


Frank J. Mitchell Elementary School PAC Minutes

Everyone is welcome to attend via Zoom

October 19, 2020, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance: Lyndsay Gerscht, Connie Gatzke, Jamie Bruce, Jen Adams, Kathy Conlin,  Beverly Bellina, Teresa Sametz, Karalea O., Shiela Podrasky, Nicole Obre

Meeting called to order by Lyndsy Gerscht @ 6:06 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

- Connie Gatzke – Approved Karalea Second

2. Approval of minutes

- Connie Gatzke - Approved, Jamie Bruce - Second

3. Trustees Report

- See Attached
- Bev asked, “are there any concerns at FJMES with parents on covid safety?” Jen Adams Replied “No, there are even kids returning back to school.”

4. Administration Report

- See Attached

5. Teachers report

- See Attached

6. Treasurers Report

- See Attached

7. Correspondence report

- Zoe Kuystermans – Wrote a “Thank you” to PAC for her scholarship

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Fundraising

8.1.a. Apples- 93 cases sold. Shipping was less then expected. We think less sales due to Honey Crips crop being damaged.

8.1b. Popcorn - Extra 420 Bags left over. Taylie Bruce will make a list of all what’s left and then post it on the PAC Facebook page to sell after everyone picks up their original orders.

8.1c. DFS- Catalogues went out. Orders due back November 3rd.

8.1d. Soco soaps - Owner will get back to us ASAP. She is waiting to hear from her supplier.

8.1e. Book fair – Online orders will be open for one week, flyers will go home with students. Date to be announced.

8.2 Playground Committee

- Playground should be finished tonight.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who have come out and helped build the frame for the playground and shovel the wood chips.

- We would like to do a grand opening of the playground, to honour those who helped with the success of this project. It would be nice to get a covid friendly picture with some our contributors.
- Maybe a ZOOM assembly as well for grand opening.

8.3 D-PAC- Elections this month. Their meeting is on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

9. Old Business

- IPAD requests were invoiced.

10. New Business

- Renee McCormack had an idea to use the wild school funding to purchase Ktunaxa books for each classroom. The books are about \$15 each.
- Renee also wondered if it would be ok to purchase a new wagon for going into wild spaces.
- A Motion was passed to purchase the Ktunaxa books for each classroom.
Connie Gatzke- Motioned, Jamie Bruce - Second
- A teacher asked if with her classroom funding, she could purchase the app “Brain Pop Junior” for her students. Jen Adams added that, “it’s a great resource for learning and enhances teaching. should we go back to in home learning it would be a great resource for those students.”
- It was noted as a reminder, teachers who had permission to carryover should have their requests for classroom needs into Connie Gatzke (Treasurer) by the end of October

11. Adjournment

Connie Gatzke - 6:43 p.m.

Trustee Bellina's October 2020 Report

The snow has arrived. I'm not sure it will stay as we have had such a glorious Fall - warm sunny days with cooler evenings - but there is definitely snow remaining from yesterday October 18th. We were spoiled with wonderful seasonal weather in the summer and fall. What we can usually expect in Canada. Definitive seasons. With global warming we haven't been able to predict weather as we have in the past, but this year July, August, September and now into October temperatures have been pretty normal...whatever normal is anymore?

Our regular monthly Board of Education meeting was held at the Kootenay Learning Campus in Fernie on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

My activities since my last report are:

September 18th - SD5 Indigenous Pro-D Day on Zoom

September 21st - In-camera meeting via Zoom

September 28th - Board Committee Day via Zoom

September 30th - Board evaluations due

October 13th - Board of Education meeting via Zoom

October 15th - Sparwood Early Years via Zoom

Motions passed will be attached to my next Board meeting in November.

Our SD5 Indigenous Pro-D Day was a great success. We attended on Zoom and the feedback has been very positive. Survivors of the Residential Schools gave their accounts of their lives during the time they attended school. Sophie Pierre, the past chief of the Ktunaxa nation gave an historical review of life during these times and followed it up with the success story of the St. Eugene Mission and how the Residential School is now a Five Star resort destination. The school continues to provide an education in the familiar setting of St. Eugene within view of the restored mission. Sophie's son Joe Pierre, who is now the Chief of the Ktunaxa nation also gave a moving and informative presentation. Senator Murray Sinclair took us on an enlightening journey on the path of Indigenous life from past times to the present with photographs and explanations of events. It was a stimulating morning and attendance was high.

The Board is currently doing self evaluations. We evaluate our individual Board contributions and performance and each of us critique our collective Board performance. Our submissions have now been collected. We are now at the point to roll up our sleeves and come together in an intense facilitated working session later this month to learn what we do well and what we can do to improve.

We continue to support our schools and their safety plans as Covid is not over, nor are the concerns of us all for the safety of our students and staff. We don't know when this virus will run its course, if ever.

We have all learned a great deal about it and how to protect ourselves with simple instructions. Washing hands is huge and we need to be diligent about doing this, we need to wear masks when directed to do so, and keep our distance from one another. We are all feeling the frustration. I'm thankful that we are doing our collective best and that we are focussed on "Being Kind". It's so important to be understanding and kind to each other.

Please contact me at any time if I can be of assistance to you. Stay strong and safe. We are all in this together.

Bev Bellina, Sparwood Trustee



Administration Report (October)

FJMES PAC Meetings

- ★ We have placed the order for our 3 new iPads for our Kindergarten classes. Thanks so much to PAC for funding these for us!
- ★ Our coatrooms have now been opened and are in use. It's a tricky maneuvering situation as we try to keep learning groups separate while moving back and forth from classrooms to coatrooms but so far so good.
- ★ Our first virtual and outside parent-teacher conferences are occurring this week and seem to be going well so far.
- ★ Breakfast club has started at the school in a Covid friendly manner for those students who need that little bit of extra nourishment in the morning.
- ★ The playground is almost complete and we can't wait to get to use it! Thank you so much to our playground committee and all the hard working PAC volunteers and families who made this happen.

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PAC Meeting
October 19, 2020

Teachers Report

Sheila Podrasky

THE PLAYGROUND LOOKS AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to PAC for the playground.

On behalf of the staff of Frank J. Mitchell we truly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication 😊

The book cart arrived! One of my amazing gr.2 students put the shelf together with his EA. It should be up and running very soon—thanks again to PAC for helping Mrs. K with this project.

What's happening in the Classroom?

Kindergarten The kinder group is doing a culture/identity inquiry project which includes Ktunaxa rotations on Wednesdays and Fridays. Also, Sarah and I take the kids out on Thursday's for Messy Math and all three groups stay out on Monday mornings for gym.

F2F- we are back up and running with 3 classes to start. Hopefully we will expand to the other classrooms soon.

Gr.2- Welcome Mrs. Blake to the Gr.2 team

Literacy stations have begun and we are beginning to implement our new program of Fountas and Pinnell books (Guided Reading program)

We are trying to target kiddos at an early age to develop reading and literacy skills

Upcoming events for parents to participate in:

-Parent-Teacher interviews

-Halloween (hopefully an outdoor parade)

Concerns/ Requests/ Questions:

Wildschool- Ktunaxa nature books for each teacher \$15/ each

(Possibly in place of the CBEEN money)

Mrs. Mac- new wagon for outdoor adventures (shared item)

Treasurer's Report as of October 18, 2020

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Bank Balan October 18 2020	<u>15,858.24</u>
Outstanding cheques:	\$2,020.89 CHQ
Outstanding Expenses	<u>\$2,701.63</u>
	\$0.00
To be Deposited	\$0.00
Adjusted Balance:	<u><u>\$11,135.72</u></u>
Minus Budgetted Commitments:	
Admin/Office Sup/bank	\$100.00
Awards	\$500.00
Babysitting at meetings	\$450.00
BCCPAC annual membership	\$0.00
Classroom Funding (\$200 x 20)	\$4,122.90
Drama Club	\$1,000.00
Prizes & Treats for students	\$500.00
Wild School Funding	\$750.00
Ski Trip bussing	\$1,700.00
Teacher Requests (\$494.44 book cart paid)	\$2,000.00
Book Fair Prizes	\$50.00
	<u>\$11,172.90</u>
Projected Incomes	
Art Cards	\$1,000.00
Soco/DFS	\$1,500.00
Plant Fundraiser	\$1,500.00
Mama's Dumplings	\$800.00
School Start	\$0.00
Mabel's Label	\$50.00
Popcorn	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$7,850.00</u>
	\$0.00
Expected Year End balance:	<u><u>\$7,812.82</u></u>

GAMING ACOUNT

Bank Balan October 18 2020	\$8,886.84
Outstanding cheques:	
Outstanding invoices:	\$1,235.11
Deposits outstanding	\$0.00

Adjusted Balance:	\$7,651.73
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Bank Fees	\$41.25
Field Trips	\$1,500.00
School Shirts	\$0.00
Performances	\$2,000.00
Bursary	\$500.00
Buddy Bench	\$700.00
Total Budgetted Commitments	<u>\$4,741.25</u>
Expected Year End balance:	<u>\$2,910.48</u>

E-transfer report

8,013.00

Total received as of Sept.30.2020

8,013.00

Fundraising Profits to date:

Donations	705.00
Apples	846.16
Mabel's Labels	0.00
Soco Soaps/DFS	0.00
Mama's Dumplings	0.00
Popcorn fundraiser (+1052.50=\$2940.087)	1,888.37
Art Cards	0.00
Plant fundraiser	300.00
Drama Show 50/50 draws (2)	0.00
Total Fundraising Profits to Date	<u>3,739.53</u>

Hot Lunch Day Profits to date:

Hot Lunch Day - Oct - HOT DOGS	0.00
Hot Lunch Day - Nov - PIZZA	0.00
Hot Lunch Day - DEC - popcorn chicken	0.00
Hot Lunch Day - Jan - Funky's Pizza	0.00
Hot Lunch Day - FEB - Hot Dogs	0.00
Hot Lunch Day - MAR - Subway	0.00
Hot Lunch Day Apr- Dee's Pizza	0.00
Hot Lunch Day May- Popcorn Chicken	0.00
HOT LUNCH PROFITS TO DATE	<u>0.00</u>