



EIDES PAC Meeting – May 2, 2023 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Mary Groeneweg, Ruby Yan, Laura Lee Phillips, Janet Kuijt, Tanya Bossio, Trena Drotar, Chris David, Jodi Erbacher, Nicole Heckendorf, Tara Hatch, Sheri Earl, Amber David, Charlie Swatzsky

1. Adopt Agenda:	2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes:
1. Sheri 2. Jodi	1. Jodi 2. Sheri

3. Actions from Previous Meeting:

No Action

4. Principal's Report: Laura-Lee Phillips

We have 25 classes again! Such great news. We applied for Microsoft settlement, and we received \$50,000 and we are getting laptops for the portables. Wowza!! Amy Barras applied for a \$500 grant and is going to fix up the school planter boxes. Blue lake movie night went awesome! Ready, Set, Learn and Earth Rangers are this week – we are starting to get into the school busy season with a lot of events. School volunteers have the free luncheon from the school. Let the school know and please come! Tomorrow we are going to clean the gravel out of the parking lot. Guides Hut offered to support the Bike Roadeo will water bottles and stickers. Ruby is going to ask them to send a bike tech. There was a really nice thank you card for the PAC from a grade six class. School photos are May 24th. Volunteers are needed for the track meeting - grades 3-6. At the end of May, the school will begin to give teachers their assignments for next year. Janet and Laura-Lee will present a growth plan at the Fernie Community Engagement night. They have never done it and will update us on how it goes. Huge reading program initiatives in the school for K-3 coming for next year that sound amazing! Really good things coming for our kids and their reading. Mary told Laura-Lee that some parents struggle to make parent teacher meetings or open houses because of a lack of notice from the teachers. Lara lee appreciated the feedback and will remind the teachers is it necessary to give parents weeks in advance to arrange time off for these essential events. Chris David asked for a tour of the new edition, and he will get one soon!

5. Treasurer's Report: Sheri Earl

Please refer to treasurer reports for details

Our PAC provides a \$500 scholarship to two graduating high school students – one male and one female. Janet asked about inclusivity and hoped we would remove gender from the application process. We all agreed and the scholarships with now be for two persons. *Thanks for bringing that up Janet!*



6. Trustee's Report: Nicole Heckendorf

Nicole investigated it for us, and the gravel road between the new housing project and the school gym is 100% school property. Janet asked about the property boundaries in the field and asked what belongs to us. That might be worth looking into. She is so happy about us going back up to 25 classes. She talked a bit about the board wanting to support outdoor learning and what that means.

7. DPAC (District PAC): Chris David

May 31 is Community Engagement Night from 6-8pm. His meeting had a lot of talk about bringing day care to schools. BCTF (BC Teacher's Federation) is looking for parents to attend a conference about combatting hate. Contact Chris if you are interested. Chris suggested moving our last PAC meeting to the middle of June instead of the beginning. That is when his DPAC meetings are and thought it would help relay more information to us. Tanya said he might reach more people with a summary email. Chris agreed to that idea instead.

8. Expansion Update: Charlie Sawatzky

She was away and had trouble signing into the meeting online. She emailed an update to Tanya who read it to us. The toilets and sinks were installed in the washer rooms and tiling is complete. The painting is almost all done. Flooring was supposed to start at the beginning of April but the internal slab relative humidity and temperature did not meet the installation requirements. When Parastone tried to start the expansion heating system they found out that the gas pressure was too low to run the boiler and HRV at full capacity. Parastone and Stantec are working with Fortis to understand the issue and explore options. Parastone is expecting a response from Fortis by the end of the week. Ongoing work to confirm scope and pricing for the exterior work (drywells, landscaping, retaining wall and railing, fences along 2nd Ave, repair of the irrigation system that was damaged last year, fixing of painting deficiencies). Project is running behind, no date yet for substantial completion but hoping for the end of May/beginning of June. Then we will need to obtain the Occupancy from the City. Request made to Parastone to get a detailed schedule with the remaining tasks after last month PAC meeting. We have not received it yet. Parastone lost their Project Manager 2 weeks ago and their Project Coordinator last week, which raises some concerns for the remaining of the project.

Charlie was able to sign in for a moment, and Nicole asked her if Parastone planned on providing replacements for the staff they had lost. Charlie said this is the second project manager they have lost during this project, and she is hoping staffing issues will get resolved.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Yearbook (2022/2023) – Tanya Bossio

Tanya has taken over this project. She has spoken to Mark and they are having a meeting about details and she will keep us posted. Mark is the Life Touch liaison for making yearbooks and is very versed in software. Hopefully the forms will be going out in the next two weeks and the yearbooks will be delivered in September. This yearbook will be less confusing than last year! *Thank you, Tanya!!*



b. Vision Zero Grant (for 2024) – Deirdre

She couldn't make it tonight and hopefully we will get an update in June.

c. Spring Plant Fundraiser – Jodi

Email for ordering has gone out. We need it on the Facebook to advertise. We need to get around \$9000 and we sitting at \$3000. Some people did not receive the email and it was delivered in a confusing format. Laura-Lee is going to resend it for Jodi and hopefully this clarifies things! Look for it this week and order some plants! Volunteers will be needed on delivery dates. Tentative delivery is May 30th.

d. Kootenay Children's Festival – Tanya

DPAC sent an email to get the word out for this. It's in Cranbrook at THEIR Rotary park, May 12-13th and they are looking for volunteers. If you are able or interested, contact Monica Graham, (Festival Coordinator), at monica@keycitytheatre.com. Google for more information – looks fun!

e. School Clothing Order - Sheri

Socks were shipped today so the Kikomun race will get them in time. They have a couple extra pairs of socks that will be given to the school. Giver has zip hoodies from last year with the old logos that no one picked up. Sheri will pick them up and they will also be donated to the school to be used as prizes. When the clothing orders come in, they will be sent home with your child. They will be delivered before the end of this school year. Kim and Nicky will hopefully stay on next year for this project. *Thank you, Nicky and Kim, for taking on this project and working out all the kinks for us! We appreciate you!!*

f. Ready, Set, Learn and Kindergarten Orientation – Tanya

The PAC has an information page going out in the buddle for Ready, Set, Learn that the school sends home. The PAC board will have members present at the Kindergarten Orientation, and hopefully speak to the huge room of parents (if we don't pass out from the stress). We really want to spread information about the PAC and welcome new parents to the meetings.

Other Business:

1. None

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 7pm



Important Dates:

- May 12 – Kikomun, running club
- May 17 – Volunteer Luncheon
- May 18 – K-2 Bike Roadeo
- May 24 - School Photos
- May 25 – Kindergarten Orientation
- May 26 – School Track Meet Grade 3-6
- May 30 – Spring plants delivered
- June 2- Pro-D
- June 7 – Drumming Circle – Mrs. Peters
- June 9 – District Track Meet
- June 12, 13, 14 – Grade 6 Blue Lake
- June 15 – Rainbow Assembly
- June 27 – End of Year Assembly
- June 28 – Grade 6 Ceremony
- June 29 – 9:00-11:00