

PAC Meeting Minutes

Everyone is welcome to attend. We offer FREE babysitting for those who need it. We ask however, that you let us know if you need this service because we have to line up the appropriate number of baby-sitters. Please contact Samantha at (604) 751-6923 by the Friday before so she has time to contact the sitters.

December 16th 2019, 6:00-7:30pm in the FJM Library

In attendance: Samantha Ganzeveld, Lyndsay Gerscht, Taylie Bruce, Kristi Pasko, Teresa Sametz, Nicole Obre, Connie Gatzke, Robin Roszell, Jacey Foskett, Stephanie Freheit, Nicole Pallone, Sheila Podrasky, Tania Lyons, Andrea Scarlett, Bev Bellina, Jen Adams, Lois Ehman

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes Stephanie and seconded by Nicole.

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

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

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

It was asked if PAC could write a letter of support in concerns to janitorial time. There have been recent mice sitings, issues of feces smeared on bathroom walls, etc. This issue has been brought up multiple times in the past, it was discussed that PAC reach out to attend a policy meeting and come as a delegation. Robin Roszell wrote the previous letter concerning janitorial time and has offered to give it as a stock letter for updating.

It was also mentioned that Mrs. Kerkhoven was in need of a mobile reading cart for resources stored within her room. It is asked that Mrs. Kerkhoven make a formal request, with regards to the amount she will need to purchase one.

6. Treasurers Report - See attached.

7. Correspondence Report:

7.1 Wildsight – A letter was received requesting a consideration of a \$500 donation to assist with overhead costs of the Wildsight Elk Valley Environmental Education HUB located in Fernie. At the EE HUB, shared environmental education resources from Project Wet and Wild, along with numerous activity resources, programming supplies and materials are housed and maintained. Some of the free programs provided are Winter Wonder, Beyond Recycling, and EcoStewards. A motion was put forth by Nicole to use \$500 out of the wildsight budget that was set aside and seconded by Robin Roszell.

8. Committee Reports:

8.1 Fundraising:

8.1.a Soco soaps – Taylie Bruce presented that there was a total of 36 orders raising a total of \$904.84.

8.1.b Bingo – Through ticket sales we were able to raise \$1112.40, an additional \$1390.50 was raised by the winning ticket being donated back to the PAC. Meaning a total of \$2502.90 was raised towards the new playground.

8.1.c Christmas concert 50/50 – The three draws brought in a total of \$762.00. This amount will also be put towards the purchase of the new playground.

8.1.d Art cards (update) – Papers have been sent out to the teachers; artwork is due Jan 24th.

8.2 Hot Lunch – Lyndsay Gerscht presented that the December hot lunch of popcorn chicken made \$364.40 profit. Next hot lunch will be Funky's pizza on January 23rd, forms will be sent out between the 8th and 14th.

8.3 Playground Committee – update – Robin Roszell presented that new plans have been completed to make it more feasible to get it in this year. In keeping with the original request, the committee is looking at adding 12 swings, as

well as additional equipment. The playground committee will be meeting this evening to discuss updated plans and costs. It was recommended by a parent that plans be shared with the teachers, Robin agreed that finalized plans would be shared.

8.4 DPAC - Learn about what's happening in our district, our schools, upcoming events and the work being done in our district PAC. Tania Lyons presented that DPAC struggles with attendance for representation, they held a brainstorming session about getting everyone together.

9. Old business

9.1 Microwaves- Administrative reached out to Isabella Dickens; however, they do not have microwaves as previously proposed by a parent. Only Elkford and Jaffery schools have microwaves, due to their small size they are all able to eat within a shared area, which is not an option at Frank J. At this point in time, due to logistics, it was agreed that it would not work.

9.2 Buddy Bench- Bench is in need of another coat of varnish; however, the final coat cannot be applied until the weather is nicer. Connie Gatzke has offered to complete the buddy bench as she has space inside to put the final coat on.

11. Adjournment

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2019

- Both the boys and girls volleyball teams came in second place at the Elk Valley Tournament. They had a great time and the coaches commented on how well behaved they were. They made our school very proud.
- On December 6th, staff participated in professional development from Popey (provincial outreach program on early years). The focus was on literacy skills, it was very good and teachers were able to put the ideas to use right away in their classrooms.
- Thank you to the PAC for another successful hot lunch. The students always enjoy it!
- Last week was a very busy week. We hosted three Christmas concerts this year and sold over 1000 tickets. Thank you to the PAC for selling 50/50 tickets, to the grade 6 parents who sold best seat in the house tickets, and to the parents who took tickets and collected donations at the door. A huge thank you to all the parents for their generous donations.
- Our grade 2 students finished up their 10 weeks of one to one reading. Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who spent time reading with our students. The grade 1 students will start their 10 week session in January.
- On January 24th CBAL will be coming to train grade 1 parents on how to help them read at home with their children. Are there any parents who would like to volunteer that morning to babysit younger siblings from 8:15-10:30?
- Thank you to all of the PAC members for their time and dedication to the school and all of the students. On behalf of Jen and I and all the staff we really appreciate all you do and hope you enjoy your holiday break with your children.

Teachers Report by Sheila Podrasky

- Christmas concert was a huge success! Don't forget to tell your teacher when your child will miss the evening performance. This makes a huge difference in the performances with instruments

What's happening in the Classroom and within Frank J?

- Mrs. Killick's Grade 3- made homemade beeswax candles and winter canvas scenes
- Grade 1 classes- doing a Polar Express day

- Grade 2- Flat Stanley's have left Frank J. We are all very excited to see where they all end up (all around Canada, one in the USA and a bunch in England)
 - o Christmas Around the World

Upcoming events for parents to participate in:

- Christmas parties
- Clean-up around the school/ classroom before holidays
- Check the lost and found!!
- Check your child's shoes and make sure they still fit!

Concerns/ Requests/ Questions:

- Mrs. Kerkhoven- mobile reading cart for resources that are stored in her room
 - o This ensures that all teachers have access to the books that our school owns

Trustee Bellina's December 2019 Report

I hope you all had a good Christmas Break with happy family times, exciting or relaxing vacations, or at home getting caught up with things you've had no time to do while working, and/or just enjoying being home. There really is no place like home! I certainly missed being home this year. We had a sewage backup and spent the 11 days before Christmas in a hotel room. Sorry I just had to share that! We have to go back to the hotel January 9th to the 14th while asbestos lined linoleum is removed. Then plumbers, electricians and carpenters will do their magic while we live upstairs as we decide what goes back in the basement. It was a 'different' Christmas break for sure, but it left me even more grateful for the roof over our heads. I am very happy to be back to school and look forward to my PAC meetings, DPAC meetings, Board meetings and interactions with students. It's going to be a good year!

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday December 10th at the Board Office in Cranbrook.

My activities since my last report are:

November 18th - Zoom meeting
November 19th - SSS PAC meeting
November 25th - Committee Meetings
December 12th - FJMES Christmas Concert
December 16th - FJMES PAC meeting
December 19th - Sparwood Early Years Committee meeting

The Christmas Concert at FJMES was outstanding! Congratulations to all the teachers who taught and coached the students from each grade. The students were amazing! It was a really enjoyable evening!

Please call me at any time. I am always pleased to hear from you and assist you with any queries you may have.

Again, Happy New Year 2020! May this be a year of happy memories and great student achievement and teacher satisfaction.

I support each of you!

Trustee Bellina