

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 13, 2025 / 6:00 PM / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND WELCOME

Called to order at 5:58 pm

In attendance: Noel, Michelle, Kathy, Matthew, Pam, Jessica, Mike, Emily, Hollee

Land Acknowledgement

We are privileged to meet this evening on the Sto:lo traditional and unceded territory of the Pilalt, Ch-ihl-kway-uhk (Chill-Qway-Ick) and Sema:th tribes where we work, learn and play.

Agenda and Minutes Approval

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 - **Motion:** That the agenda be approved as circulated.
 - Motioned by Pam. Seconded by Matthew.
- Minutes Approval
 - **Motion:** That the minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting be approved as circulated with the addition of Hollee being added as an attendee.
 - Motioned for revision by Kathy. Seconded by Pam.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- Chairperson's Welcome
 - Michelle welcomed everyone.
- Principal/Vice-Principal's Report
 - January
 - Feb 10-13 - Jump Rope for Heart
 - Feb 14 - ProD Day
 - Feb 17 - Family Day - no school
 - Feb 21 - Hot lunch and spirit day (hasn't been decided)
 - Feb 26 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Feb 28 - Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)
 - Parent - Teacher conference

- Other Updates:
 - Building upgrades - Update
 - Tentative completion during spring break
 - Storage Space
 - Carnival equipment
 - Some of the equipment is in rough shape.
 - A couple of the PAC members will look at it next week to make a decision as some pieces might be reused for the Community Day.
 - Cleaning up the space so that it can be used more frequently.
 - This area has been broken into a few times so the less “stuff” in that area, the less tempting it is.
 - Student Teachers
 - Mrs. Renwick and Mrs. Key have student teachers returning.
 - March 6 Skwah First Nation elders telling stories about the land in preparation for the mural work.
 - Mural work is planned to start in May.
 - Canoe pull meeting happened today - will proceed in May.

● Treasurer’s Report

- January was not a busy month.
- Bottle return for Grade 5 fundraising
- Purchase-a-Perk prep items (labels)
- Incoming funds: Movie Night concession, hot lunch

● DPAC Report

- Anti-bullying letter draft was forwarded to PAC members and Noel. DPAC is asking for more measurable goals/consistent plan. DPAC is asking PACs to “sign off” to give more weight/influence to the proposed plan.
- Pam asked Noel what currently happens when bullying/racism is reported.
- Noel said that any discrimination must be fully investigated. Progressive discipline model. Parents get involved and it can get escalated to the district if there is no improvement. Doesn’t often get to that level in our particular school.
- Matthew states that most of the concern comes from middle/high school bullying, not necessarily elementary school.
- RCMP liaison officer can also be involved if it gets to that point.
- Trustee Westerby states that the letter puts it “on the record” so that there’s more direction when decisions are made.
- Trying to standardize policy between schools.
- Matthew motioned to “sign off” on the letter draft. Jessica seconded the motion. All in favour.

- Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam made a presentation about the Strategic Plan Refresh. It's basically a five-year plan.

● Fundraising Committee

- Movie night was not very successful. We believe it was affected by the poor weather along with two hockey games (Chilliwack and Vancouver).
 - Most snacks can be reused - not expired.
 - \$242.89 to be reimbursed to Michelle for purchasing the snacks.
 - Pam motioned, Matthew seconded.
- \$388 brought in from the Valentine's Raffle
- Grade 5 are working on their own raffle, along with another spring raffle
- Mitchell's Soups started today.
- Movie snack reimbursal.

● Hot Lunch Committee

- Panago was a success. 29 large pizzas (\$645.50) and 2 slices went to each child who ordered. Pizza was delivered hot.
- Hollee wondered if everyone needed FoodSafe or if only one person did - PAC will look into this.
- Noel was asked if parents helping with hot lunch need criminal record checks. He clarified that they do not as long as they aren't working directly with children.

Special Committee Reports

Grade 5 Committee

- \$1030.38 in grade 5 year end account.
- Donation letters have gone out for a raffle. Booster Juice will be donating a basket.
- Still waiting for feedback on the activity.
- Perks for Purchase-a-Perk have been approved.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Noel says that graduation hoodies are in the works.
- Staff appreciation - Michelle brought it up - everyone seems in favour of doing something for the staff again this year. Charcuterie was done last year, will do again this year as it went over well with all staff.
 - To be held before spring break
 - Budget of \$350 - Michelle motioned. Pam seconded. All in favour.

New Business

- Playground spinner broken. Looking to get replaced as it was unable to be fixed.

- Noel was able to haggle them down to \$2600 (from \$5200). He is asking for a donation from the PAC.
- Matthew believes that gaming funds can be used - Pam will confirm as some gaming funds are earmarked for the mural.
- PAC executives had previously discussed that our contingency fund is good and that we should consider spending our funds.
- Pam motioned to spend \$2600 on a new spinner. Matthew seconded. All in favour.
- Mural: Noel thinks that the school can cover the full cost but may still need help from PAC (\$3000 already set aside in the gaming fund)
 - School has \$16,000 earmarked for the mural, original quote was \$12,000
 - There has been talk about expanding the size which may cost more.
 - Matthew asked if there would be some sort of ceremony or unveiling. Noel likes this idea but nothing has been planned yet as work hasn't started.

Questions from the Floor

- Michelle says she's been asked if PAC meetings could happen on Wednesdays instead. Not all PAC executives are in attendance so a vote can't happen. Matthew mentioned that his DPAC executive meetings happen occasionally on Wednesdays. Will be revisited at another time. Several executives have mentioned that they have flexible schedules.
- Question asked about Community Day.
 - No date has been set. We are looking at early June.
 - Michelle mentioned that subcommittees have been formed. Group chat to be created.
 - Matthew says he has a short list of some food trucks to contact but he hasn't reached out yet. He also has some community groups to reach out to (for example Reptile Room, Elite Ninja, fire department).

Announcements

None.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.