



# EIDES PAC Meeting – April 4, 2023 at 7:00pm

## In attendance:

Mary Groeneweg, Ruby Yan, Laura Lee Phillips, Janet Kuijt, Tanya Bossio, Trena Drotar, Chris David, Nicole Heckendorf, Amber David, Sarah S, Anthony, Tara Hatch, Deirdre,

1. Adopt Agenda:	2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes:
1. Tanya 2. Trena	1. Tanya B 2. Ruby

## **3. Actions from Previous Meeting:**

No Action

## **4. Principal's Report: Laura-Lee Phillips**

Since there have only been nine days of school since our last meeting, there is not much to report. Laura-Lee had a budget meeting, and the school is going down to 24 classes instead of 25. With more registrations, that can go back up again. Please encourage anyone wanting to attend IDES this year to register ASAP! That really helps the school and its budget planning.

Planning continues for where everyone will go after the addition is complete. Strong Start might return to a portable. The district also mentioned that primary aged KDS kids might be put in a portable. Teacher's are not thrilled and everyone asked why. Nicole Heckendorf tried to answer that question for us. She said that the building that KDS is currently in was not built for the KDS program. The intention was to use the building for adult learning, local meetings, etc. When KDS numbers grew drastically during covid, the city was told to get creative, and they started using the current building. It was never meant to be permanent. There will be more discussions about this, and nothing has been decided yet.

May 3 is Ready, Set Learn and the PAC will present something to parents that day, and during Kindergarten registration on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The hope is to explain to parents what the PAC does and to encourage attendance at our meetings. Take Me Outside date has changed to April 26<sup>th</sup>. That is when Colin Harris will talk to the school - it is a huge honor that he is coming to our school and we are so excited! He is an educator that ran cross-Canada to inspire students and teachers to get outside and experience the benefits and beauty of nature. The school is paying for this event with the Student Affordability Fund. It has money available that must be used by the end of the year. The PAC is also in support of this event and will help wherever we are needed.

Laura-Lee also said a big thank you for the staff appreciation lunch!

## **5. Treasurer's Report: Tanya Bossio**

(Sheri was unable to attend this meeting so Tanya delivered the report)

*Please refer to treasurer reports for details*

BC Gaming grant will be filled out by Sheri this week. We receive \$20 a student from that grant and it makes a huge chunk of the PAC's budget every year. *Thank you Sheri!*



## **6. Trustee's Report: Nicole Heckendorf**

Again, not much school since our last meeting, and there isn't much to report. Nicole will have her first budget meeting soon and we hope she survives! She will be fighting for us there and what we need at our school. Parents always want a middle school update and it's the same as last month. The district feels confident that we will get a school, but it is a long process. Most updates will come in the fall.

## **7. DPAC (District PAC): Chris David**

There are going to be food coordinators jobs coming up in the district. Check your email! A link to upcoming sessions presented by Scott Rothermel has been sent out. This online event will be three Tuesday evenings and will cover content including kids and video games, social media, and sexting. It is being sponsored by DPAC. Chris voiced concerns about our portable space being used poorly and would like to bring that up at the next DPAC meeting. We supported that.

## **8. Expansion Update: Ruby Yan**

Charlie couldn't make this meeting, so Ruby delivered the update. By the end of April, the addition will be mostly done. 13<sup>th</sup> street will be used by buses until the end of this school year. The bus loop will not be used until September. *(More information on this topic will be covered by Ruby in Other Business, letter C)*

## **9. French Immersion Liaison – Marzia Botoni**

So... I don't think the PAC board understood what is happening here. Marzia does not report to us bi-monthly and we will look into who does and if it is needed. Janet jumped in to give us an update from the CPF (Canadian Parent's for French). CPF is looking for more parents to join their group! They are discussing ways to support French teachers here and how to get more French teachers. They are planning fund raising events, which includes selling memberships for \$25 and bringing back croissant day. Scholarships for members are available. We are hoping that the CPF presents at the different school events so we can get more people involved and educate them on how important CPF is.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### a. Adding to XC Ski Inventory – Janet

Student affordability fund can also cover skies and the school does not need funds from the PAC. The PAC supports this program and will donate if needed. Janet and Laura-Lee will keep us posted.

### b. Bike Rodeo, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Ruby

That is the confirmed date. Ski Base will sponsor two bike tees to join us that day - yay! Sign up genius will be sent out to recruit help. Freezies remain the preferred treat, and they were voted to return this year.

### c. Pick up/ drop off Traffic Plan Update – Ruby and Deirdre

This has been a major concern for our growing school and the new expansion. Ruby sent out an email to recruit volunteers who could donate their time and energy to solving this problem. A group was created, and over spring break, they met to discuss the issues and find solutions.



Tonight, they shared ideas that included more bussing, carpool options, walking buses from parking lots near the school, etc. Deirdre has created a survey directed at parents who drive their kids to school. The hope is to find out what parents want and what solutions they will participate in. She went over the survey questions and once it is approved by Laura Lee, it will be sent out. Please look for that! They think spring might be a perfect time to trial run different transport options instead of September. Ruby met with the project engineer from the city, who said that the town would like to work with us, and 13<sup>th</sup> street could be used next year. Ruby also chatted with bylaw officers who will be around to deal with parents who do not follow the parking rules once 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue signs by the school are changed to 15-minute parking. Angle parking on 1<sup>st</sup> avenue is under consideration but could be a one to two year project. Chris mentioned the Vision Zero Grant. This grant is for traffic safety in schools. We will find out how to apply and hopefully receive some money to aid in this transition.

*Wow! Thank you to Ruby, Deirdre and their group who are working so hard to solve this important issue! We are grateful to you.*

d. Ghostrider Camp – Tanya Bossio

We had a donation request to help send kids to the Ghostrider Camp. It just began running again after covid, and is an amazing program that the PAC has supported in the past. We are hoping to send 10 kids from our school. We voted, and the motion was passed to donate \$600 dollars towards it. That would send one child.

e. Take Me Outside, Guest Speaker – Mel

Mel couldn't make it. Ruby will give us an update, but most of this is covered in the principle report. Please refer to that.

Extras:

1. None

**10. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm**

**Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2022 at 7pm**

**Important Dates:**

**April 13** – Popcorn delivered (Blue Lake Fundraiser)

**April 14** – Down Syndrome Day – Rock your socks

**April 20** – Earth Day

**April 20** – Michael Bortotollo pm – Social inclusion and resiliency 1:15 – 1:45 K-2 2:00-2:45 3/4-6

**April 24** – Pro-D Day

**April 25, 26, 27, 28** CSL & Early Dismissal for 4 days

**April 26** – Assemblies – Colin Harris, Founder and Executive Director of Take Me Outside

**April 27** – Blue Lake Fundraiser – Movie Night- Bad Guys

**May 3** – Ready, Set, Learn pm

**May 3** - Earth Rangers 9:15 K-4 (one presentation only)



- May 12** – Kikomun
- May 17** – Volunteer Luncheon
- May 18** – K-2 Bike Rodeo
- May 25** – Kindergarten Orientation
- May 26** – School Track Meet Grade 3-6
- June 9** – District Track Meet
- June 12, 13, 14** – Grade 6 Blue Lake
- June 27** – End of Year Assembly
- June 28** – Grade 6 Ceremony