

Kootenay Orchards Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Monday October 5, 2020

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Agenda: no additions

Attendees: Jo, Kim, Amanda, Paula, Marifar, Judi Poole (Principal), Wendy Turner (Trustee), Kelley Relkoff (Teacher)

Approval of September 14th minutes: 1st Kim, 2nd Paula Approved

President Report:

- Mable's Labels – first cheque came in for \$72.50. This fundraiser will go all year long
- Nicole Erikson will do up the t-shirt order from Connie at Anywear Garment and will look into hoodies and sweaters with the KO logo

Treasurer Report: *see attached*

Principal Report:

- September was a month of trying new systems from hand washing, to entering and exiting the building, to staggering lunches and recesses. Our staff is very cohesive and have come up with ways that work for their students so that instructional time is not affected.
- - Our Terry Fox Run and events were a great success – we were able to successfully have the students run for the 'cure' as well as have a collective event with the whole school in order to help build school spirit. The school was also able to raise a substantial amount of money for the Terry Fox Foundation – 2023.90\$
- - Our students have been biking to school in honour of #GoByBikeCranbrook. Collectively the students and staff travelled 1619 kilometers! What a great initiative to stay healthy!
- - Our kindergarten students went to Idlewild to find signs of fall and as a literacy tie in – they had a read a loud of the book 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlerd.
- - Our Gr. 4s and 5s went to Elizabeth Lake and have been examining and discerning the need and importance of outdoor learning spaces.
- - As a staff we are exploring together our 3 year Growth Plan – we are using the Inquiry regarding this question: How might we ensure student engagement and success by exploring welcoming spaces, welcoming minds to welcome hearts. As this inquiry has multiple entry points that play on teacher passions and strengths, it will also allow our students multiple pathways to finding success,
- - We launched our first edition of the school newsletter and will always be refining it so that communication to our parent community is clear and concise and that we continue to share the magic that happens both inside and outside of our school walls.
- - In order to honour the Ktunaxa language and Indigenous culture of our area, during the morning announcements the students are learning how to say Good morning, good day and the months of the year and what they mean.
- - We will be having our Parent – teacher conferences on Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28 from 1 – 3pm. We encourage parents to pick up their children in a timely manner. As well, if possible, we encourage our bus students to be picked up at that time as well.

Teachers Report:

- New EA's have been approved. We are now up to 1 EA for a student and 3 EA's for the rest of the school
- Hand washing is still being perfected

Trustee Report:

- Some motions that have passed at the District level
 - Canada Audited Financial Statements are in good shape
 - Approved the revised location for District meeting. Both rooms in Cranbrook, Kootenay Learning centre in Fernie. With half meetings here and in Fernie
- Revised agenda for the Covid era
- Draft calendar for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 school years was sent out to all stakeholders and parents for their input
- Secretary Treasurer to send the City of Cranbrook a letter regarding the Innes Ave development and how it will have an impact on TM Roberts, Parkland and Amy Woodlands schools

New Business:

- Treat Day/Hot Lunch – pac will contact the Secretary Treasurer Allen Rice asking what rules and regulations there are for going forward this year
- Motion was brought forward by Mr. Lutz requesting pac pay for Halloween candy and bags to hand out in front of the school on Halloween night 1st Jo 2nd Kim Approved
- Volunteers are needed to hand out candy on Halloween
- Grade 6's will help decorate the front of the school for Halloween
- Fruit and Veggie program needs to be cancelled
- Parent Email list – Judi to send the list to pac

Next PAC meeting: November 5, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 6:47pm