

PAC General Meeting minutes

Herbert Spencer Parent Advisory Council

Date | time November 6, 2019 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Amber Orchard

In Attendance

Amber Orchard | Trish Robinson | Richard Kish | Katie Orford | Allison Mounsey | Robin Goyan | Kathy Coelho | Kailey Toth | Marti Longstaff | Natalie Suffron | Karyn Audet | Tara Hall | Jen Rhyne | Diana Garbutt | Courtney Daws | Kaela Spencer | Manishe Rayre | Amandeep Duhra | Kristin Kotze

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval of Agenda: Richard Kish, Robyn Goyan

Approval of October 2, 2019 Minutes: Natalie Suffron, Trish Robinson

Correspondence | Kailey Toth

No new correspondence this month.

Chair's Report | Amber Orchard

- **Expense Approvals: Clubs**

Amber Orchard reported that it was approved in the executive meeting that the PAC will provide \$500 for the school to spend on expenses for clubs. Suzanne Cameron reported that the club programs have been very successful and well attended, and that the funds would be used to buy supplies such as colouring supplies, games and Pokémon cards. Motion passed by Richard Kish and seconded by Diana Garbutt. Motion carried.

Vice Chair's Report | Trish Robinson

- No report.
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Treasurer's Report | Richard Kish

- Richard Kish reported that all of the accounts are in good order. All incoming funds and expenditures have been expected for this time of year.
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CPF report | Allison Mounsey

- CPF's parent survival night was well attended.

- This month CPF is hosting Bonjour Bonne Nuit on November 13 from 6:00-7:00 at our school. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and have story time with Mme. Tiphaine. Hot chocolate will be served. Siblings are welcome.
- CPF has added a second \$500 scholarship this year.

DPAC report | Amber Orchard for Dai Martin

- SD40 had two representatives speak about all of the different learning services they currently offer.
- One of the concerns discussed was “overcrowding” and in particular the placement of the portables at Glenbrook Middle School.
- There is a new T.A. training program currently being run in partnership with the school district so there should be more T.A.s online soon.
- DPAC will be getting a dedicated school board trustee.
- Registration has been low for education events. PAC input for speakers/topics is requested.
- NTAC – the online survey was very successful and will be presented to the city. McBride parents have been using the city’s See Click Fix app to report parking infractions and it has brought the bylaw officers out.
- Connaught Heights representative thanked Herbert Spencer for the donation of ice cream.

Committee Reports

Events – Tara

- The Halloween Howl a was a huge success with over 750 people attending. It was lots of fun and the feedback was excellent.
- First Light will be November 27 from 6:15-8:00. Frosty the Snowman will be played in the gym at 6:15. Glow bracelets will be handed out to the kids, and hot chocolate will be donated by Dave Vallee.
- The Craft Fair will be November 23, 2019.

Fundraising – Natalie

- The order forms for Purdy’s and gifts cards have gone out. Fun Lunch is doing well.
- Kailey reported that we have had a good response for the Created by Kids fundraiser. Friday is the deadline for orders.

Members/Communication - Martinique

- Yearbook planning is underway. Please submit your photos to the yearbook email address.
- Planning for parent education is underway. There will be parent education sessions on anxiety in February/March and Nutrition in April.
- There is a plan to update the PAC website and make it more user friendly.

Principals Report | Suzanne Cameron

- Clubs have been very successful. Over one hundred children showed up for colouring club on Monday. The Game club has also been well attended.
- There will be early dismissal and book fair on November 20 and 21, 2019.
- The school will be selling spirit wear. Sample sizes will be available on the early dismissal days.

- Almost all of the Intermediate (grades 4 & 5) children went to No Stone Left Alone at the cemetery. They placed a poppy on a tombstone and wrote a reflection. Some children will share their reflections at the Remembrance Day assembly.
- The Remembrance Day assembly will be Friday, November 8, 2019 at 11:15.
- A question was asked about the K/1 winter concert. There will be afternoon and evening shows. Details will be announced soon.

New Business

- A question was asked about the new crosswalk at Sixth Avenue and Second street. It was reported that the new light for this crosswalk has been operational for about a week.

Questions

- None

Next Meeting

January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.