

Aberdeen Elementary PAC Minutes February 2022

Land acknowledgement: We acknowledge that the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

Principal's Report:

- **Parking Lot:** By-law officers came by and talked to a number of parents about stopping/parking along Bradner and Fraser Hwy. Mr. Rossi talked with them and encouraged them to have their manager call and talk with him about the traffic/parking situation. Reminder: *We should not be parking at the bottle dept or Rone during pick-up and drop-off as those are private businesses.*
- **Crossing Guard:** Unfortunately, as we are not considered a safe walking school the district will not provide a Crossing Guard. They do provide free bussing for any who wants it.

Discussion by PAC members: As a PAC, we could ask city planning about any other things that could be done to help with safety around the school. I.e. Bigger signs for the 50km zone by the school on Fraser Hwy, having a portable speed reader placed by the school on occasion.

- **Gaga Ball Pit:** This has been a huge hit with the kids. A rotation of divisions has been set up since it is so popular. This way everyone gets a chance to play.

Discussion: As a PAC we would like to pay for this with our gaming funds. Mr Rossi will provide us with receipts/invoices for the cost so that we can do this. Once we know the full cost we will vote on the exact amount for reimbursing the school.

- **PAC Events and Parent Volunteers:** These events (Hot lunch, Book Fair, etc.) can now resume. Parent Volunteers can also return to classes.

Discussion: Hot Lunch Dates are Feb 25, Mar 11, Apr 1 & 22, May 6 & 27, and June 3. This will be open for ordering by Monday Feb 7th on Munch-a-Lunch. We will likely also do Hot Lunch on Sports Day, but that date is not yet set for certain.

- Grade 4&5 Extra Curriculars: these can resume, but with no tournaments, no non-essential visitors, and no crowding. Mr Rossi is checking with other principals in the area to see if anyone is interested in participating in games.
- Early Dismissal: March 8 & 9 the children will dismissed at 12:30pm. This is to facilitate conversations between parents and teachers.
- Report Cards go home March 11th.
- School Data Report: Reflects where the students proficiency levels in Reading, Writing and Math as of November. This will be posted on the school website.
- New Staff: Ms Carrie Wojak will be taking over teaching the Grade 3 class on Thursdays & Fridays as Mrs Thompson goes on Maternity Leave. Mrs Ernewin is back in that classroom on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Mrs. Cizik is back Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in her classroom also with Mrs Mann there Thursdays and Fridays.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Account - \$13,583.11

Gaming Account - \$5,020.75 (Most/All of this will be going towards the Gaga Ball Pit)

President's Report:

- Fun Fair - At this point booking bouncy castles and such will be hard and we don't know where we will stand with restrictions come closer to May/June, so we will not do a big Fun Fair event this year. We will look at doing a Family BBQ/Pizza Night. To do the BBQ we would need some people with Food Safe. We need to re-up some of our Food Safe Certification. Sam will look into whether DPAC covers the cost of this for some people.

- Staff Appreciation: We will do this Wednesday, March 2nd. (The staff who are not present that day can choose a gift card from Tim Horton's or Starbucks.) We will ask for menus from a few local places (Brick Alley Bistro, Station House Pub, Rendezvous, etc.) and pick one. Approx. \$15/person.

- Fundraising: Neufeld's is currently full. We are also looking at Sin-Amen (Cinnamon Roll place in Chilliwack) to do a fundraiser.

End of Meeting: Next Meeting March 3rd, 2022