

HPE PAC Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2023, 2:30 pm

1. Approval of October Minutes

- Read by Brittany Gee.

➤ *Motion to accept: 1st Julie, 2nd Danica, motion passed.*

2. Principal's Report – Vice Principal, Mr. Ward

- **Christmas Concert:** We are still working out the days and times, but it will **LIKELY** be on Wednesday, December 20th (8:30-9:30 - 2/3's, 10:15-11:15 - 4/5's and K/1's 12:30-1:30). Parents can attend during their child's time, and meet them in their class after if they'd like photos, etc. The gym will be closed for the last week of school so students can practice getting on the stage and risers, singing in that space, and how to get off the stage.
- **Tree Decorating:** Most classes will participate in the Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce Tree Decorating activity this year. Classes will create ornaments in class, and then take them to be placed on the Community tree before noon on Thursday. Nov. 23rd.
- **Silver Star:** Our Grade 5's will be participating in the Silver Star Ski Program again this school year. They will be heading to the hill 3 times in February. Information packages will be sent home soon. Skating for grades 1-4 will start once again in January.
- **Staffing:** Ms. Abbott was the successful applicant for Ms. Gordon's Maternity Leave. Ms. Hatt was the successful candidate for our CEA posting.
- **Vision Screening:** All K's and Grade 3's will have the opportunity for vision screening. An information letter will go home next week along with a parent permission form. Vision screening will take place on Thursday, November 30th.
- **Food Drive:** Armstrong schools usually compete in a food drive and donate to the local food bank. Proposed dates are December 1st to 15th.

3. Treasurer's Report – Amanda Shaw

- General Account: \$44, 763.46 (adjusted \$30, 763.46)
 - Funds Withheld
 - \$7,000 for Askews Gift Cards
 - \$7,000 for concrete slabs

- Gaming Account: \$11,161.68 (adjusted \$6,461.68)
 - Funds Withheld
 - \$2000 winter rec grade 5 busing
 - \$1200 kindergarten fieldtrips
 - \$1500 grade 5 hoodies
- *Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented: 1st Julie, 2nd Crystal, motion passed.*

4. Subcommittee Reports

- **Hot Lunch – Brittany Gee**
 - The soup program is going well.
 - Have had a great turnout of volunteers, including several that have committed to every soup.
 - It is important to let Brittany or other PAC execs know if you plan on coming in to volunteer with soup.
 - Continuing to work on making the soup days run smoother and more organized. Volunteers are assigned to one of the 5 carts, gluten free, or apples ahead of time. Assignments are rotated so that everyone gets a chance to serve the different areas of the school as well as do the other jobs.
 - We do our best to make sure everyone gets the opportunity to serve their child(ren) but cannot guarantee that will be the case each time a volunteer comes.
 - We are seeing quite a bit of leftover soup.
 - Some leftovers are put in small containers in the fridge for staff to access for students in need of a lunch within the week.
 - School staff have identified 1 or 2 families that would like leftovers.
 - If your family, or a family you know, would benefit from receiving some soup please reach out to PAC, the principals, or a school staff member.
 - Other ideas to prevent soup going to waste – offer for volunteers to take some home.

- SFAS also offering some non soup entrees. Would like to explore for next term.
- Next lunch order will go out in December for the next term.

- **Askews – Amanda Shaw**

- Amanda is still selling Askews cards, please contact Amanda to purchase. Great Christmas gift!

- **Scholastics – Annette Martin**

- Book Fair set up Friday November 17, runs November 20-23 during library time. Will need some volunteers to come in to help, as teachers are in prep time and not in the library with the classes.

5. **DPAC – Stephannie Veenstra**

- No update.

6. **Fundraisers**

- **Past**

- DFS - \$1180 profit. Should be here in plenty of time for Christmas.

- **Upcoming**

- Have not decided on anything yet.
- Reached out to World's Finest twice and have not heard back.
- Contacted parks and rec about movies. No longer have a license to show movies but could bring in our own.
 - Would like to bring back pro d day movies by donation with concession.
 - Mr. Ellis will reach out to see if can run it through the SD and Parks and Rec agreement.
- Western Direct is no longer operational.
- Purdy's has no minimum.

➤ *Motion to go ahead with Purdy's Fundraiser: 1st Julie, 2nd Danica, motion passed.*

7. **New Business**

- **Symphony Support**

- In March 2024
- If entire school goes cost of \$5000
- Would like for as many classes to be able to go as possible.
- Asking for \$3000 to go towards tickets and/or bussing.

➤ *Motion to provide \$3000 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Brittany.*

- **Teachers Wish List**

- **Calso**

- Headphones (\$100)

➤ *Motion for \$100 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Danica, motion passed.*

- **Kalf**

- Vision timer, books, count down timer, small dry erase boards, book sets (\$125)

➤ *Motion for \$125 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Kim, motion passed.*

- **Luxton**

- 2 sound trays, 2 word games, 2 phonics kits (\$275)

➤ *Motion for \$275 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Becky, motion passed.*

- **Daughtry**

- Scholastics Art drying rack (\$480) Explore different supplier.

➤ *Motion for \$400 from gaming account: 1st Julie, 2nd Crystal, motion passed.*

- **Myhre**

- Box Cars & One- Eyed Jacks dominos and books (\$180)

➤ *Motion for \$180 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Kim, motion passed.*

- **Gordon**

- Class set of whiteboards and mini erasers, kick bands for chairs, easel pad with handle (\$170)
- Speakers for projector, Soccer balls.
- As per Mr. Ward, soccer balls can be provided by the school and speakers should be provided from district. Mr. Ward will explore.

- *Motion for \$170 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Becky motion passed.*
 - **von Niessen**
 - 2 of each 13" and 18" Zooma rocking chairs 13" and 18" (1 of each \$675, 2 of each \$1350)
 - As per Mr. Ward, there should be funding through the school for the chair. Mr. Ward will explore.
- *Motion for \$675 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Crystal, motion passed.*
 - **Luxton/Sandberg/Von Niessen**
 - 200 lbs of play sand, enough for 4 classes (\$435)
- *Motion for \$435 from general account: 1st Julie, 2nd Crystal, motion passed.*
- **LASS**
 - Requesting contribution of \$250 for reading program.
- *Motion for \$250 from general account – 1st Julie, 2nd Kim, motion passed.*
- **Outdoor Tables**
 - There are x's on the grass. 2 in front of school, 2 on parking lot side.

8. New Business

- **Christmas Movie Days**
 - Teachers would like to do it.
 - Would be over 2 days. At Centennial Theatre, popcorn from Salmon Arm Theatre.
 - December week of 11-15.
- *Motion for \$300 for popcorn from gaming account – 1st Julie, 2nd Kim, motion passed.*
- **The Adventures of Cashman and Supersaver Book – Crystal Workman**
 - Financial literacy month.
 - Kristine Lidstone is a Financial Ability Liaison with VantageOne Credit Union (VOCU). This is a special role at VOCU that is dedicated to increasing the Financial Ability of our communities.

- For 17 years, Kristine has been delivering tailored programs to school aged children (K through 12) that meet the current curriculum.
- Kristine also delivers programs for adults in the community when requested. She has built specific programs from little kids all the way to seniors.
- Parents can ask our schools and/or teachers to fill out the form on the VOCU website to inquire about a session.
- Based on these presentations, a book was designed to introduce Elementary school kids to financial concepts. It has already spent a few weeks as a best seller! It features Super Heroes.
 - Books and kits are available at Okanagan Regional Libraries.
 - Books can be purchased through FriesenPress, Amazon and Indigo/Chapters.
 - Schools can also reach out for coordinating copies for their libraries.
- VOCU has built a youth kids program around the book to get kids excited about saving. In branch, they have information, prizes and welcome kits available for kids when they open an account (or deposit to an existing account) and save up their money!
- They will receive a password for the exclusive Kids Club page on the website which will feature pictures of the Boost Kids (with parental permission).
- Mr. Ward will pass on the information to staff.
- There is potential for kindergarten walking fieldtrips to the bank for a tour.

Babysitters: Emily, Lewis.

Next Meeting - unknown

Meeting Adjourned at 3:48 pm