JG Diefenbaker Parent Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020 7:00 PM via Zoom

Participants:

Andrew Livingston VP/Chair

Emi Dyck PAC Chair/meeting co Chair

Melissa Burns

Frank Ju

Tressa Cabana

Nicole Stoltz

Anney Ha

Carol Clark

Angela Leung

Huey Wong Principal

Kristin Rheault PAC Treasurer

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Parent of Stephanie Zhang

Kelly Simmons PAC Secretary

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As of 19:09

Ling Yang

As of 19:37

Approval of October 1 Minutes: **motion to pass – Kristin, seconded -Nicole**

Approval of October 9 Minutes (outdoor classroom specific): **motion to pass - Carol, seconded – Frank**

Approval of November 4 Agenda: **motion to pass – Tressa, seconded Kristin**

Meeting called to order at 1909.

Administration Report:

See attached

Clarification to point #3: TL students will be able to continue on with TL “teachers”

Please note: last day for TL students to return to in class learning is February 1, 2021

1. It’s been a busy month and we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff:

-continuing to work and play in our cohorts

-finding different ways of doing things (eg. library book exchange, Halloween parade, Remembrance Day Zoombly on Nov. 10)

-handwashing lessons from Kelly Noonan

-outside time regardless of weather (students need to be prepared for rain)

-parent/teacher conferences through Zoom

2. EA Cheryl Wiens has moved to another school; looking for a replacement for her.

3. Next return to school date for Transitional Learners is Nov. 16th; families need

to respond by Nov. 9th. Currently approximately 100 students are learning from

home.

4. Classes continue to work hard; traditional term 1 report cards for Div. 1, 2, 7, 8,

9, 10, 13 and 14 will go home Dec. 11th. All other classes are using the

e-Portfolios for communicating student learning.

A reminder for parents to contact teachers with any concerns/questions.

Regular communication is helpful for student success and growth.

5. Online Kindergarten registration began Nov. 1st in the District.

Applications for District Option Programs (French Immersion, LFI and

Montessori) are accepted from Nov. 1st – Jan. 21st.

Financial report:

General account: $12,459.57 (payment for teachers masks not withdrawn yet and $1179 deposited (coins from last years coin drive))

Gaming: $14,861 will increase to $23,341 with grant deposit

Playground: $21,822.99

Budget:

Teachers start up of $200.00 per division, all amounts same as last year (including resource, EA, band): **motion to pass- Kristin, seconded Anney**

Outdoor classroom: design is from Playscape, discussion included treated vs untreated wood, roof options as tarp or permanent structure.

**Motion to pass project Melissa, seconded by Angela. UP to $2500 to by subsidized by PAC. Admin to keep PAC updated on project. Vote of those present (17) passed with a vote of yay 9/17 @ 2032**

Technology: Change of playground account to be renamed to “technology” account (in other words, funds do not have to be dedicated to playground any longer as all equipment has been purchased and paid for). All requests for classroom technology must still be put forward as a motion to discuss and approve. **Motion to pass – Kelly, seconded by Kristin**

Technology discussion included: teachers and staff have requested to use current carts and use PAC funds to purchase ipads for them. Cost for 12 iPads approx. 5200.00 with additional cost of approximate and possible 1400.00 for accompanying keyboards.

\*Andrew will confirm keyboard cost and whether or not Apple keypads are needed.

**Motion to pass- Tressa, seconded – Kristin**

Munchalunch: approximately $2000 donated to PAC from pre-paid, approximately $1000 will be returned to payee/families and $2600 remains unaccounted for. Huey will send an email encouraging families to reply by November 13 with their requests to donate or have money refunded.

\*\***Vote to pass this years budget unanimous and budget approved.**

21:12 15 participants present.

Other business:

Goose deterrent flags: will be moved to the north once asphalt track is installed.

No city grant available for asphalt path as PAC is not registered non-profit

Will there be an online scholastic book fair? Some classes have put in order and no mention of an online fair. Placing orders through school has to be done “by account holder”.

Huey will send next school update November 16 and asks that any parent interested in supporting school community/kindness/spirit initiatives contact her re ideas and involvement.

21:27 meeting adjourned. Next PAC meeting TBA January 2021