

UES Parent Advisory Committee

General Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm

In person / MS teams

Jeff started meeting at 18:05

Robyn – territorial acknowledgement

1. **Certify Quorum** - yes
2. **Report from PAC Chair** (Jeff) - Introduction to new board

Jeff – Chair

Rachelle – Vice Chair

Cindi – Treasurer

Shanti – Secretary

Bronwyn – Secretary

Technical issues, apologies to people waiting in the lobby!

3. **Approval of Agenda** – not done
4. **School Administration Report** (Robyn and Carly presented slide deck)
 - Truth and reconciliation ceremony
 - Standard 9, ethics to learn about calls to action
 - Quilted blanket from Julie Roberts, hanging in foyer now
 - Many new staffing positions, acting P/VP, new teachers (see slide)
 - Currently 221 students
 - 10 full classes
 - Family / teachers conferences
 - Literacy data, comparing 2021 to 2022 benchmarks
 - School sports – coming back!
 - Lunch monitor club / Announcements Club / Bracelet Making Clubs
 - Historical photos, in albums now on display (instead of framed on wall)
 - Playground update, excavation starting this Friday, new playground going in after that
 - Hallway of Silly Walks, applied for grant for this, decals placed throughout hallway, sensory paths, gives kids movement breaks and fun things to do when having indoor days
 - Great Earthquake Shake-out, October 20th @ 10:20am
 - Halloween safety – RCMP is going to come in on Monday Oct 31st to give kids some safety, and Gregg Hardy from Pacific Seafoods donating lights for everyone

- Safe Online, Drew from USS is bringing Merlyn Horton SafeOnline presentation in, we could add something for the primary kids (check out website)
- Book fair, Nov 22 – 24 (open house at school)

Question about breakfast program:

- All students invited
- 8:25am start, come on in
- Slow start after covid

5. School Trustee report - Cynthia Orr, School Trustee for West Coast

- Introduction, small school growing up (dad was my principal!)
- School important place in community
- Want to make sure school is a positive experience
- Getting a new email address (sd70)
- Role – trustees work together to set budgets for the whole school district
- We can ask Cynthia to advocate for us, or anything in budgets or policies we want updated, she can bring to the board on behalf of West Coast
- She will be at Tugwell on Saturday at 2 if you want to say hi

6. Treasurers Report (Cindi), June – October

- Main account, fundraiser funds = \$408.96
- Also got private donation (anonymous)
- We could do the “no fundraiser fundraiser again”, made \$2000 last time
- We got 3 picnic tables, had to spend the money, deliver last November
- Not installed yet, high school tables here right now, long journey to install!
- Got \$300 donation from co-op for back to school BBQ (thank you!)
- Another ~\$300 spent by PAC for food/supplies
- **Motion to recoup expiring funds from gaming account** (Move: Cindi, Second: Jeff)
- Gaming account balance ~ \$6000
- Gaming grant needs to be applied for, once we get that, we will have close to 10k by end of school year – gaming funds have specific requirements to spend (e.g. all students must participate / benefit)
- We also usually get Mother’s Day fundraiser \$ from Long Beach Lodge Resort (thank you)
- Taking submissions for ideas on an ongoing basis, reach out if you have ideas
- **Motion to support \$300 for Bear Aware Club** (Move: Cindi, Second: Bronwyn)

7. DPAC Report (Cindi)

- Long meeting (3 hours), rich conversation
- Minutes were sent out, we will share

8. Business Arising from Last Meeting

8.1 Swimming Lessons

- Great use of gaming grant money
- Jess Wyton is instructor, willing to do grade 2/3 swimming
- Basics of water safety
- Aiming for March (too late for November execution)
- Figure out which grades did not get lessons
- We are behind due to Covid and have to figure out when/how to get all kids through the program

Motion to spend \$ on swimming lessons (Move: Sarah Tyne, Second Kristi Udel)

8.2 School assembly / event

- Robyn says Candy Bones was great (child entertainer, through Art Starts), she was super good

Motion to spend up to \$500 on fall fun assembly event (Move: Cindi, Second: Kristi Udel)

- ideas, magician, science, some sort of entertainer
- Check "Art Starts", vetted for school visits

8.3 Yearbooks

- Kristi Udel taking over to coordinate
- Grade 6/7 students can take photos, better to do groups of 2-3 students at a time
- Giving the students leadership and ownership instead of the parents, Robyn wants to create a club for it, give them responsibility
- How can parents support?
- Photos can be sent to ues.pac@sd70.bc.ca looking for volunteers to assemble yearbook even if it is one or two pages- Kristi Udell is point of contact
- Need 1-2 better cameras
- Need more follow up on this!

9. New Business

9.1 Holly Lefevre Grade 7 funding request- 50/50 draw

- Fundraising for grade 7 trip
- We love to support, we need a request for funding (give us \$ amount and reason)
- Bronwyn - grade 7s can collect bottles from Army and Navy (could be every week or bimonthly)

- Need storage somewhere, parents don't want to store, can drop at depot and put on account

9.2 Daycare program in HS

- Tabled for November meeting

9.3 PRAS & Artsplash

- brief overview from Cindi, tabled to discuss further next meeting

9.3 www.HypeSocks.com Zach Kettler

- tabled for Nov meeting

Meeting ended at 19:40

Thanks to Rachelle Cole for the amazing spread and refreshments!