

Springwood Elementary School
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Location: Online via Zoom

Date of Meeting: September 23, 2020
Chair: Renee/Karri
Secretary: Selina/Felicia
Attendees: Karri, Renee, Ms Skeene (principal), Ms Hung (VP), Julie, Kaylee, Andrea, Amanda, Mike, Mary, Annie, Janessa, Paula, Nancy, Selina, Dean

Call to order: 7:03pm
Approval of Agenda: Amanda/Paula
Approval of Minutes: N/A – from Feb

Principal/Vice Principal Report:

- Great start to the year – 55 new students to SES – down 39 (470 total).
- The school is reaching out to distance learning and is awaiting responses from multiple families.
- 8 kids assigned to classes at SES but not there – no one has requested their records. Most students not with us this year have gone to online learning/CEAP and are accounted for.
- 39 home support kids. Some have kids coming part time, some have kids that are off right now but hoping to return soon.
- Cohorts have 3 teachers – each class has 2 teachers and an additional teacher. If supporting teachers go into another cohort, they are masked. They are also covering the lunch time for teachers and providing learning support if needed.
- Last Wednesday, some kids went home with what appears to be the stomach flu. Health and Maintenance came in with the disinfectant device and provided thorough cleaning in the rooms where the kids were sick.
- Huge thank you to PAC for the chalk art that welcomed everyone to school. Thank you for coming in on Sunday and visualizing on the pavement very clearly where people can park and can't park. Complaints from teachers have really diminished so far.
- Mask wearing – our intermediate kids are doing an amazing job. There is concern with staff with parents outside not wearing masks and being in contact with other parents in different cohorts.
- There are a few “approved” vehicles from local daycares that have permission from the district to drop off around the back parking lot loop along with the district buses but that's it – the rest should be following the parking guidelines.
- Concerns are brought forward from teachers that students are being dropped off at 8:30 and being allowed to mix and mingle potentially outside of their cohorts. A newsletter will be coming out on that this week. Children should be going directly to their cohort learning area and waiting there.
- Teachers can choose to wear a mask or not in their own classroom but in the hallways, they need to be masked.
- High demand for playground areas and basketball court sandbox areas. They sanitize before they go on the playground and when they leave. The kids are getting quicker at washing their hands.
- Can PAC help with:
 - Cohorts going out at recess – play equipment needed and hoping for financial help.
 - Little kids want the sand box, the big kids want the basketball courts. Is there a possibility to put together a primary age play sand station on the side where the choir room is? Something that can come in and out easily.
 - Budget for the school is way less due to loss of international students. Looking for supports for the Applied Design Science Technology department. Exploratory outings will be done within the cohorts and based on the teachers' specialities. Looking to implement something like “Karen's corner” having certain items like tiles or carpet or whatever ready for use.
 - How can the PAC help with increasing community efforts?
- Photo day is next Friday – strict Covid protocols around how it's set up and it will be a touchless system. No parent volunteers. Scheduled in cohort groups and all orders will be done online and it will be sent directly to student homes by mail. Alternate day available if children miss the photos due

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to illness – Lisa to ask the photographer if there's another option to add a 3rd day due to COVID absences and the length of time people need to be out due to protocols being followed.

- VP Sarah said they're going to notify parents of the updated COVID checklist and if families haven't completed the electronic checklist, the school will connect with them individually.
- Bagel café/Hot lunch isn't happening right now. Too tricky with volunteers and space to prepare etc. Will revisit later maybe.
- Renee brought forward offer from her neighbour to provide sandwich boards to the school. Lisa and Renee to discuss further.
- No update on the courtesy riders.
- Many parents are unhappy with the construction at Moilliet and Despard – kids were out biking, and the crew working was blocking traffic and the kids were forced to go around it right into traffic without flaggers. Lisa and Karri to contact the city via their contacts to arrange a city of Parksville rep for our next PAC meeting and to inform them of our concerns. Lisa asked about a pedestrian overpass to go over the highway for kids to get to and from school. Maybe we need an adult at the crosswalk to help during before and after school hours to help kids cross. Many safety concerns raised for that area and how children are getting to and from school.
- Next Wednesday is orange shirt day – dress as your favourite superhero October 7th. These will be added to the bottom banner of the school website. Open house is still being discussed.

Chair/Vice Chair Report:

- ELECTION NEXT MONTH – anyone with 2 stars beside their name can't do the same roles again.
- On the main SES homepage, there will be a section to click on the agendas and minutes.
- Budget meeting next month. We will get our numbers in order and then talk with Lisa to get teacher wish lists.

Vice chair report:

- helping DPAC get cleaned up with their communication.
- DPAC meetings are every 3rd Wednesday

Treasurer Report (Absent):

- Amanda lost power so Renee reported out. Refunds are going out for munch a lunch. A lot of people donated to the PAC instead of requesting a refund.
- We are still getting gaming money. We can spend it on sports equipment.

Committee report (Sadie – but updated by Renee):

- No hot lunch right now. Letter sent with deadline to say if they want to donate their money or await instructions to get a cheque for the amount in munchalunch.

New Business:

- Mural done! YAY!
- Purdy's – best case is if everyone can order online and it gets sent to their house.
 - We only did online ordering once about 5 years ago and the names weren't included in the order when it came to us. Selina to call Purdy's to discuss.

Old business:

- Karri to send Kailee an email about the sign for outside the front door.
- Potential fundraisers: Calibri bags

Next meeting – October 29, 2020 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn 9:06pm