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PAC Meeting

September 26 2024

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Acknowledgements – LuAnne
3. PAC Meeting Protocol
 - a. Each guardian and parent of the children are on the PAC
 - b. What we do: work alongside with admin and staff, support events that are school run and put on events, fundraise, decide how to spend funds, support the school.
 - c. Communication between school and parents
4. Approval of last meeting minutes
 - a. K motioned, J second.
5. Principal's Report
 - a. 13 divisions, 285 students. 2 new teachers: Ms. Hyams (Gr 4/5 split), Mrs. Rook (LLC teacher , here Tuesdays and Fridays). Ann Hopkins: new LSS teacher, Mr. Power (music teacher). Music education degree. Miss Melody is the new Indigenous Support Worker (was an EA here last year).
 - b. Corn Maze Field Trip – went very well, weather was dry!
 - c. Book Fair – Oct 25 – 24. Need a book fair coordinator and parent volunteers for payment, etc.
 - d. Parent Teacher Interviews- Oct 23rd (23 and 24 are early dismissal days). Book fair runs during this time.
 - e. Picture Day – Ryan the photographer is back, make sure to pre-register with the code that has been sent out.
 - f. School start up this year: went smoothly. No issues with class assignments.
 - g. Schoolyear Focus: Literacy and Community.
 - i. It is a priority to highlight the diversity of our school community – we do this through learning about different cultural and religious celebrations and awareness of the various special needs and unique qualities of our students.
 - ii. If there is something that your family celebrates that we may not know about, please let Mrs. Portas know! We want every student to feel represented and valued and need our families and caregivers to help.

- h. Communication – Mrs. Portas sends out an email every week to parents with key dates and info.
 - i. One school One book – will start in November. Questions will be on PAC Facebook page for kids to bring in answer and get a prize.
 - j.
6. Treasurer’s Report (attached)
- a. See Sept 2023-Sept 2024 for last year’s summary and budget for 2024/5 school year.
7. Fundraising Update/Ideas
- a. Art Cards – students have already completed and they will be available for order soon.
 - b. Book Fair – we have one lined up (see principal’s update)
 - c. Hot lunch: we try to have international choices, need about 13 volunteers each time.
 - d. New/Repeat Ideas – used book fair, Christmas store. Ideas and volunteers needed and welcome!
 - e. Grade 5 legacy team update – Kiran and Patricia and..... are heading this committee.
8. Let’s Celebrate
- a. New Teachers (see principal’s update)
 - b. Gr 4 and 5 Cross Country – already started.
 - c. Grade 5 soccer – starting October.
 - d. 3rd annual corn maze field trip (see principal’s update).
9. New Business
- a. Volunteers needed for upcoming events. Can’t run these events without volunteers – even 1 or 2 hours is helpful!
 - b. Diwali Celebration upcoming Nov 1st . On of our parents organized this last year and will do so again this year.
 - c. Budget Allocation - motion to approve for \$500 budget for Diwali, L motioned, O second.
 - d. Accessible Playground Committee
 - i. Lindsay update – Abbotsford School District has sent a rep to view the playground and they recognized that it is not accessible. District is working with Habitat, the playground equipment provider, to provide 3 options for upgrades. We have asked for IKT playground accessibility committee to have input. Options are expected to be available within a few weeks, and

the committee members will get an update. Anyone interested in joining the committee should email _____.

10. Adjourn

- a. K motioned, J second.