

Minutes
École Armstrong Elementary
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Date and time: January 18th, 2023 at 7:00pm
Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Jessica Narayan

In Attendance: (15)

Principle: Jennifer Griffin

PAC Members: Jessica, Manisha, Gurshawn

Staff: Ms. S.

Members at large: approx. 10 Members

Principals Report: Jennifer Griffin

- Opening Land acknowledgement
- Thanks everyone for the year-end events that were successful
- Spring concert: March 1st (Odd Division) March 2nd (Even Division)
 - 2 performances: 1:30pm & 6:30pm
 - Status quo: whole gym will be adequate space
- Ski trip: problem with booking in Whistler
 - Will only be able to have 1 day, Not 2.
 - 1 day only holds 40 kids
 - However we have 50 registered
- Affordability grant: have not spent a lot of the money
 - Initiative to provide active passes and hampers etc.
 - Asking PAC if we know of a family that could use some assistant and let Jen know

Denis Mealah Report:

- BBall Season has started Grade 6/7
- Coaching with EA Mr. McCall (30 boys)
- Girls team (15)
- Bringing back 2 night camps
- YMCA Camp Elphinstone in Gibsons
- Fundraising with bake sale Jan 21, Feb 14, March 31
- Entrepreneurial fair
- Jan 27 is Literacy Day (Reading to students)
- Bring Cariboo Principal as Burnaby Mayor was not available
- School-wide events May/June
 - Biking Hub cycle program, Ultimate Frisbee

Teacher Report: Ms. S

- Outdoor learning space (PAC is supporting the initiative, Money from PAC to set aside for maintenance)
 - Need to spend money to buy the wood blocks for seating
 - Set a meeting to figure out how to maintain the sections for the mud kitchen and the fairy garden, organize planter bins with students in class
 - Rebecca suggested a call out to the community for committee help
 - Jen suggested having teachers form a group for soil update etc.
 - Carrie suggested to move planters and create dividers
 - Rebecca suggested to make fencing around the outdoor learning spaces like at second street school
 - Wendy suggested to talk to teachers regarding being in charge for certain planter boxes
 - Jen suggested to start the Stream of Dreams (Fish on the fence)
 - Jessica suggested to assign parents tasks for this outdoor space

Other Business

Jessica: Monthly Fun Lunch chaired by Salima

- Jan 30, Feb 27, March 27, April 24, June 9

Movie Nights - Feb 17, end of May and June 2nd

Family Photo shoots in April: 15 minute session, hopefully 30 sessions TBD

Sports Day is Friday June 16

- In the past there had been concession from Tim Horton donuts & unlimited coffee for parents and Fun Lunch for students

Fruit & veggie distribution: Nothing in January, Pears in February

Alison: Esther will be taking on the Yearbook project

- Will set up yearbook fundraiser
- Pictures need to be in with the organizers
- \$10 for headshots
- \$13/14 for headshot & candid photos
- Reverse consent forms to be sent to parents

Wendy: Spoke about Olympic games for person with disability

- Ask to bring a Special Olympic athlete as guest speaker

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Meeting TBA

If any parents have questions for the PAC between now and the next meeting please send them to:

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