

SOOKE ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING: *11 April 2017*

MINUTES

Call to Order (6:40 pm)

Attendees: Candice N. (Pres), Danielle D. (VP), Dan N (EP Coord)., Lorna E. (parent), Kerry A. (Admin), Mandi B. (Admin).
Note that quorum was not met.

- Territorial acknowledgement (6:30)
- Adoption of Agenda as amended (6:30)
 - Hot Lunch has dropped as Maki wasn't present, and the Hot Lunches renewal was tabled for a later date
 - APPROVED
- Approval of March 2017 minutes as amended (6:35)
 - Corrected cut off date for Pizza Day from April 12th to April 11th.
- MOTION to adjourn by 7:30--APPROVED

Reports (6:55 – 7:05)

Admin Reports, Principal: Kerry presented SchoolStart.ca material as an alternative to Staples for ordering school supplies. Their deadlines are longer (August long weekend) and they will still accept orders afterwards with a small late fee. Parents can opt to donate to the PAC and the totaled amount is sent by cheque to the school. Supplies can be delivered to the school or to the home, as the parent wishes. Danielle D., who is coordinating the school supply orders from the PAC side, took the info to review.

Kerry will be leaving to Savory and Tess Vally, currently at John Muir, will be coming to Sooke for the 2017-2018 school year. Mandi will be staying on at Sooke. In the coming weeks, staffing will be considered. There are currently 319 students registered and the configuration of classrooms is still unknown at this time.

Fieldtrip season is in full swing. The Lions have sponsored the Grade 2s for swimming lessons again this year. Teachers are also choosing to bring in guests as an alternative to leaving the school. For example, the Maritime Museum is sending a speaker in the coming weeks.

Cross country is underway, under the direction of Ms. Strachota and Ms. Clarke; Samantha Lankmyr is now the Division 8 teacher (the Gr. ½ split), replacing Ms. Duarte who has gone on maternity leave; we have purchased additional jerseys, received the last data projector we ordered, and our water fountain has been installed. Kerry requested that PAC consider covering the filter costs for the water fountain. She also hopes to have a plan for a 2nd one in the primary wing. Teachers are preparing school supply lists now as well.

Beach Day will be on June 20th this year, at Esquimalt Lagoon. Fun Day will be finalized at the next staff meeting, but will be either Friday June 16 or 23rd.

Admin Reports, Vice Principal: Mandi spoke to the decision that for observing Earth Day this year, the students would be encouraged to bring a litterless lunch, with prizes for the division who best succeeded.

PAC Reports, EP Coordinator: Dan N. has completed his inventory of the kiosk and we are in good shape, for the most part. There is a need to purchase a certain amount of supplies to remain up to date.

Business (7:05-7:25)

Spring Fling, May 11th: Spring Fling has been cancelled this year due to the difficulties in planning and hosting such a large scale event with a small PAC and limited pool of volunteers. However, PAC will provide lunch for Fun Day as well as look into providing the obstacle course for that day as well.

Discussion around attracting more/new people to PAC followed. Kerry suggested that she send a letter out regarding what PAC does and what our school without PAC would look like. We could also advertise on the boards to better highlight our contributions.

Garden update: In terms of the garden update, Pete Gaudot, Head of Facilities, has been pushing for facilities to build boxes but it may be that Tess will have to finish this project off. Persuasive letters from the POL classroom on the need for a garden have also gone off to the District.

Meeting Adjourned (7:29)

Next PAC Mtg: May 9th, 2017