

PAC General Meeting minutes

Herbert Spencer Parent Advisory Council

Date | time September 11, 2019, 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Amber Orchard

In Attendance

Amber Orchard | Trish Robinson | Allison Mounsey | Crystal TerHaar | Kathy Coehlo | Kailey Toth | Marti Longstaff | Julie Folka | Karyn Audet | Richard Kish | Leah Yallop | Tara Hall | Robyn Kurtz | Sue Gosh | Jennifer Rhyne | Diana Martins-Garbutt | Karyn Audet | Courtney Daws | Kaela Spencer | Amandeep Duhra | Madhu Gill | Amandeep Duhra | Leah Lyth

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval of Agenda: Natalie Suffron, Sue Cosh

Approval of June 5, 2019 Minutes: Sue Cosh, Trish Robinson

Correspondence | Kailey Toth

Various fundraising advertisements and information on grad merchandise.

Chair's Report | Amber Orchard

Proposed Expenditures

Amber Orchard motions to approve \$895 for a bi-lingual show for all Herbert Spencer students by performer Will Stroet. This motion was approved.

Welcome Event

There will be a Welcome to the 2019/2020 School Year event held on September 19, 2019, 6:00-7:00pm. PAC will be selling ice cream for \$2 (vegan / gluten free / non-diary / sugar free options will be available also).

Treasurer's Report | Marti Longstaff

Marti Longstaff presents the final numbers of the 2018/2019 budget and the PAC finances for the 2019/2020 school year. The Pac has a financial surplus heading into this year. The treasurer awaits the gaming grant at the end of September/beginning of October which will further increase the balance.

CPF report | Allison Mounsey

- CPF held a successful Welcome Back swim at Moody Park.
- Parent survival night for parents new to French immersion will be October 15, 2019.
- Bonjour Bon Nuit will be November 13, 2019.

DPAC report | Amber Orchard

The first DPAC meeting will be September 19, 2019.

Committee Reports

Amber Orchard explained the committee structure of PAC. There will be 3 committees: Events, Fundraising and Members/Communication. The purpose of the committees are to provide a way to share the work load and to gather in smaller groups to organize and share information. If you would like to help out on any of the committees please let someone on PAC know and we would be happy to have you.

Principal's Report | Suzanne Cameron

- Carly Eirikson is the new Vice Principal and technology teacher. Welcome Ms. Erickson.
- New floors were installed in the school over the summer, including a new gym floor, and the school got a general refresh.
- The Welcome to the 2019/2020 School Year event being held on September 19 is an open house and not parent/teacher interviews. Please come to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher and see where your child sits.
- Parent/teacher interviews will be held in November. Send your child's teacher an email if you would like to meet sooner.
- Please do not attempt to meet with teachers in the morning as the children enter the school. The first 5 minutes of class time are essential for connecting with students and setting the tone for the day. When parents come to classrooms with their children this disrupts this important time. If you have an issue that is urgent please contact Mme. Cameron or Ms. Eirikson.
- A question was posed whether there will be parent classroom representatives this year. There will not be.
- The question was posed: How many students are in the school? Mme. Cameron could not remember the exact number but reports that there are 2 open spots in the entire school.
- Fuel Up vs. PAC Fun Lunch. It was asked if the school could send an email to parents to clarify the difference between the two. Mme. Cameron agreed to do so.
- There will be 5 student teachers coming to the school from September 23 – November 29, 2019.
- Amber Orchard attended the school staff meeting today to introduce herself and the PAC to staff.

New Business

There was no new business.

Questions

There were no questions.

Next Meeting

October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm: Marti Longstaff, Natalie Suffron.