



SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY PAC: General Meeting

Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

PAC Executive

President - Marle Simmons-Prasad
Vice President - Harjeet Gill
Treasurer -Sindy Saran
Secretary - Shareen Singh
Communications - Ginny Tambre
DPAC - Greg Martin

Hot Lunch Coordinator
-Briana Miles

Directors at Large:

Amy Lucrezi
Stacy Blondheim
Breanna Sutton
Sarab Minhas

Agenda- Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions
 - In attendance: Harjeet Gill, Ginny Tambre, Shelly Stark, Jill Chura, Sarab Minhas, Stacy Blondheim, Jenny Waiman, Amy Lucrezi, Sindy Saran, Shareen Singh, Elaine Rosison, Manj Bunwait, Marle Simmons, Arslan Aseem, Carly Nichol, Andrea Nielson, Greg Martin
 - Meeting called to order 7:01pm held via Zoom
2. Approve the agenda, add or remove
 - Recent Facebook page comments added by Harjeet
3. Approve the adjusted minutes from last meeting
 - Sept 2020 minutes reviewed and approved by 1st Manj and 2nd Stacey
 - Oct 2020 minutes reviewed and approved by 1st Ginny and 2nd Manj
4. Principle report
 - **Registration** - Blended families have been sent a survey requesting a decision. Depending on the results we may have to restructure classes for a January start. We will know more in early December.
 - **Construction** - The Library is able to be used for classes now, although the collection is not ready for children to take books out at this time. The gym is to be completed in January and the addition is estimated to be complete at Spring Break.
 - **Staffing** - No changes at this time.
 - **Photo Day - Wednesday, November 25**

- **Cambridge closure** - 2 weeks of isolation to break the chains of transmission, everyone tested, including TOCs and itinerant staff. Band teacher is at multiple schools so he is in isolation.
- **Health and Safety** - Committee meets regularly and as needed to review concerns, policies, and updates from the ministry of health and the district.

Upcoming Events:

- **Early Dismissal** - Thursday, December 10.
- **CSL Reports** - Monday, December 13.
- **Last day of school before winter break**- Friday, December 18.

5. Playground update

- Greg is working with Habitat for marketing material, few parents are starting to slowly approach businesses for donations. Jenny fundraisers are limited at this time because of Covid and is asking PAC to put \$10k towards the playground account.
- Marle thinks that is a bigger discussion than today's meeting, PAC is also not able to have fundraisers and will leave little balance.
- Stacey PAC funds have been accumulating for many years
- Manj portion of many would have gone to playground but with current situation could the amount be less than 10k requested at this time
- Ginny to feel good to have funds in the account isn't a convincing enough reason, PAC funds would be good to see funds used for classroom use
- Marle Motion to be put forward to revisit in the new year
- Greg only 1 year to come up with funds
- Stacey would like a vote today
- Greg would like to have funds in playground fund as a tool to advertise donations are being made
- Manj what leverage is there if there is more money in the playground account
- Greg mental aspect, they are going full swing and very little donations and if they have some funds in account it'll be a boost.
- Harjeet suggested if they have fundraisers, we could match donations
- Greg said PAC funds were being raised for playground, Ginny doesn't think PAC funds were being raised for the playground.
- Arslan instead of discussing moving funds around its better to discuss how to raise more funds and with the current situation is the kids' education and health. The funds are not being used immediately for playground, it's a better financial decision to leave funds with PAC as we don't know what education will look like in the future.
- Marle agrees with Arslan and suggested approaching large business for donations vs moving funds between accounts.

- Jenny says playground committee has been working hard for the last 18 months and only \$10500 has been raised with a goal of \$200k and would like to vote today
- Marle would like to wait for a vote for funds
- Manj lets vote on a lower amount to transfer over, previous years we knew some funds would be used for a playground but not such a large amount
- Amy & Stacey want to vote now
- Request of funds wasn't added to agenda, why did the playground committee not specifically state they would like a vote to be done in today's meeting
- Arslan come spring 2022 what if all funds are not collected what happens, Greg said the playground would be broken down into sections and purchased in sections
- Arslan suggested to divide the funds needed by the amount of families, Greg said the amount would be too high for parents and most funds would have to come from corporate donations.
- Harjeet would like to revisit this funds request in the new year
- Shelly hears everyone would like to put funds towards playground, both sides have valid reasons with Covid at this time we don't know what the future will be like. She likes Harjeet's comment to match funds. Hard decision currently maybe better to table it to next meeting.
- Manj asked Sindy if there is a Purdy's fundraiser and if so, maybe those funds could go towards playground.
- Ginny, Marle said upcoming fundraisers can be used for playground and Harjeet said PAC could also match those funds.
- Sarb there is a major sense of urgency for the playground group, it's challenging in a Covid environment to raise funds.
- Ginny asked Shelly if there are any grants that can be applied for, she has contacted business development for any leads, but we are not a low-income school and there isn't that much for us.
- Motion was put forward by Jenny to request to vote for \$5k donated to playground, and look at more funds in Jan.
- Vote was 12 people said yes and funds will be forwarded to playground committee.

6. Santa Photo session

- Fundraiser has been cancelled, revisit in the spring

7. December

- Lets not overwhelm parents with fundraisers and have better communication with the playground committee as PAC was unaware of the current fundraiser happening.

8. Fundraising

- Purdy's in Dec
- Nintendo switch raffle may hold off for now
- Playground committee will try to share their fundraising calendar with Shelly and Marle

9. Teachers Christmas lunch

- Motion to be put forward to spend \$450 for teacher lunch, all in favor
- PAC will plan a Christmas lunch for teachers

10. Added Facebook comments

- Santa fundraiser reminder was added to Facebook, comments were made about comments erased, it was clarified by Harjeet no one was blocked and no comments were deleted, if anything was deleted it was by the person who made the comments. Second post got really nasty comments were closed off. Moving forward if there are rude comments on Facebook parent page they will be deleted.
- Elaine mentioned the Facebook page is a parent page not a PAC page, suggested a middle person to moderate the page that is not a PAC Executive. Elaine said last year principle was added to the page and there was backlash and the principal removed herself.
- Harjeet doesn't think a moderator is needed, parents needed to ensure they aren't being rude
- Marle talked about the Facebook page used for reminders not parent discussions, if parents have school related questions, they should refer to Shelly.
- Stacey suggested someone to monitor the sight, Ginny looks over the page but doesn't approve posts before they are posted and said she wouldn't be able to monitor it that closely - daily.

11. Meeting adjourned

- Adjournment 8:56pm, Ginny1st, Sindy 2nd

- Next General PAC meeting: December 15th, 2020 @ 7:00 (Zoom)