

Laurie Middle School PAC

Meeting Agenda

November 23, 2020

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Call to order 7:01pm
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes: Tiffany moved, Ruby seconded, approved (6)

In attendance:

- Allyson Tozer, Lori Nicli, Christina McDonaugh, Aaron Thorne, Sarah Mooy, Jen Galvin, Ruby Kozicky, Tiffany Berg, Patricia Whalen, Dara Podovennikoff-Plotnikoff

3. **Principal/Vice-Principal Report (Aaron Thorn)**

Aaron:

- 4 weeks to Christmas holidays
- Report cards out in 12 days
- Continue to talk about cell phone usage - what percentage of serious issues relate to online behaviour (at a guess 50%), talking with Parkland about bringing White Hatter in again to talk to kids, wondering what the school can offer as a solution, what is enforceable, confiscating phones and finding yourself in a fight with a parent
- Christmas hampers - 15 this year, ABED worker and EAs setting that up, The Choice will be benefitting middle school kids this year. Looking at what support will be needed coming up to Christmas especially if going into lockdown again, especially if service jobs furloughed again
- David Pasivirta's computer has been ordered to complement the microphone
- School messenger system is coming
- Kids are generally wearing masks, only having to remind a handful
- No word on whether school will close early or stay closed longer over the winter break
- Daytime custodian cleaning on constant rotation

4. **School Trustee Report (Patricia Whalen)**

- Huge kudos to staff and parents for hanging in there
- So impressed with huge graduation success rate- well over 90%
- Student advisory committee gets together with staff for various initiatives across district. Presently working on huge vaping initiative
- What's going on in district regarding covid - nothing mentioned on extending the break
- School calendar for 2021/2022 is underway and trustees are evaluating feedback about timing of holidays
- Donating to Salvation Army again this year
- Wreaths purchased for each community
- Request from Steeples Elementary regarding dog waste in school field. Getting signage made to remind people to pick up after dogs. Not sure about adding dog waste bags as not sure where school and city responsibility would lie
- Waiting to hear back on flashing school zone lights, will hopefully have an update soon
- Innes Ave development affecting TM Roberts school, increase in traffic and student enrolment
- Approved secretary treasurer to proceed with replacement/renovation options report
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5. DPAC Report

- PAC hot lunch, COVID plan must be submitted to the district. Food must be delivered outside of school, parents able to collect and take to secure area in the school and then someone from the class must collect from the secure area for delivery to the classroom
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID19, Interior Health will contact principal, and follow up with contact tracing. Discussed privacy concerns with respect to cases in schools.
- Mt Baker update - new schools being built now don't include shop and cooking classrooms
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6. PAC Financial Info

a. Financial Report and budget

Gaming Account: \$12,082.47

Approved - and PAID

Music Club - \$850 for microphone and 2 monitors

Breakfast Club - \$600 for food

Approved but on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic:

Ab Ed Cooking: \$500 (open to all students)

Grade 6 Orientation: \$700 - vote to reverse or hold until next year

Pancake Breakfast: \$450 - vote to reverse or hold until next year

Muay Thai \$1000 (Paid \$472.50 = \$527.50 remaining) - is this still available

Outlet Student Group \$400 (Paid \$72.65 = \$327.35)

Total Outstanding \$2,504.85

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$8,127.62

b. Funding requests from staff/school:

- None

MOTION:

1st:

2nd:

PASSED / DENIED

6. Old Business:

Christmas Village Fundraiser: The 5th Annual Christmas Village at the Cranbrook History Centre is being held from November 25th to 28th and is a fundraiser for all local PAC's that wish to take part. Laurie COMPASS program is participating to raise money for a second set of snowshoes. Parents are encouraged to drop by during the event and bid on silent auction items and vote for the best gingerbread creation and wreath. ***Update: Christmas Village will be held virtually. All that will be required is PSA/paragraph highlighting the role

7. New Business:

Mary Elliott sent in a request for \$600 towards food for the breakfast club after the October meeting had been held. A vote was called on Facebook messenger with all attendees of the October 26 meeting and passed with 8 "yes" votes. A screen shot of the message has been printed and placed with all Gaming Fund correspondence

Other fundraising opportunities?

- Can possibly look at considering hot lunch in January if there is any interest in heading that up from PAC
- Top Crop spring vegetable planting in spring
- Sweet Gestures Easter baskets

Meeting adjourned at: 7:56pm

Next Meeting: TBD