

Kootenay Orchards Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Monday April 4, 2022

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Agenda: no additions

Attendees: Jo, Kim, David Flegel (Teacher), Judi Poole (Principal), Wendy (Trustee), Paula

President Report:

- During the Arby's hot lunch day there were many students who did not receive their lunch. This was addressed and new procedures have been put in place to help assist the grade 6 class when they are handing out lunches to the rest of the students
- Easter Purdy's will be sorted and sent home with kids the week of April 4

Treasurer Report: *see attached*

Principal Report:

- We are so happy to see real, live smiling faces at KO these days. Our first days back from March break was testament to staff and students finally taking a nice deep breathe and one step closer to normalcy! Of course, we continue to stress the importance of hand washing!
- On the note of seeing things settling back into some form of normalcy, we anticipate having our students experience once again activities such as track and field and competing with other schools in the district.
- We did have a successful albeit self – contained basketball season – having played a game against Jaffray School. It was nice to be able to see another team on the courts shooting hoops as well.
- We also anticipate a book fair whereby families can come into the school to do their purchases. Our library is looking amazing as of late we have purchase more flexible seating for our students and staff and guests who use the space. We are so lucky to have a passionate teacher – librarian who has a vision with regards to what makes for a flexible learning space for our students.
- In early May we will be having our student – led conferences and will be sending out information to families soon as well.
- We will be forming a School Playground Committee to review the survey results and the comments included as well. From there we will formulate a priority list so that PAC can begin to determine what can be allocated for this initiative.
- We are welcoming 2 Year 3 EKTEP (East Kootenay Teacher Education Program) students to our school for their practicums. Carolyn Cross and Ricki Thomson will be their mentor teachers. As well Angela Linardic will be mentor teacher to 2 Year 2 students. All of the Yr. 2 and Yr. 3 students begin their practicums on April 11. We also say goodbye to our Yr. 4 Practicum students. Our KO students were lucky to have had them as practicum teachers and we are looking forward to seeing them in the near future as they join the ranks of a full-fledged teacher!
- Our Ready, Set, Learn event will be similar to last year, whereby families of children who are of pre- school age are invited to register to pick up materials the are a sneak – peek of what to expect as a proactive preparation for kindergarten. This is not for kindergarten parents, as we will be having a real – live meet and greet for these families early in June.

Teachers Report:

- Nothing to report

Trustee Report:

- The Board received a presentation from the CFTA for our budget considerations (they were aligned with many that the Board had)
- There are no new Covid updates, other than we are now learning to live with Covid for the long term
- The Ministry of Education approved our district going to tender for the expansion Isabella Dicken Elementary School in Fernie
- A motion was passed that "the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining our profound concerns around special education funding"

New Business:

- Nothing

Next PAC meeting: May 2, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 7:05pm