

## **PAC MEETING - OCT 16th, 7pm**

### **Call to Order - 1900**

- Kim Osborne

### **Attendees:**

- In Person: Kim Osborne (Co-chair), Kim Parsons (Co-chair), Jillian Fisher (DPAC), Andrew Corbould (Principal), Trisha Letain, Cristina Margain, Agnes Heffernan, Denise Burrowes, Michelle Islas, Niki Ford-Dunnet, Amy Bushek, Bryson Lewis, Lisa Hinton, Danielle, Grace Ng
- On Zoom: Leah Amaral (Vice-chair), Shawn Ng (treasurer), Stefanie Lok, Judy Kuse, Becca Lewis, Tabitha Parish, Marta Zaspal, Dave Sholan, Hyunhee Khil, Lucy Vasilkova,

### **Agenda and Previous minutes:**

- Approval and acceptance of agenda and previous minutes - carried, Kim Parsons and Bryson Lewis.

### **Principals Report:**

- **Staffing:**  
New EA - Brianna Farina, Castle Park has a full complement of staff.
- **Hazel Trembath update:**  
Biggest priority: kids is feeling safe, lots of reassurance that school is a safe place, all protocols in place, fire drills - Castle Park passed with flying colours in regard to school evacuation procedures and policies.  
Acknowledge everyone wants to help, we need to take it slow in order to properly assess what needs are and how to best allocate resources/donations.  
Andrew and Frank Pearse put together a spreadsheet with donations from other teachers/education people - Hazel teachers will be able to sign up to receive donations.  
District has provided all students with school supplies (similar to Creative Pack).  
District has asked for each school to make several banners that will decorate the classrooms (CP teachers to organize).  
Groups in place to look/plan for buses/transport to the school - still in progress. In Andrew's experience, kids adapt to buses very well, same bus driver, same group of kids on each bus.  
Keeping classes/teachers together is best for kids/families vs. kids being transferred to other schools in the area. VP Rachel French from citadel

middle has been seconded to assist the transition - has background in trauma informed care, previous counsellor for district - very experienced.

The maintenance department is looking at Winslow grounds to make it safe/appropriate for Elementary students - Winslow has a grass field, small playground, basketball court - will possibly need additional fencing.

Acknowledge everyone wants to help and do something - direction from the school/district, best to take it slow, wait and assess what needs are in order to make it most helpful for Hazel.

- **School Updates:**

Received more money from the affordability fund - more available to help families within the school plus extras to put towards the school. Is very likely we will have excess funding - this will be shared with other schools that have a greater need.

Candy bags for seniors - If families would like to donate Halloween candy after Halloween, Castle Park kids will decorate bags - give to seniors.

Halloween parade - will do it first thing in the am - then parents can stay after drop-off. Plan to have it in the learning garden - Andrew will plan a route. In case of bad weather, the parade will occur through the school with parents in the gym.

Halloween Howl dance party on Oct 31st during the school day - 30 mins - \$350 - funded by PAC.

Pumpkins - likely 1 per class - draw will be done Friday before Halloween, winning child will take home and carve over the weekend and display pumpkin in the lobby. Working on one per child but not confirmed.

Spirit wear order out - deadline Oct 19th - if you want it to be a gift notify the school and we will put it aside

Grade 5 hoodies - orders are completed.

Grade 5 leaving committee meeting next week - maybe in person or just on zoom. More information to follow.

- **Financials from school:**

Request from school for PAC to pay for hose and cage - \$2682.10

Learning garden account went towards deck - \$7000 from Maxine Wilson fund, \$1500 from Castle Park School

This Thursday October 19th @9:30am - Tribal vision dance group presentation - paid for by PAC \$1000. Parents welcome to attend.

- **Discussion item:**

Add climbing wall to playground - Needs to have committee to organize - no quote yet - open for suggestions. Agnes Heffernan to look at some playgrounds in the areas and further discuss. Agnes will provide pictures to review.

Breakfast with Santa - possibility of donating funds to Hazel Trembath.

Question from parent community - is it possible to get grass on back field?

Would require full excavation, grading, drainage - not in budget plans at this time. Would gravel being added be a better option - budget? For further

discussion. Approx. 15 years ago PAC did a big fundraiser to fix the field, lasted 1 year.

### **DPAC - Jillian Fisher**

- PAC 101 - info session - very helpful.
- 3-4 sessions a year open to all parents  
Nov 8th - on zoom - supporting your child with and IEP
- Reminder to keep clear communication on how we put funds forward, and spend the money fundraised each year vs. carrying it forward.

### **Treasurer's report (Shawn Ng):**

- Earned \$4034
- Spend \$11000
- Gaming grant for 2023 -\$5820

### **PAC Chair Report (Kim Osborne and Kim Parsons):**

- Welcome back BBQ - served just over 300 orders
- Fall photo fundraiser - well received - earned just under \$2000 for PAC
- Hot lunch - Term 1 is open until December. Me n Eds was successful, Noodlebox, sushi and TCBY to come.
- Pub night - OCT 20th 5-11pm, stop by anytime and enjoy a night out while supporting your PAC. \$25.00 for a ticket. Tickets available at the door.
- Vote for fitness run foot overage - \$29.15 - voted and approved unanimously
- PAC holding account - \$1375 stay put for now
- Gaming account funds - thoughts on spending money - approx. \$7000 for school buses.  
Gaming account usages have very specific parameters regarding what can be purchased. BC Gaming website has the parameters so parents can look. Plan to have every division go on a bus field trip - Plan for DIV 1-4 to go to the planetarium next week - look at distance/logistics.
- Acknowledge Natalie Newton for her hard work as the Treasurer the last few years. The PAC thanks her and wishes her well for the future! Gift given.
- Lyonridge property management donated \$500 for sports equipment - Mr Corbould and Mr Oldstead purchasing equipment - will send pic to school community once complete.

### **Santa's breakfast (Bryson Lewis):**

- Going to use Sign-up.com for volunteers.
- Griddles provided by Mr Corbould.
- Possibly look at utilizing citadel middle or riverside students for volunteers
- More to come.

## **New Business:**

- Beacon Psychology - Dr. Juliana Negiri.  
She does a presentation for schools on “Anti-bullying, managing positive relationships in the school environment”  
Recommended by an Elementary School in Port Moody - very positive feedback.  
Leah to get more info and report back to PAC.  
On this topic - does SD43 have any presentation they support - Mr. Corbould to follow up.
- Lunch Lady services  
Is this something the school wants to look into?  
Group discussion with PAC meeting attendees and Mr. Corbould, opinions given by those who have used the services - pros/cons discussed.  
Decision - not pursue Lunch lady at this time.  
Will look to increase hot lunch frequency for 2023/2024 school year.  
Also will put out a survey on hot lunch options - what food would you like to see?
- Opportunity to collaborate with Citadel Middle school on fundraisers Neufeld and Purdy's.  
We would be splitting profits 50/50 - group keen to do this.  
Leah to liaise further with Kathy - Fundraising coordinator for Citadel Middle.  
Jillian will get Purdy's date secured and organized on Castle Parks behalf.
- What can we do as a PAC to support Hazel in the short term - lots of enthusiasm and thoughts/care.  
After group discussion with lots of great ideas put forward, and direction from Mr. Corbould and the district, plan to give Hazel space and time to transition.  
There will be time to support and find out needs once everyone is settled into their new space.

## **Spirit Triathlon - Grace**

- Triathlon - for kids of all abilities (fully inclusive)  
Sunday, May 5th at Hyde Creek  
For kids in grades 2-5  
Cost \$30 for individual, \$60 for relay.
- Kids can do full triathlon or participate with peers as a relay.  
New this year - multigenerational - can participate with a family member
- Grace comes in and does promotional assembly (usually 30% of school signs up) - February 2024
- Grace does triathlon gym class - transitional skills swim to run to bike.
- Promotes as a relay - focus on self confidence and self esteem.
- Swimming 100m, Bike 3km, Run 1km
- Orientation 1-2 weeks before, for kids to learn routes and transitions.

- Legacy Leader Volunteers - need school coordinators (parents) minimum of 4-5 people (will be mentored by Grace) - About 30 hours of commitment - biggest commitment last two weeks of April.
- Mr. Thurbide - Castle Park Counsellor will assist with the program.

Meeting adjourned at 2055 - next meeting November 6th, 2023 at 7pm in School Library or available on Zoom.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who attended our October 16th PAC meeting. Transparency for you all... meetings are generally kept to 1 hour to respect everyone's time. This meeting had a lot of items that needed productive discussion and time in respect to items not listed on our agenda previously set out. Thank you for your patience in sticking thru it with us.