

Kootenay Orchards Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Monday November 1, 2021

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Agenda: no additions

Attendees: Jo, Kim, Amanda, Cathy, Nicole, Angela, Courtney, Marifer, Paula, Anneli, Julie, Stephanie, Judi Poole (Principal), Wendy Turner (Trustee), Ricki Thomson (Teacher)

Guests: Jayden, Candice

President Report:

- Nursing student, Jayden (3rd year) will be meeting with teachers at Amy Woodlands to start a new program in September 2022, to discuss certain topics with students regarding their physical and mental health (ie: teretts, hygiene, vaping, body positivity and diet) along with setting up first aid kits for each classroom. The nursing students are going into each school to help teachers/students with health issues
- Halloween carnival a success. It was a scaled back version during school hours
- Purdy's catalogues are in! Online orders are ready to go November 30. Delivery date: December 13-15 week. Orders will be sent home with kids unless otherwise stated

Treasurer Report: *see attached*

Principal Report:

- Our Halloween event was a success. Our Gr. 5 and Gr. 6 leaders were very responsible in guiding their multi – age cohorts through the Halloween stations on Friday.
- 2 grant proposals for upgrading and embellishing our playground and garden have been submitted. We are awaiting to see what the amount will be that will be granted to us. These grants are for excess operating funds from SD5 and the request is based on outdoor learning initiatives and resources.
- Ms. Shay our Aboriginal Education Support Worker will be working with our students to create a mural of indigenous plants to be painted on our walls surrounding the garden. The actual painting will happen in the spring and the ideas and graphing the mural to scale will be happening in the winter months.
- Our Remembrance Assembly will occur outside at 1:15, the afternoon of November 10th – Gr. 6 parents are invited as well as the parents of the soloists.
- The School Growth Plan was shared and will be housed on the KOES school website once approved by the Superintendent. The focus of the plan is literacy, reading at the primary level and writing at the intermediate level.

Teachers Report:

- Continued outdoor education is ongoing
- Two grants have been applied for to help with the playground and garden projects
- Aboriginal mural to be done with the aboriginal worker
- Remembrance Day ceremony will be outside on November 10. Grade 6 parents are invited to attend

Trustee Report:

- That the adequacy of our contract offers for Speech Language Pathology teachers be researched in a global setting.
- That the Board purchase a wreath from each of our SD5 communities as a donation to the Veterans on Remembrance Day as done in the past years.
- That the Board of Education approve Christmas donations to the Cranbrook and Fernie Salvation Army and the Jaffray, Sparwood and Elkford food banks, in lieu of holiday treats for staff at the SD5 worksites. The amounts will reflect the FTE of students in our school sites.
- That the Board approve first reading of the amended Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD05-03, to accommodate the additional funds being provided as supplementary funding associated with the electric bus purchase.
- That the Board approve second reading of the amended Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD05-03.

New Business:

- None

Next PAC meeting: January 10, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 6:53pm