



MEETING MINUTES

Sooke Elementary PAC Meeting

Date/Time January 7, 2021 via Zoom at 6 pm | *Meeting called by* Sooke Elementary PAC

Executive Members

Marianne Waldemar, President | Janelle Holstein, Vice President | Jessica Poitras, Treasurer | Shannon Scott, Food & Event Coordinator | Meghan Rownd, Secretary

Call to Order – Meeting of the PAC was held January 7, 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom. Call to order at 6:05 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Territorial Acknowledgement – Sooke Elementary PAC would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Coast Salish, specifically the T'Souke nation on which the school is built. We recognize the territory and the nation. We thank them for sharing this beautiful land.

Opening Motions

- **MOTION** to adopt agenda (MR 1st, SS 2nd CARRIED)
- **MOTION** to approve December 2020 meeting minutes (MR 1st, BH 2nd CARRIED)
- **MOTION** to adjourn meeting by 7:15 pm (MR 1st, SS 2nd CARRIED)

In Attendance

- **PAC Executive:** Marianne Waldemar, Meghan Rownd, Shannon Scott
- **Other Attendees:** Brittany Hartley, Ms. Krista Leakey, Liz Stannard

Partner Groups:

- Principal Krista Leakey
 - o There's not much to report yet – this is her first week
 - o Very happy with the kids and how kind they've been
 - o Buddy bench is still waiting to be installed
 - o Shelving for sea can
 - Suggestion to put a hold on buying it ourselves because a lot of schools might want to do that so the school district might be looking at standardizing it for all schools
- Ms. Stannard
 - o Working with Ms. Lisa they have started the native plant garden outside in the rear parking lot
 - They were able to rescue plants from the library site
 - The kids had a great time getting them and learning about the forest
 - o Library has been reduced services but they're doing the garden when not in the library
 - Go Wild Grant provided by World Wildlife Fund \$500 was approved
 - Ms. Stannard has connected with the municipality about buying from a nursery
 - Great for the kids to learn in a different way
 - "Rewilding the Old School Site in BC"
 - Apart of principals of learning
 - Great for the younger kids especially because the forest by Seaparc is quite far for them to explore
 - Partly digital – permissions will be sent out to parents for World Wildlife
 - They may come to do some publicity for the garden and the project our students are undertaking
 - Consider putting signage up in the yard to engage the public with it too
 - Becoming an Eco school – apart of that is the Ready, Step, Roll

- **ACTION:** email Colby to see if we can share her email with Ms. Stannard so she can connect with her about the program – also invited her to join the next PAC meeting
 - Is there any support they need from us at this time?
 - The grant is just beginning
 - At this stage they are not really able to do a lot because of COVID
 - Very much just planning at this point – looking at meeting with landscapers, moving invasive species, promoting the garden
 - Garbage bags, clippers needed - asked her to just send us an email and we can have a quick discussion about it to get it to her
 - Looking at using the gated garden outside Ms. Stuarts class to propagate some native plants
 - Suggestion from PAC to ask local for donations for seeds, plants, equipment, etc.
 - We can advertise the business on the outside PAC sign for their donations
 - Sooke soil donated soil and mulch
 - Ms. Stannard will approach Lions and the Rotary
 - Suggestion to contact Sunriver garden to see if you can get clippings etc.
 - **ACTION:** Meghan will put information in the newsletter and will follow up with Ms. Stannard about what exactly they are looking for
- Virtual book fair
 - 2 week duration online
 - If you spend over \$35 it's free shipping and it ships right to your home
 - Can teachers still do their wish list?
 - Thinks so but she hasn't gotten the full kit to know for sure
 - Anytime after Feb 1st – probably before spring break
 - **ACTION:** Meghan will follow up with Ms. Stannard about dates, etc. to put online for parents

Old Business

- Hot Lunch – January? February? March?
 - Can we do hot lunches?
 - Hasn't heard that we haven't been able to
 - Ideas
 - A&W – waiting to hear back for what they offer, how much
 - Pizza Pia man – calzones
 - Subway
 - Would love to do hot dog day for the kids because they love it
 - but is so dependant on the health orders and COVID
 - making food is a no go
 - food premade and delivered is okay
 - January 22nd – Subway day
 - Form the same as last time
 - Orders in by January 18th
 - Give the teachers the envelopes for money and the orders will go into the classroom
 - Krista can't give a class list
 - Can we do first name and last initial – doesn't see a problem
 - **ACTION:** Meghan will do up the order form and email it to Krista for her to get out to classes
- Make It Sow Fundraiser Update
 - Hoping to roll out Friday, January 7th
 - Everything will be sold online
 - **ACTION:** Marianne will get the information finalized and put on Facebook
- Fundraisers for the remainder of the year – Reflectors? Created-by-Kids Mother's/Father's Day - **TABLED**

Treasurer Report (not available for this meeting)

New Business

- Music Classroom Fund
 - o Email from Leesa asking for some instruments and supplies
 - o Providing \$300 to fine arts classroom
 - o Some were art supplies and additional things which we won't normally cover
 - o Discussion: that the whole school benefits from the art supplies being purchased and they are not traditionally supplies classes would buy
 - o Discussion: offer her \$300 for now and maybe school could support her for art supplies
 - Again it is for supplies that are not normally bought by the school for classes and they are supplies for the whole school to use when in that class
 - o **MOTION:** to bump to \$400 to allow her to use it for art (MR 1st, SS 2nd CARRIED)
 - o **ACTION:** Marianne to email her to let her know it's approved
- Classroom Fund Use
 - o Discussion **TABLED**
 - o **ACTION:** Marianne will follow up with Krista to find out what school supplies are ordered for classrooms through the \$40 school supply fee families pay at the start of the year – then PAC will discuss what we will cover or not for the rest of this year
- Portable Hockey Court Discussion
 - o Deb had mentioned that they had portable hockey court at her other school
 - o Option to the permanent hockey court that PAC voted out last meeting
 - o It's a court that makes a rectangle area that the kids can use as a hockey court but is not permanent and can be folded up and stored away when not in use
 - o Can't build it ourselves – liability issue
 - Would have to contact facilities to get it built for the school
 - o **TABLED** for further discussion
 - o **MOTION: TABLED**
 - o **ACTION:** Marianne will find more information and forward to the PAC so we can see what it is for future discussion
- Purchase shelving for sea can
 - o Discussed with Krista
 - Suggestion to hold off on buying shelves until we know what the school board is/might supply schools
 - o **TABLED** for further information from Kirsta regarding what we are getting
 - o **MOTION: TABLED**
 - o **ACTION:** Meghan will follow up with Krista to find out what the school board is going to do
- Redistribute emergency supplies to sea can. Can we do this?
 - o Krista will talk to Mandy about this
 - o Water container – will be moved into the sea can at some point by facilities
 - Should wait to move in other items until the water container has been stored
 - PAC has sent email about trying to get two smaller water containers but we have the large on for now
 - o We still don't have a clear answer on what the district is going to provide as far as water and food
 - o Nothing can happen per Krista until shelving is in anyways but she will let us know what we can do to help
 - o **ACTION:** PAC to look into what is in the bin that is out there
 - Marianne, Shannon and Meghan will go through Friday, January 8

Announcements and Adjournment

- Next Meeting Date: February 4, 2021 @ 6pm via Zoom
- Adjournment
 - o **MOTION:** to adjourn (MR 1st, SS 2nd CARRIED)