

Aberdeen Elementary PAC meeting

Acknowledgment of Aboriginal Ancestral Land by Mr. Rossi

PAC Meeting attendance: *Sam, Sunita, Mindy, Robin, Deb, Bethany, David*

PAC President Report

- Hot lunches have been going very well. We would like to purchase new coolers/bins/containers for each division so we can discard the old and cumbersome Styrofoam boxes. We have talked about getting stackable bins or I have recently seen big cooler carrying bags at Costco which would be nice for keeping the lunches warm. Vote for approval and budget of purchase: *Sam moves that we purchase cooler bags, Robin seconded, All in favour.*
  - *KFC, McDonald's, and Dairy Queen do hot lunches. Do we want to do one of those for hot lunch? Sam will email them and ask what the meals that KFC offers are. McDonald's is a no go due to salt content.*
- *Treat Day November 12: Along with Hot Lunch everyone will get a treat. Sam will go to Costco and buy 3 more boxes of Rice Krispy Treats.*
  
- Family photo night was busy and we had more sign ups than we could accommodate for the 6:30-8:00 time slot. We had 9 families participate this year for a total of \$1080.00 less the photographer fees. Thank you to Santana for another successful fundraiser. *We will pay Santana half, so we will write a check to Santana for \$540: Sam moved, Robin seconded.*
  
- I have reached out to Neufeld to book dates for a fundraiser they have nothing available. I tried Western Direct and they are not operating at the moment. Reached out to Moms pantry and they can accommodate us however they have a new minimum order of \$3000. If we do not meet the target of \$3000 shipping would cost us \$250. I don't think we have ever ran a fundraiser with \$3000 in sales other than the Bookfair. Vote on running the moms pantry fundraiser. *We will not be doing Mom's Pantry, but will get on the list right away to do a Neufeld fundraiser in the spring.*
- *Sin-Amen Bun fundraiser potentially for December delivery. 6 packs offered, we make \$5 per pack. No minimum order. \$22.50 for regular and \$26.50 for flavoured.*
  
- Book fair was wonderful! Very busy and the children were all excited it was back! We have another scheduled in March, however, we need to recruit and/or schedule more volunteers. We were struggling to have enough people to cover recess and lunch shifts. Our October bookfair sales were approx. \$3081.00 and we raised over \$2000 in product credit for our school! *Most teachers were able to pick books for their classrooms. Little Bits ordered last year haven't been received as they were back-ordered. Sam is looking into it.*

- On November 15<sup>th</sup> Mr Rossi and I will be attending the Abbotsford School District joint Partner Meeting and I will report on that in our December meeting.
- Next Pac Meeting date Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### PAC Treasurer

##### Bank account balances

Main: \$20,599.36 (*book fair check still hasn't come out*)

Gaming: \$5020.12 - *Rollaring blading, Reptile Guy and PE equipment will come out of this account We have not yet given classrooms money for this year. \$250/classroom This was voted on and approved.*

##### Principals report:

- Reptile Guy coming in (Mrs Mathers is organizing for K-3 classes) *Can we pay for it and do it for all the classes?* Yes, most likely.
- Oct. Recap: Thank-you to Ms Dhaliwal for setting up the pumpkin patch and Robin/family for the lending of the tractor. Thank-you to all the teachers and especially Mr D and Ms LeClaire for helping with this, esp.
- Mr Goerky is going to organize a focus on students cultures.
- Soccer has gone well, despite the rain. So glad to have sports back and thanks to Mr. D for helping after school with this.
- Parent- teacher conferences were great and mostly in person with a few exceptions.
- School pictures also happened: How did everyone like them? *They were great and we have lots of options for backgrounds and packages to order.*
- Photo retake day is Tuesday, November 9th in the afternoon.
- All classes will be cooking bannock over the next little bit and get to enjoy it the next morning. Thank-you to Mr Byron for that.
- SOGI - we are going to be putting safe place stickers outside every classroom door, it is not just for the LGBTQIP2SAA+ but for anyone who needs to have a safe place to talk to a safe person.
- Linda, our custodian, is retiring as of Tuesday. She has been here at Aberdeen for 22 years. Some classes are putting together cards for her.
- Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday: This year is the 100th year of the Poppy being a symbol of Remembrance Day. Always impactful for the kids.
- There is a lockdown drill happening in November. We make sure that students know THIS IS A DRILL.
- Grade 4s and 5s will be visiting Eugene Reimer Middle on December 10th. *Will parents be able to go?* This is a field trip so we need a 10-1 ratio.
- Christmas Concert: Not sure what this looks like, right now. We can only have 1/2 capacity in the gym which is about 175.
- Report Cards coming December 3rd - focusing on reading, writing, math and social-emotional learning. Teachers will start assessments very soon.

- Survey results: 94 responses, Do you feel connected to adults at school? Do you feel safe at school? For those that said no most of the time it was an issue during unstructured time without direct supervision like centres, recess, lunch. Still looking at Clubs for during those times that may help as there will be less kids outside. Do you feel like you belong? How many adults do you feel connected to? We are looking at data and working with it.
- Madame Nancy has taken over as a critical literacy teacher with Arts integration on Friday.