

## PAC Meeting Minutes

Everyone is welcome to attend. Meeting held over zoom.

**December 14, 2020 6:00 -7:30 p.m. ZOOM**

**In attendance:** Lyndsay Gerscht, Beverley Bellina, Jamie Bruce, Connie, Kathy Conlin, Sheila Podrasky, Karalea, Jennifer Adams, Teresa Sametz, Jaclyn Miller, Taylie Bruce

### **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

1. Approval of Agenda: Connie Approved, Karalea Seconds
2. Approval of minutes: Connie Approved, Jamie Bruce Seconds
3. Trustees report: See attached
4. Administration Report: See attached
5. Teachers report: See attached
6. Treasurers report: See attached
7. Correspondence report: N/A
8. Committee reports:
  - 8.1 Fundraising:
    - 8.1a. Soco- Made a little less this year from this fundraiser. But the owner was great to work with and was able to prepare the schools order quite quickly.
    - 8.1b. Art Cards- Lyndsay spoke with teachers at a staff meeting about a new way of doing the art cards. No complaints from teachers about this fundraiser. PAC will go ahead with this fundraiser. Taylie will get the Art Card paper ordered.
    - 8.1c. DFS- Successful Fundraiser, Doubled our profits from last year.
  - 8.2 Hot lunch day- on pause for now
  - 8.3 Playground Committee- Grand Opening will be when the weather is nicer in the spring and the pathway has been fixed. Students are enjoying the new playground a lot. Its wonderful to see.
  - 8.4 Scholastic Book Fair:
  - 8.5 DPAC:
9. Old Business:
  - 9.1 Clothing Order-
  - 9.2 Wagon for wild spaces- Admin has ordered 2 wagons with the Covid money. That leaves FJMES with 3 wagons for their wild spaces.
10. New Business/question period:
  - 10.1 Meeting Dates for the year Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>
11. Adjournment – Jamie Bruce motioned to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Next Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6 p.m.

### Trustee Bellina's December 2020 Report

Greetings to you all! This is my last report of 2020.

What a year it has been since March in particular. The changes in safety protocols have been tremendous with new rules and regulations to keep students, teachers and staff safe from Covid 19. We have experienced the stress this pandemic has caused all of us in our homes, classrooms and community. "Tired" seems to be the word that sums up our responses to "how are you?" There are other side effects of Covid being the physical and mental pressures many of us are feeling. Please take care of yourselves and be kind to each other. There are things we can do daily with our families and friends to get us through this. We need kindness and patience now more than ever.

We are approaching Christmas and it will be a very different Christmas than any of us can recall. Many of you have cancelled, or never booked, winter vacations.

You have all earned a vacation. I look forward to seeing some creative things you are doing to make this Christmas special. Perhaps a virtual vacation? I am thinking of all of you. Hang in there! This too shall pass...not sure when...but it will pass!

The Board of Education held their December meeting at the Cranbrook Board office on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

My activities since my last report are:

December 7th - Sparwood Library Board meeting - via Zoom

December 8th - Board of Education meeting - via Zoom

December 14th - Board review of the CUPE Collective Agreement July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

The motions passed at the December meeting will be sent out shortly. They are not available at the time of this report.

Zoom meetings have been a challenge, however they enabled us to get business done and we were all able to see one another up close and feel the connection between us. I still prefer face-to-face but I think we are experiencing greater attendance at our meetings. Hopefully that will continue when we all meet in person some day...soon?

Enjoy your Christmas break with your families and friends, and please always call me with any queries or concerns you may have. I can always be reached.

Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2021.

Take care,

Bev Bellina



## Administration Report (December) FJMES PAC Meetings



- ★ Miss Lukac has been working hard on creating a holiday video of our students showcasing their fine arts skills. (Music, drama and art). The link will be shared with families when it is complete, for them to watch on their own time.
- ★ Communicating student learning reports were just sent home last week.
- ★ Mrs. Sauerborn has been working hard to update our library with new books thanks to PAC donations and school funds.
- ★ Our school so far has purchased outdoor equipment, outdoor drawstring bags for students and individual classroom items such as kinetic sand, fidgets and foot pedals with our Covid budget. There is still more to spend and we are looking at microphone/speaker systems for interested teachers to try to save their voices!
- ★ We have had a few families returning to us from homeschooling this term, it's nice to see them back.
- ★ The Safe Arrival system is up and running. Many parents have already downloaded the app and are using it to log student absences which is great! It saves time for our clerical ladies which they really appreciate it. Hopefully by the end of the year we see everyone using the system to log an absence.
- ★ We are going to have our CBAL training for Grade 1 parents again this year. Chrisy Hill, the facilitator will zoom into the Grade 1 classrooms one day, and then host a zoom meeting for those parents the next day to talk about how to make the most of reading with your child.
- ★ We cannot have volunteers in the school, but some of our NHS have volunteered to do 1-1 reading with students following safety protocols. They will also have some training with Chrisy.
- ★ Pastor Jesse is no longer able to come in due to tightened restrictions, but Mr. Fortin has agreed to keep the Grade 5 and 6 floor hockey continuing at noon hour until the break.
- ★ We are all very much looking forward to the break, it has been a mentally and emotionally exhausting term.

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# Frank. J. Mitchell Elementary School

PAC Meeting  
December 14, 2020

## Teachers Report

*Sheila Podrasky*

\*Thank you PAC for the Ktunaxa field guides. I look forward to using them as a tool when we are out in our Wild Space.

\*Thank you to our janitorial staff for making FJM a cleaner, safer place to work and learn!!

\*Thank you to Lyndsey and Connie for being so flexible with how receipts are handed in and SO prompt. Teachers have been so impressed 😊

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

-**Ms. Traverse Grade 5**- virtual presentations on Grizzly Bears and Moose

-**Earth Ranger presentation**- Thank you Teck!! They did an amazing job making this presentation interactive, even though it was virtual.

-**Random acts of Kindness** from the Gr. 1 kiddos- laminated book marks hidden throughout the library. Brightened my child's day 😊

-Students are getting very good at remaining distant in the hallway and bathrooms, but tend to forget when they get outside. Remind your child that they need to stay social distant to children who are not in their cohort.

-PJ day on Friday

## ***Upcoming events for parents to participate in:***

-remind your child to check the lost and found!!

-ask your child about their indoor shoes and make sure they still fit!

-revisit hand washing protocols at home over the holidays and remind your child why it's so important to stay clean

-Virtual assembly on December 18, 2020 (12:40-1:00)

Concerns/ Requests/ Questions:

- Is the final date for our \$200 to be spent due the end of January?

Have a safe and happy holiday