

## PAC Meeting Agenda

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 babysitters. Please contact Samantha 604-751-6923 by the Friday before so she has time to contact the sitters.

March 9th, 2020 6:00-7:30pm in the FJM Library

In Attendance: Lyndsay Gerscht, Taylie Bruce, Connie Gatzke, Andrea Scarlett, Teresa Sametz, Stacey Gibb, Jacey Foskett, April Osbourne, Robin Roszell, Kristi Pasko, Sheila Podrasky, Jen Adams, Lois Ehman and Bev Bellina

Regrets: Samantha Ganzeveld

1. Approval of Agenda meeting started at 6:03 add item question regarding fees for swimming and skating. Motion to approve Robin Roszell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacey Foskett motion carried.
2. Approval of Minutes: approved by Robin Roszell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacey Foskett . Motion carried
3. Trustee's Report - ***Learn about the policies, decisions and advocacy that may affect our Schools and our children's education.(To be attached) Letters have been received requesting Lois stay- District admin has made this decision.***
4. Administration Report – ***Learn about the policies, decisions and protocol of the administration for the day to day life of students at FJM.(to be attached)***
5. Teacher's Report – ***Learn about what the teachers are up to with the students.(to be attached)***

*Big thank you for the grade 2 reading blitz Robin Roszell strongly believes in this program. It was considered a huge success, and great progress was made.*

6. Treasurers Report- to be sent separately- Digital form for hot lunch was a huge success

7. Correspondence Report

7.1 Request letter from The Ghost Rider Adventure Camp Foundation-request to sponsor 2 children for the camp \(\$1000). Looking to invite 10 children from Sparwood to join the camp. Motion to give \$1000 from gaming account to sponsor 2 children to this camp. Motioned by Stacey Gibb 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacey Foskett. Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Fundraising

8.1.a Art cards :report to be attached, comparison

8.1.b Bingo: \$1550 +\$65 tips

8.1.c Flowers: online form available, should this be considered.

8.1.d Spell-a-thon:\$10573.45-HUGE SUCCESS!!

8.2 Hot Lunch – Dee's Pizza- next-comparison to still be made. Can gluten free option be offered? Important to consider the risk and ensure if this considered a disclaimer is made.

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 in April and then excavating costs can be determined. Confident things are in order and 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\; (to be attached)***

9. Old business

- 9.1 Custodian daytime hours letter-gained one hour and now there is custodian covered after 1pm.
- 9.2 Mobile Reading cart: Cost \$310.96 for cart. Motion to use \$ from teachers request for this cost(max \$350) Robin Roszell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April Osbourne. None opposed motion carried.
- 9.3 Crosswalk letter: waiting for a report, recommendation that safety in this area to addressed, unsure how this will look until report is received.
- 9.4 Mountain View Elementary no information received on this subject, to be carried forward to next meeting.

#### 10. New business/question period

10.1 Formal vote on Spell-a-thon proceeds: Kristi Pasko motions \$1000 be set aside in PAC account for other needs in the school. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacey Foscett All in favor, motion carried

10.2 Emergency Preparedness: information provided Currently there is no supplies. Requested parents/staff provide requests on what supplies might be needed. Cost for kit is high, but idea of doing this was well received. Looking for a place to start without buying so many kits. Idea to purchase some kits? And or the most urgent items. Also the idea of involving students in this \ (emergency preparedness awareness week-donate an item?)

10.3 Question regarding Fees for swimming and skating-

10.4 Teacher shortage: request for PAC to write letter regarding this to be sent out all parents so this letter will be written and more will be sent in. Also requesting letter be to sent to the district regarding housing concerns, as there was a prospective teacher that did not take the job as she was unable to find housing.

11. Adjournment – Next Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6pm. Motion to adjourn 7:28pm April Osbourne 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Roszell. Meeting adjourned.

### 3. Trustee Bellina's February 2020 Report

Greetings! I am thinking of all of you students, parents, teachers and staff during this unbelievable time we are all experiencing simultaneously throughout the world. Every day news headlines remind us of this dreadful Coronavirus and the lives it has been taking. It is so important to keep each other safe and observe our social distancing. I realize that staying home in self isolation has been a little surreal. We are all lead such busy and hectic lives that to be told to go home and stay there would have been a luxury during past stressful times. We would have welcomed those orders and a break. To be told to have a break during a well deserved March break is something else. Now we are into delivering and receiving education in a very new way online and with technology. I am so impressed reading the Ministry of Education lesson plan delivery for our K-12 students and what will be the huge interactive component between students, teachers and parents. Teachers will be following up with individual students regularly ensuring that ALL students receive their lessons and complete them with understanding and are successful. Parents will be very involved with overseeing that lessons are being done and home life will be very engaging and rewarding for the entire family.

We had some fantastic news that BCPSEA and BCTF reached a tentative agreement that will be ratified. Positive news for sure for our teachers and also for the rest of us wishing for a settlement. I applaud both sides for settling!! A big relief in these times when we have other worries, this was very welcome news to us all.

Our regular meeting of our SD5 Board of Education was held February 11, 2020.

My activities since my last report are:

- Jan. 26th - Board of Education Committee Meetings
- Feb. 3rd - Sparwood Library Board Meeting
- Feb. 6th - Board Working Session
- Feb. 10th - FJMES PAC Meeting
- Feb. 11th - Board of Education Monthly Meeting
- Feb. 13th - Meeting with the District of Sparwood Staff, Chair Lento, Trustee Bellina, Alan Rice and Joe Tank
- Feb. 13th - Sparwood Early Years
- Feb. 20th - DSAC Meeting at Fernie Learning Centre
- Feb. 21-26 - BCSTA Provincial Council
- Feb. 24th - Budget Meeting
- Feb. 25th - Working Session - Team Meeting
- March 2nd - Library Board AGM - elections
- March 10th - Budget Meeting

Motions passed at our February 11th Board of Education meeting:

#### Finance/Operations

That the Board refer back to committee the recommendation to write a letter in support of BCSTA's recommendation to government on the School Site Acquisition policy and that the Secretary-Treasurer provide information to the Board with respect to the current status of School Site Acquisition Charges (SSACs).

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

#### General

Unanimous consent for three readings was provided by the Board:

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Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Alan Rice, 250-417-2054

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**That the Board send a letter of thanks to Gail Rousseau for her work on the Pathways to Learning Report.**

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

**I always like to hear from you concerning any issues you may have that I can assist you with. In these highly unusual times being stuck at home, please don't hesitate to give me a call to say hi and keep in touch with each other. I have been calling friends near and far to keep in touch and it does me the world of good to hear that I made a difference in their day. Please give that a try. Until next time please stay healthy and safe.**

**Bev Bellina**

**Sparwood Trustee**

#### **4. ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

##### **PAC MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

- Great job and congratulations on a very successful spell-a-thon. Thank you to all the parents for all their hard work.
- Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the last two hot lunch days since our last meeting. The kids and parents both love having the opportunity for a special lunch.
- Transfers of administration have been processed for the fall. I will be moving to Elkford to be the principal and Mrs. Adams will be acting principal for a year here at FJMES. A posting for a new temporary VP here is currently posted.
- We have just hired a second custodian for the school. Irene's hours have been changed; she will now be starting at 1:00 and ending at 9:30. The second custodian, Roz, will work from 2:00 and also end at 9:30, this is an increase of an hour.
- The second PALS session in the kindergarten rooms was held on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn-out with 39 parents showing up to learn and play with their children.
- The basketball tournament was held here on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The kids had a great time playing the other Elk Valley Schools. The girls came in second and the boys took third. A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to watch and a super huge thank you to all the grade 6 parents who baked and helped run the canteen for the day. Thank you to Mrs. Kerkhoven for organizing the canteen; that is a big job.
- This week is early dismissal so that teachers can meet with the parents to update them on their children's progress.
- Grade 4 parents were sent a link to a survey for the ministry. Deadline for the survey is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All parents who do the survey on-line and return the sheet to the office indicating they have completed the survey will have their name in a draw for a \$50 Tim Horton's card.
- Have a great spring break with your children. School resumes on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Teachers Report**

*Sheila Podrasky*

Happy March ☺ Spring Break is almost here...hang in there everybody.

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

**-Gr.2 Reading Blitz-** for one hour a day the gr.2 kids switch classes based on their reading levels. We have Mrs. Ehman, Mrs. Dion, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Malone entering each class for 30 min. to provide small group reading support. This blitz was for six weeks, finishing at the end of February. We are now assessing the students to see what progress was made.

-Huge progress is made when smaller group sizes are provide—more one on one support!

**Gr.6- Beyond Recycling debate** (Fossil Fuels, Nuclear, Hydro, Solar, Wind)

**-Classroom Champions-** Perseverance (as an athlete...student...in life in general)

**-Valentines Dance (Blue Lake fundraiser)**

**-Maker Day** activities in the Library- Primary classes got to design and build Fairy Tale projects

**-Running club** has started for both primary and intermediate students (students come to the gym and run, then go back to the classroom to eat)

**-Library reading program-** extra lunch hour reading for those who need support

##### ***Upcoming events:***

- Green Day
- Celebration assembly on Thursday, March 12, 2020
- Crazy Hair/ Hat day on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Report Cards in April

## **8.1 Art Cards Comparison**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Percentage of Students who Ordered</b>	32.9%	54.1%	46.7%
<b>Total Orders</b>	121	199	191
<b>Orders Containing Cards</b>	121	122	91
<b>Orders Containing ONLY Cards</b>	100	52	43
<b>Orders Containing NO Cards</b>	N/A	77	100