



Cedar Grove Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information				
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020	Time: 7:00 – 9:10 pm			
Chair: Tracy Aiken	Recorder: Christine Hardt (via meeting recording)			
Attendance (11)				
Tracy Aiken , Chair	June Metz, Treasurer	Eliina Friesen		
Olwen Cowan, Principal	Tara Robens	Lisa Patterson		
Nick Weber	Karen Graves	Scott Davis		
Urszula Dragowska	Warren Brander			
Regrets: Christine Hardt (Secretary), Tamara Hedden, Sue Girard (School Board Trustee)				
Housekeeping	Action Items			
1. Call to Order 7:00pm				
2. Introductions				
3. Additions to Agenda: Tara – Team Uniforms, outdoor covered area				
4. Minutes from last PAC meetings: Revisions: none Motion to Approve: Tara, Seconded by: Scott				
5. Outstanding Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy to post Healthy School handouts on PAC website. – In Progress, posted on Facebook, website is pending. Tracy to investigate options for remote voting and report back at next meeting - Completed Christine to ask Marissa to help organize book bingo - Completed Decision re prizes for book bingo tabled to March meeting. – In Progress Tracy to follow-up with Theresa re the new process for donations/tax receipts - Completed 				
6. Guest Speaker				
6.1 Jacquie Shelemey, President, Sunshine Coast Teacher’s Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacquie teaches at Gibsons Elementary and has been teaching for 20+ years Purpose for attending the meeting is to provide an update on bargaining. Typically parents would receive information through the media, but because they have been in a mediation situation no information has been released. Have been at bargaining table for over a year. Contract expired June 20/19 and have been working without a contract. Late June 2019 employer requested a mediator and the union agreed In September employer requested a report under section 7 of labour code, each side had to write a report stating what they wanted. A deadline was given to accept/reject, and the BCTF voted to reject. They then went back to the mediation table and have solid dates to end of March and into April 2020. Three Main issues for teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased funding per student (per people funding). The schools districts receive approximately \$7000 per student, and this is what is used to run the schools. This is \$1800 below the national average. Salaries, BC Teachers are the 2nd lowest paid in Canada. Government has mandated that all public sector employees only be increased 2/2/2 over 3 years and they have agreed. However, BC has a teacher shortage and the low salaries are causing recruitment issues. Goal is to make improvements for beginning teachers. Class size and composition. Goal is for equity across the province. BCTF had a big victory at the Supreme Court of Canada re the removal of class size and 				

<p>composition from the agreement, so the language was put back in. However, there are discrepancies throughout the province – they are looking for equity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The items that parents are likely the most concerned about are the per person funding and class size/composition. If parents are interested in commenting, contact our local MLA, Nicholas Symons. • There has not been a strike vote taken and there is nothing on the horizon at this point. Teachers are committed to getting a deal at the table. 	
<p>7. Regular Reports</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>7.1 Chair’s Report: Tracy Aiken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to all of the organizers of the lantern festival as well as all of the volunteers. It was a great event and everyone had a lot of fun. 	
<p>7.2 Treasurer’s Report: June Metz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June provided an overview of financial documents she has been working on • Lantern Festival made \$2975.50, last year it made \$1866 so we had a good increase in revenue this year. • Unable to get the current bank balances as June is still having difficulty logging into online banking. • 50/50 draw at lantern festival, the winner donated \$60 back to the PAC – it will show as a parent donation. • Need to get the final numbers for 50/50 to June 	<p>Eliina to get the final 50/50 numbers from lantern festival and provide to June</p>
<p>7.3 Principal’s Report: Olwen Cowan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month has been very busy • There have been several performances recently at the school, one was the telling of Peter Pan at the school, the main characters were kids – it was great. Also had a tap performance and GuestWorks performance on pink shirt day. • Body Science is continuing with Jessie Whollen, last day with students is March 6th. Has been going very well • In February they administered the Middle Years Developmental test for students in grades 4 and 7 (assessment re how they are feeling emotionally/socially at school and in the community). This data will be shared at a future PAC meeting (hopefully May); it allows us to see what we need to work on in the school. Last year’s data showed that kids want to feel more connected to adults in the building; this is something they have been working on. • Pro D was on Valentine’s Day. The whole day was focused on outdoor education; teachers got very excited about going outside more and outside spaces. Scott spoke in the past about building a covered area, they’ve been discussing this and staff are quite positive about it. They are considering building a trail ‘lean to’ for the grade 7s on the back field so they have a special place. • Kerri Mahlman coming next Wednesday at 6:30 to talk about Indigenous Learning, it has changed a lot. • Jump Rope for Heart happened today. Some parents noted that they didn’t receive the information till the day before, but others received it a week ahead. Will work on this for next year. • Staff are discussing the school fundraisers and may drop some next year so we are not asking for money so often. Will definitely continue with Jump Rope for Heart. • The school talent show will be held on March 13th • The oven in the staffroom is being used a lot, but it is old and held together with electrical tape. The baking cart has been in use by a couple classes, so there is baking happening. There is also have a parent who has volunteered to assist vulnerable families with batch cooking starting in the fall. Asking for up to \$1000 to purchase a new oven. Scott noted that the current oven is an Admiral and they have not been made since 1973! Scott found a new stove on sale at the Brick for \$599 with a built in range hood. It was noted that the PAC kitchen also needs a new range hood. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Tracy motioned that we spend up to \$1200 for a new stove for the staffroom with hood and a new range hood for the PAC kitchen, seconded by 	<p>Motion Passed: Spend up to \$1200 for new stove with built in range hood in staff room, and new range hood in PAC kitchen.</p>

<p><i>Karen.</i> Motion was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corona Virus – the school board will be sending out a notice next week. Teachers will be talking to the students and will encourage handwashing. Stuffed animals in the primary classes will be sent home as well. It was noted that if children are having anxiety around this, there are materials available through the school to support them. 	
<p>7.4 School Trustee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue absent tonight, Tracy provided Sue’s update (see attachment) 	
<p>7.5 DPAC Report: Scott Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attachment 	
<p>8. Old Business</p>	Action Items
<p>8.1 CGE PAC Communication Plan: (Tracy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have not made further updates since last meeting, but did learn that Theresa is ok to send out emails to parents on behalf of the PAC. Tracy will try to update the communication plan for the April meeting. 	
<p>8.2 Lantern Festival Debrief: (Eliina, Nick, Warren)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamara (absent, comments sent to Tracy): huge success, thank you to all involved, students were great in helping with setup. Already have great ideas for next year. Feel that we need more structured volunteer setup, cleanup crew was amazing. Warren: Tamara raised about \$1500 in fundraising through sponsors and she donated as well. Tracy helped a lot with communication. Eliina was great in getting the kids organized, she was the ‘brains behind this’. Had a lot of late nights coming up with new ideas. Thanks to all of the sponsors, every year we are trying to improve the quality of the event and raise more money. Aware that Langdale makes about \$15,000 at their annual carnival – they don’t do much other fundraising. Hoping to build more resources and volunteers for the lantern festival in future in future in order to raise more money at the event and eliminate some of the other. Noted that Langdale’s event is on the weekend, this is something to consider for future. Nick: Thank you to Olwen for letting us set up the laser maze Olwen: 100% on board with idea to hold event on the weekend in future, would be able to support it more and would likely get more people from other communities Request to have shorter volunteer shifts so parents can have some time with their kids. All of the games were unmanned, so kids went around and no one knew what to do. Mr. Metcalfe talked to Eliina and apologized. At Halloween fair he told the kids it would be at the lantern festival as well, but the day of the lantern festival it looked like they were going to bail. Next year the plan is that this will be a mandatory job for the grade 7s. Like that it is a whole family event Eliina mentioned that one thing we did not do well last year was thanking the sponsors. Decision made that Tracy will publicly thank them on our facebook page. Div. 4 really wanted to help, would not have completed the setup without them and they also helped with the cleanup. They went above and beyond, discussed doing something to thank the class. Decision made to do an ice cream party for the class and give flowers to the teacher, funds to come from Lantern Festival budget. 	<p>Eliina will organize ice cream party for Div. 4 and flowers for Ms. Calvori</p>
<p>8.3 Remote Voting: (Tracy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCCPAC has not heard of this and they recommended speaking to DPAC. DPAC discussed it at the March meeting; Patrick Bocking advised that it is allowed and the school board has documentation on this. We should contact Patrick for further information. Tracy spoke with someone who recommended that rather than updating the constitution, we could make a motion to follow-up via remote voting when it is needed. 	<p>Tracy to contact Patrick Bocking for information regarding remote voting.</p>
<p>8.4 Book Bingo: (Tracy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Bingo is coming up soon. Marissa will help with organizing it again. Will put it out next week and it will close a week after spring break. Family book club is starting up, information is in the school newsletter 	

9. New Business		
9.1 Spirit Wear Pop Up Shop: (Karen)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been very low uptake on purchasing items. Suggestion is to hold a 'pop up shop' with a onetime ordering push. Could do a paper order form with limited options. • Suggestion made to order some items to give out as prizes, i.e. for book bingo winners • Need to consider timing if running a popup shop, don't want to conflict with hanging baskets. Feeling is that we can do it for back to school in September. 		
9.2 Dr. Deborah MacNamara Evening Presentation: (Olwen)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. MacNamara is a child psychologist, she was on the coast in January providing a 3 day workshop for caregivers of toddlers • She will be coming to Cedar Grove on the May 11th Pro D day to discuss building relationships for student success • Would also like to arrange a parent workshop starting at 6:30pm on the pro d day. There are a number of possible topics: anxiety, screen time. Olwen will send them to Tracy, then Tracy will send it to everyone to vote on – our first remote vote! 		Remote voting to be utilized in order to decide on topic for the parent education night. Results to be reported at next meeting.
9.3 Spring Flowers Fundraiser: (Tracy)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally grown plants (from the lower mainland) that offers a selection of hanging baskets and a few other spring plants. Ordering can be done online and then everything is delivered to the school on a specific day. • A bunch of flyers were sent to Tamara, they will go out after spring break. 		
9.4 Budget Surplus Spending Ideas: (Nick)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At last meeting it was mentioned that there is a surplus in the school district budget of 1.5 million and we should submit our ideas. • Some suggestions: outdoor covered play/learning area; more general topics that can be applied to the whole school district such as better lighting in gym, slow down signage, painting of parking lines. • Motion: Tara motioned to request a covered natural structure and a roof to cover the basketball court. Seconded by Tracy, motion passed. Tracy to submit this request to the school district office. 		Motios Passed: Submit request to the school district for covered natural structure and a covered play area (using the basketball court).
9.5 Additions to Agenda:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Uniforms: Tara noted that our school went to the district basketball tournament and the school uniforms are probably 30 years old. The new ones purchased by Barry a few years ago are only in larger sizes for the older kids. We need team uniforms for all age groups that include a jersey number and identify our school. Tara to research costs and what needs to be ordered, then provide details at the next meeting. 		
9.3 Spending Decisions:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New stove, see motion in principal's report. 		
Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10pm		Next Meeting: April 3, 2019 at 7pm

Attachments:

1. Sue Girard, School Trustee Report
2. Scott Davis, DPAC Report

Trustee Report – Sue Girard
Month at a Glance – March 5th, 2020

February 12th – Regular Board Meeting down at the newly renovated SBO Board room.

February 14th – the dedication for the newly renovated Grantham’s Hall on Church Road. I have attended many functions over the years at that little Hall from Weddings, Services and Community Events. I am happy that it is once again offering a quaint space in the Community for gatherings.

February 21st – The Trustees of SD 46 had an all-day Retreat at the SC Botanical Gardens in W. Sechelt. It was a great Agenda led by Betty Baxter (a former Trustee and Chair of the SD Board of Education) ... we had the opportunity to discuss many ideas, questions and concerns and do some amazing brainstorming.

February 27th – the Lantern Festival ... was unable to attend but heard some ‘*glowing*’ comments of how amazing it was for all! Good job everyone!

February 25th – All day Committee meetings at the newly renovated SBO Board room ---

At the Education Committee meeting we had some good presentations on Numeracy with Principal of Madeira Park – Glen Smith, some great presentations on Professional Development from Janice Budgell from CUPE, SCTA Pro D Committee Chair Melissa Bell, Superintendent Bocking shared a handout that listed all District Events. Links to all the presentations and materials are available under the Education portion of meetings on the SD 46 Website. We had a presentation on Family Engagement from Committee Chair Stephanie Murawsky with links on the Website.

March 1st --- I attended the Production of Newsies at the Chatelech Theatre. It was absolutely brilliant! The students performances were so professional. Kudos to Teachers Sara Douglas and Tom Kellough who put such an enormous amount of time and effort into these annual performances. These kids can act, sing and dance and can remember a tremendous amount of lines... And then they perform it over and over again every night for weeks along with the Matinees. Truly amazing!!

March 4th – We had our Regular Board Meeting at the SBO ... we had a Presentation from a student involved in the Composting Program at Elphinstone and their Environmental recycling program ... it is such a great program. So proud of all the students who worked so hard to get these programs off the ground. It was really student driven!

March 8th --- International Women’s Day. Once again, I will be taking part in the IWD gathering at Roberts Creek Hall and delivering the Closing Blessing and well wishes to Women around the Globe. Such an honour to do that every year!

I hope that everyone has a safe and very restful Spring Break and will see you all in April.

Until then, My Best, Sue G. Trustee, School District #46

REPORT FROM DPAC MEETING - FEBRUARY 27, 2020 7pm

Chatelech Secondary School Library

Minutes:

The meeting started with a presentation on Numeracy by Glen Smith Numeracy Committee Chair & Principle of Madeira Park Elementary. Their goals are to support Teachers, foster a mathematics culture, improve student's ability to understand and communicate math skills. Numeracy is the ability to apply math understanding to solve problems, analyze and communicate solutions in relevant ways. The important take away for parents was:

- To talk to child about experiences in math. Encourage them to remain positive resilient and brainstorm ways to support.
- Stay in contact with teachers and ask how to be supportive at home
- Promote numeracy with PAC, DPAC, committees etc
- Practice, review basic skills at Elementary level (ie doubles, doubles+/- 1, make it 10, skip counting & times tables)
- Play math games with cards and dice

The meeting was rather long with several presentations. Kelly Nunn - Lead of youth team Sunshine Coast Community Services announced the screening of: "Screenagers" a documentary about teens and social media. Kelly Oxley Halfmoon Bay DPAC Rep talked about changes to Childcare Funding from Province for childcare on the Sunshine Coast. This will improve the Before and After school programs at the elementary schools. Patrick Hocking SD46 Superintendent, talked about efforts to defend against virus attacks and events happening in the district. Maria Hampvent – School trustee reported on the latest issues facing the board. Marilyn Baines of the Healthy Schools committee talked on several important advances and happening this month.

The DPAC voted in favor for several funding initiatives to support Grade 7 Transition, funding for the documentary, DPAC representatives to attend the BCCPAC AGM and a blanket ceremony at Chatlech to be held this spring.

Scott Davis

DPAC representative for Cedar Grove Elementary