

# Kootenay Orchards Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes  
Monday January 10, 2022

**Call to Order:** 6:05pm

**Agenda:** no additions

**Attendees:** Jo, Kim, Amanda, Wendy Turner (Trustee), Ricki Thomson (Teacher), Susan Potter (principal report), Anneli, Carla, Cathy, Courtney, Jess, Jill, Nicole, Paula, Brittney

**President Report:**

- As of the end of the school year, Jo and Kim will be stepping down as President and Secretary, along with Amanda as Treasurer. All will support the in-coming new PAC executives
- Purdy's cheque came in at \$2300
- Purdy's Easter fundraiser is coming up in March and Jo will organize it unless someone wants to take it over. This fundraiser is not as big as the Christmas one

**Treasurer Report:** *see attached*

**Principal Report:**

- On week 1 of our school year, teachers and administration prepared plans in the event of a school closure due to staff or student illness. A school safety plan has been uploaded to the school website so that parents and guardians are aware of how we continue with our day-to-day operations in the building while monitoring the potential and possible impact of Covid – 19. We also stress the importance of reading emails on a daily basis in the event of a school closure.
- On another note, with regards to the continuity of learning, our intermediate students are delving into Science Fair with Dr. Ingram, learning how to create a hypothesis, make observations and be true scientists. We appreciate her involvement in this very important work! This will begin next week at the earliest.
- We will be starting up basketball, however outside teams from other schools will not be entering our building to play against our students at this time. We will continue to teach the skills to the students, however being mindful of safety first.
- Our preliminary playground results found below in the diagram are an indication of parents and guardians wishing to see other structures that involve play and interaction for our intermediate students. Our top four selections were: a climbing structure, a zipline, more natural structures and disc swings. We had 92 respondents, which was great! SD5 has been in communication with us so that appropriate accessibility will be provided from the side of the school where the bus loop is so that persons with mobility concerns can also access the playground. The SD5 Grounds crew will be assessing this come spring. As we know, fund raising or grant money will need to be addressed and may take up to a few years to accomplish this, hence the qualifier of preliminary survey.
- We will soon be having an Educational Assistance Practicum student. Brandy Adams will be with us starting January 24 for 8 weeks in the mornings of Monday to Thursday.
- We are also receiving 4 Pre – service practicum students in early February. We are excited to have these students in our building. These students have been so zealous and have been meeting with their mentor teachers already! Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Schadeli, Mrs. Halldorson, Mr. Lutz and Mr. Flegel will be the mentor teachers.

**Teachers Report:**

- Playground plan needs to be developed before we can proceed
- PAC will start the ball with setting up playground committee

**Trustee Report:**

- That School District 5 submit an expression of interest in becoming a Provincial Online Learning School
- That the grant amount for Legacy of Learning increase to cover the yearly rental for the room at the Union Labour Building at 105 – 9th Avenue South to safely store School District 5 artifacts.
- That the Board elect:  
Board Chairperson –Trustee Lento  
BCPSEA representative –Trustee Ayling  
BCPSEA alternate representative –Trustee Turner BCSTA representative –Trustee Bellina  
BCSTA alternate representative – Trustee Kitt  
That all standing committee representatives other than the French Advisory Committee be carried over from 2021and that Trustee Whalen be appointed as representative of the French Advisory committee.
- That the Board send a letter to the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance and requesting a status update on what is being done to address recommendations 107 – 114 contained in the 2021/22 Report on the Select Standing Committee on Government Finances and Services (SSCGFS).
- That the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information report, fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 be submit to the Minister of Education and to make the report available to the public.
- That the Board approve the 2022 – 2023 School Calendar as presented.

**New Business:**

- Mom’s Pantry – we are doing the full fundraiser from January 24 – February 11 with a 2 week delivery date. We can make 20-40% profit

**Next PAC meeting:** February 7, 2022

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:15pm