Tuesday. The garden has gone in behind the modular. Lisa Stuart (Teacher) is the champion for it. The aim is for 2 indigenous boxes and a cyclical garden in the last one. Sprinklers in the area will water them but will need deer fencing. Kindergarten orientation is this week with two sessions in the morning. We currently have 2 full K's and a K/1. We are completely full and Saseenos in the overflow school this year.

Due to the large amount to students participating in X-country, the Sports Council is looking at ways to manage the events, which currently run twice in the fall and twice in the spring. One option is that Gr.1s don't run in the fall and the other option is that Sooke runs its own X-country meet. There is a meeting again in early September. For Sooke, we only represent a small fraction of the total number and only meet with other schools in the district 5 times a year, so holding our own is not the preferred option.

Admin Report (Mandi Becking, VP): Sooke Lions visited the Gr.2s to promote Canada Day and the Gr.2s acknowledged the efforts of the Lions.

Business (7:00-7:25)

MOTION to spend \$1700 to finish the garden beds

PAC was asked to pay for the progress so far (construction, dirt); Grow with me Garden Supply has offered to donate plants. PAC was also requested to pay for some form of deer fencing. After some discussion, the amount was increased to \$2700 to include the cost of fencing.

Revised MOTION to spend \$2700 to finish the garden beds and put up deer fencing (LN/LS) **CARRIED**

MOTION to spend \$150 in September on Meet the Teacher

To enable the PAC to hit the ground running, a motion is on the table to approve \$150 for Meet the Teacher as the new budget will not be finalized in time for this annual event. After discussion and a look at this year's event, the amount was increased to \$200.

Revised MOTION to spend \$200 in September on Meet the Teacher (LS/DD) **CARRIED**

Year in Review & Looking Ahead

This year and next year are transition years as essentially, as the district works to implement the Supreme Court Decision around the teacher contract. As a result of the decision, the school has received grant money that will finalize the technology suites in the classrooms and will support updating the laptops. The computer lab will be converted to a classroom and grants will enable more flexible and nimble technology to be added to classrooms to compensate for the loss of the desktops. We will also be receiving at least 1 portable for the new year.

When asked about short term and long term goals for the school, the technology goal has been met. Over the longer term, goals around curriculum enhancement will take precedence. This is a grey area for PACs because it gets into the discussion of who should be responsible for paying for this kind of thing: the province (via the district/schools) or PACs.

Looking ahead, adding a naturescape style playground or elements to expand what we have is a goal for the school to provide more and varied opportunities for the kids. Mandi will have this file should the new PAC decide to support this goal.

Meeting Adjourned (7:30)

Next PAC Mtg: Wednesday, September 13, 2017