

Lord Tweedsmuir Community School

UNAPPROVED minutes for April 20, 2022

The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

Time

After technical difficulties with the Zoom link...the meeting started at 7:14

Attendees: Colin, Chamyli, Katie, Elaine, Rebecca, Principal Richter, Enza, VP Jennifer Flasko, Kim

7:14 1. Call to Order

7:15 2. Approval of April 20, 2022 Meeting Agenda, motioned and seconded by Katie

7:16 3. Approval of February 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes, motioned and seconded by Katie

7:16 4. Reports

7:17 4.1 Chair: discussion around Katie's idea of bringing in a speaker for the May PAC meeting. Support for the decision. Promoting the idea of next year's PAC and that 2 positions are being vacated. Wanting to spread the word about bringing people to the meeting, to talk about volunteering, the roles and how valuable the PAC's role is in the school.

7:20 4.2 Treasurer: Gaming account: \$11, 429.19

Drumming workshop cost came in under what was requested: \$2910.87

Soil purchased for the garden club: \$501.06 came out of the gaming account. Request for \$100.00 from the PAC to purchase games for kids to be playing with at lunch. Principal Richter explained that some equipment is available but this would be more supplies for activity to engage children with one another. A motion was put forward, and seconded by Jennifer Flasko.

General account: \$25807.71

All of the students got their t-shirts and it came in under budget. Classroom fund requests are currently being processed. Neufeld Farms money is still pending.

4.3 Funding request: discuss funding for possible dance program. If the school does not go forward with the program other ideas need to be considered to use the gaming funds.

Principal Richter: timelines and staff issues have made the dance program too complicated. The school is now booking the dance program for the spring break week of March 2023. Suggestion to Principal Richter to notify teachers that money is available and needs to be requested. Treasurer is going to be away in May and wants to organize a contact person to get request-ees a cheque if needed.

Question: Is sports day happening? Principal Richter: discussions are being had but nothing concrete is set.

7:31 4.3 DPAC Colin updating: focussing on DPAC mailout items, specifically highlighting: proposed budget survey, food guidelines- survey-point of interest that the impact includes avoidance of things like fun lunches or any food at an event like cupcakes or hotdogs, now classified as foods to avoid. Members

discuss that some of these items are offered only occasionally and this new mode could be restrictive. Suggestion to read the release and complete the survey which is available until April 30th.

BCCPAC AGM and conference is April 29, 30 and May 01.

Workshop advertised, "Help for the Hard Times," workshops are designed to support parents/caregivers whose child has had an inpatient stay or has had repeated ER presentations due to a mental health or substance use concern. The workshops are FREE and registration is required: www.familysmart.ca/workshops

Bike to school week, May 30th to June 3rd. Discussion on how the interactive map and sign up works.

7:38 4.4 Fundraising: Spring break affected some fundraisers. There was time in between when the information came out and Easter, which affected sales. In May another fun lunch is being planned-not confirmed yet. One more fundraiser on the horizon-details to come.

Discussion: Can we send out separate correspondence to advertise fundraisers and fun lunch more? Principal Richter agrees. Enza inquiring if we can send paper order forms again-might be effective in reaching parents.

7:43 4.4 Principal

T-shirts were well received and some questions around ordering new or more shirts next time the order comes up. Students were really happy.

Welcome to Kindergarten event May 25th, information coming out soon.

Class photos June 01st

Cycling safety reviews at school currently.

Red Fox program after school program. After school basketball program is starting on Mondays.

Approval for continuing replacing outside envelope of windows. Potentially beginning of May. Crews may be on site sometime in May. Details to come.

Reminder for parents: dropping in to say hello to your kid in the daytime-please come to the office and check in to discourage children from running to the fences.

Parent survey: PAC questions/comments received: wanting more social events for parents and kids. Visibility on where fundraising funds go. Money towards activities to reduce costs for field trips. (Principal Richter notes this practice is already in use and recommends that information be more widely shared.) Activities wanted that foster the reduction of waste and activities that promote mental well being.

More extra curricular, family fun days, ie carnival.

Fundraiser suggested to raise funds for a bus for students to get to school.

Parents would like to feel more connected, Covid has affected ability to gather.

Question: when does the PAC need to book times potentially in the gym. Principal Richter-will update when she has a firm date.

PAC discussion re: sending out a one page response to Q and A from the survey.

7:40 5. Other Items of Interest

Discussed the issue of communication and whether or not the PAC could have a place to advertise.

One idea was a stand alone board, another was a fixed box type where a PAC member or member at large can put in posters that advertise PAC deadlines and upcoming news.

Principal Richter: must wait until after construction is done-murals being put back up need to be addressed-meeting coming up with the contractors and she will ask what could potentially go up if anything.

7:57 6. Adjournment motioned-seconded by Katie.