

PAC Meeting MINUTES

Everyone is welcome to attend. WE Will me be meeting via ZOOM

May 11th, 2020 6:00-7:30pm ZOOM

1. Approval of Agenda 6:10pm meeting called to order. Approval of agenda motioned by Connie Gatzke, 2nd by Taylie Bruce. Attending meeting: Robin Roszel, Andrea Scarlet, Sheila Podrasky, Bev Bellina. Lois Ehman, Jen Adams, Connie Gatzke, Lyndsay Gerscht, Taylie Bruce

Regrets Samantha Ganzeveld

2. Approval of Minutes: Approval of March minutes motioned by Connie Gatzke, 2nd Taylie Bruce

3. Trustee's Report - *Learn about the policies, decisions and advocacy that may affect our Schools and our children's education.*

Trustee Bellina's April 2020 Report

I am writing this on a beautiful sunny spring day wanting to get out and hug everyone I meet.

It will be some time before that happens. We are all experiencing some kind of deprivation, be it missing friends and family visits, getting out to the pool or gym, going to a movie, out to a restaurant for a face-to-face lunch or dinner and all the other things we took for granted.

Then the reality of this sets in and we see how so many people in the world are dying in this pandemic and losing their livelihood, and so many other terrible conditions they cannot escape, that the inconveniences we face pale in comparison. We have much to be grateful for. Teachers continuing their work with students in new ways. Supports available to parents to cope with stresses of being indoors with family 24/7, and discovering new and innovative ways to make it work. Family time has become something very different and there are truly positive things happening with all the together time. It's good to know we are not alone and that friends and family are a phone call away, and if we are lucky to have Skype or Face Time we can get to see one another. We will get through all of this.

My activities since my last report are:

- April 1st - Board working session via Zoom**
- April 7th - BCSTA Leadership Series via Zoom**
- April 8th - Budget Update via Zoom**
- April 9th - Sparwood Early Years meeting via Zoom**
- April 14th - Board of Education meeting via Zoom**
- April 17th - BCSTA Provincial Council via Zoom**

Our monthly Board of Education meeting was held through Zoom on April 14th.

Motions passed at the board meeting are as follows:

General

That the Board accept the 2020-2021 Regular Public, In-camera and Committee Meeting dates as presented in the Agenda.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

That the Board suspend the procedure bylaw and temporarily adjust the order of business, on a month-to-month basis to focus on the four (4) guiding principles laid out by the province in response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

Please stay safe, strong and healthy. Call me anytime to stay in touch and let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Trustee Bev Bellina

May 6th restart plan was announced. 5 stage approach; June 1st stage 3 which includes in class learning part-time (K-6). Return to in class plan to be prepared prior to June 1st.

4. Administration Report – *Learn about the policies, decisions and protocol of the administration for the day to day life of students at FJM.*

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- Information for grade 4s to do the satisfaction survey were mailed home, with individual passwords. Students have until June 30th to complete this survey on line.
- Congratulations to Christine Nicol, who won the Tim's card for completing the parent satisfaction survey. (parent of a grade 4 student).
- Welcome to our Wolf Pack; Leah-Rose Traverse, who is teaching in the grade 4 classroom, and Paige Johnstone, who has taken over the student services position. Thank you to Sarah Sauerborn Lawson who has taken over the grade 3 classroom during this distance learning time.
- A huge thank you to all the teachers for the hard work they have put into making their virtual classrooms a reality. Thank you also to all the parents who have adjusted to this new way of learning at home. This has been a parallel learning experience for everyone and we appreciate all the cooperation and support.
- On April 22nd the staff from our school and the high school paraded through town so that we could see the students and let them know how much we missed them. It was very moving to see the students and the wonderful signs they had made. Thank you everyone for the support.
- We had our first virtual assembly on May 8th. It was great to see how many showed up on zoom. We had a short slide show, congratulated the legion winners, introduced our new staff and had howling trivia, complete with dancing and a question from Mr. Cullins. Congratulations to Megan Fowler for answering the howling trivia question correctly.

- Congratulations to Enoch Bruce who placed 1st in the East Kootenay regionals, Julia Hunt and Mackenzie Pasko for placing 3rd in their respective age categories.
- Staff are busy planning for a virtual kindergarten orientation, grade 6 transitioning and farewell ceremony and RSL. Alternate plans for Blue Lake are also in the works. We are working very hard to make sure that every event will take place in spite of social distancing.
- Up to this point we have not had any essential worker children in our building. The government is now looking at stage three planning for schools. At this point we have no details as to how this will look or work. A committee will begin discussing this stage.

5. Teacher's Report – ***Learn about what the teachers are up to with the students.***

So I have the spinning wheel of death. I just wanted to share with PAC that the teachers are working hard to connect with the kids from home. This is a tricky time for everyone. Please be patient with your teachers and with yourselves. We have to work together as best as we can. If all else fails, love your kids!!! Just love and care for them. School work will come, take every day at a time.

Please hug your kids on behalf of their teachers and stay safe everyone! I wanted to ask parents what's working at home and what isn't working?

Comments from parents attending; teachers are doing a great job, great communication and the correct amount of work available to teach. Great job by all in the current circumstances.

6. Treasurers Report- (to be attached)

Note:

Outstanding cheque for \$1000 to Ghost rider camp: PAC is currently investigating whether the Ghost rider camp will be using funds previously sent or if they will be returned.

Some funds currently showing in the committed area will be no longer used due to current situation and will move forward to next year's budget.

7. Correspondence Report.
No current correspondence

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Fundraising

8.1.a Spell-a-thon: Ice cream party Looking at a drop off treat and virtual party option to ensure winning class doesn't miss out.

8.1.b Mabel's Labels: Cheque received and deposited.

8.1.c Fundraisers for next

year :

Apples, DFS, SOCO or
HAPPY HIPPUS, POPCORN,
ect.

Discussion that PAC would like to start organizing starting fall fundraisers for next year. These will be dependent on the current health environment. PAC would like everyone to consider new fundraising options. Facebook post will be created in regards to this with voting on current ideas and room for additional ideas to be shared. Comment shared that fundraising involving food (spaghetti dinner and/or bake sale) may be not a suitable option in the current health environment.

Soco Soaps VS Happy hippos; Discussion that we would like to continue to deal locally, even if the profit is not quite as high. Soco soaps has been great to work with and we would like to continue with this fundraiser as is.

8.2 Hot Lunch – current not doing!

8.3 Playground Committee - update request from company that we provide an exact space we have available. Drawing will be reconfigured to fit this space. Still looking at options for some of the costs to be covered by volunteers, and/or using lower cost contractor (district). Holes to be dug hopefully soon and then excavating costs can be determined.

Confident things are in order and the playground will proceed as planned.

8.4 DPAC - ***Learn about what's happening in our district, our schools, upcoming events and the work***

being done in our district PAC;

DPAC representative was unavailable to report, and PAC has not received a DPAC update in quite a few months. Executives have voted to have Robin Rozell attend the next meeting and/or read any correspondence regarding DPAC and update PAC. Robin has filled this position previously.

9. Old business

9.1 Mobile Reading cart: Waiting for US border to open to order

9.2 Crosswalk letter: letter to be attached outlining details. Not exactly what we are looking for, but some changes to be made. Crosswalk guard volunteer option to be explored-possible high school student volunteer is being explored.

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Monday, March 16,
2020

To Frank J Mitchell Elementary School Parent Advisory
Committee,

RE: RE: Pine Spur Traffic Assessment

Please accept this letter to follow up with the Pine Spur traffic assessment discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 25, 2020. Staff and Council will respond with the following measures.

The crosswalk connecting Hemlock Road and Pine Spur Drive will be removed in the interest of concentrating students to one crossing area at the Pine Spur, Tamarack and Pine avenue intersection. This will remove the stopping distance and visibility concerns at the Hemlock crosswalk. If the PAC continues to pursue a crossing guard program, this will focus the student pedestrians to one school crossing area.

In the interest of further slowing traffic, we will alter the current traffic pattern with a school zone designation from the intersection of Pine Avenue, Pine Spur Drive and Tamarack Avenue, along Pine Spur Drive to the secondary school entrance way. This will reduce the speed limit from 40km/hr to 30 km/hr requiring new signage at the intersection and along Pine Spur Drive that include school zone signs, school crossing signs, advanced warning paint markings and a zebra pattern crossing.

These changes will be made at the end of the school year after obtaining new signs and carrying through with our line painting program for 2020. This time frame will also prepare local traffic for pattern changes while students are off for the summer.

We will continue to monitor traffic and collect data in the area to assist the RCMP. Please feel free to contact me regarding this letter or any other roadway concerns that you may have. It is important to note, as we do receive several traffic violations reports, that the RCMP are responsible for traffic enforcement and therefore we encourage everyone to first report traffic violations promptly and directly to our local detachment.

Yours
truly,

Darrell Kaisner
Director of Operations

9.3 Mountain View Elementary: 300-400 students were enrolled in each school when they were both open. This is not an option at this point. This business is consider closed and will be removed from the next month's agenda.

9.4 Emergency Preparedness. Staff and parents feel that this is not a current concern. We welcome future discussion on this topic at a later date but current focus should be on requirements for current pandemic. The school is currently adding sinks and hot water to all class rooms and preparing to open. This is also considered closed and will be removed from next month's agenda.

9.5 Teacher shortage: There is no longer a shortage and this letter no longer needs to be written.

10. New business/question period

10.1 Pictures of old playground equipment in need of repair to be obtained.

11. Adjournment – Next Meeting June 15th, 2020 at 6pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm motioned by Kristi Pasko.

Thank you to all who attended our first Zoom meeting!