

Minutes for Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:It PAC Meeting

Date: September 26, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Melissa Benz (Secretary), Rachel Janzen, Stacey Gould, Helen Plummer (Principal), Jason Kemp (Vice Principal), Andrea Lees (Treasurer), Vickie Lapierre, Elizabeth Wilde, Amanda Gervais (Fundraising), Shannon Carswell, Haley Reed (Chair), Melissa Hill (Vice Chair).

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm, followed by territorial acknowledgments, a welcome to attendees and introductions around the table.

Motion to approve the agenda was adopted by Andrea L. and Elizabeth W.

Motion to approve the minutes from June, with corrections, was adopted by Melissa B and Rachel J.

Chair Report (Haley R.)

- Happy to see so many parents at the meet & greet sign up to volunteer this year.
- This will be Haley's last year at Stitó:s as her child will be moving to high school.

Treasurer Report (Andrea L.)

- Available balance: \$1,646.06
- BCCPAC membership fees are due. Is this something the PAC wants to pay this year? What are the benefits of membership?
- No transactions have been posted for the Little Coupon Book Fundraiser before this month's report.
- Any "envelope" donations from parents have not been calculated yet.
- No Gaming funds have been received yet. Should be notified by the end of September with how much the deposit will be, but it should work out to be \$20 student enrolled at the beginning of the previous school year. (~560)

Fundraising (Amanda G.)

- Little Coupon Book orders open until October 6th.
 - Sales have been less than anticipated, with roughly 50 sold. This could be due to so many other schools and clubs selling the same books.
- Neufeld Farms fundraiser will start early October with pick up scheduled for October 26th at 6pm.
- Purdy's fundraiser will begin in November with pick up scheduled for December 7th (in time for Christmas!)
 - Discussed the possibility of having some orders delivered to classrooms for middle school students, but this may not be ideal.
- Little Mountain Greenhouse fundraiser will be held in the Spring with pick up time to coordinate with Mother's Day.

- Sports Day hot dog sales raised a good amount of funds last year, and that will go ahead again this year.
- Grade 4/5 students would like to run a Smencils fundraiser.
- Grade 8 students would like to run another Neufeld Farms fundraiser in the Spring.
- The goal for fundraising this year is to raise \$3000 for our General Account. It was discussed that fundraisers planned for the year should be posted on our Facebook page for parents to know ahead of time what is upcoming.

Positions to Fill

- DPAC: Stacey Gould, current DPAC secretary and parent at Stitó:s, has expressed interest in being our DPAC rep. It was asked if there would be any conflict as she holds an executive position with the DPAC, and it will not. No one opposed this, so Stacey Gould has been appointed by acclimation.
- Popcorn days: There must be at least one parent volunteer at each popcorn day who holds a valid Food Safe Certificate. We currently have 2 executive members who have this. At minimum, there should be 2 parent volunteers to make and bag the popcorn, with older students (grade 8?) to help with delivery.
 - Popcorn will be made on one day for elementary students, and on a separate day for middle school students (maybe broken into 2 days?).
 - Admin has requested *not* to have popcorn days on Mondays or Fridays.
 - Discussion was had about having only one popcorn day per month to start.
 - Cost per bag of popcorn is roughly \$0.36. Bags will be sold for no more than \$1.00 per bag.
 - Popcorn orders would be collected the week before to help fulfill orders more efficiently. Day of orders would still be accepted, but pre-ordering is encouraged.
 - The school already purchased plastic totes for each classroom and has offered to let the PAC use them for delivery.

Meet & Greet Recap

- Great turn out and lots of interest in volunteering for this school year!
 - All volunteers must have a valid criminal record check done and on file with the school.
- Brochures were well received. Some will be available at the front counter in the office.
- Swag draw was a great idea! Parents were excited for this, and all winners have been contacted and have received their prizes.
 - Amanda G. motions to destroy all ballots from the draw. Melissa B. seconds the motion. None are opposed – motion carries. (School will shred all ballots.)

Principal Report

- Chris Falk has joined the admin team from Vedder Middle School as the second vice principal.
- Hiring has now been completed with 10 new teachers, 1 noon hour supervisor and 4 emergency additions to the EA team.

- There are currently 811 students enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year, which is an increase of approximately 220 students.
 - ~250 in Kindergarden through grade 5
 - ~550 in grades 6 through 8
- Athletics programs are under way.
- School has been having grade-wide assemblies.
- There have been some glitches with the automated attendance system. Schools must have attendance reported by 8:45am for the automated calls to start for 9:05am. Some busses have been arriving past the reporting deadline, and some students who have band or a flex class first thing in the morning and haven't been reporting to their homeroom teacher first are a part of the issues being worked out.
- Meet & Greet was a success and it was nice to see a busy PAC table!
- Please remember to use the parking lot as it is intended. If you need more time for drop off, use one of the many available parking spaces. This will help traffic move more smoothly for the parents who need to use the drop-and-go lane to drop and go.
- Picture day was on September 22nd, and re-takes are scheduled for October 24th.
- Terry Fox Run: Mr. Fisher and Mr. Baker have offered to shave their beards, and Mrs. Petkau has offered to shave their head if enough donations are raised!
- Parent-Teacher interviews are to be held October 18th. Appointments will need to be booked with your student's teacher.
 - Interim report cards will go home October 11th.
- Students will be able to dress in orange and black, or wear costumes on Hallowe'en. Anyone choosing to wear a costume must make sure they are appropriate, not scary/bloody and no masks will be permitted.
- There will be a short assembly on Friday September 29th where the blanket that was made last year will be presented to the school.
- Approximately 2200 teachers from the district will attend indigenous learning at the Coliseum on the Friday October 6th Pro-D day.

New Business

- Breakfast Program: This August, the school district has hired someone who's role will be to purchase food for schools to use for their breakfast programs. As there has been a lot of information to sort through in regards to which schools have pre-existing funding (such as Breakfast Club of Canada, which has a 5-year waiting list), and which schools need more or less food, this program is yet to take effect. In the meantime, the PAC has been asked if it is able/willing to help fund this program until such time as the district program is up and running. Discussions were had regarding how the PAC could help with this program while still holding the district accountable, as they have promised funding and have yet to distribute any assistance. If PACs step up to fund these programs, what will ensure that the breakfast programs will still get funding if they run without this funding? Stacey (DPAC) has offered to bring this point up at the next DPAC meeting, as well as pose the question on the DPAC's Facebook account to see what other schools are

doing, if anything, to fund their breakfast programs.

As no one wants to see any children go hungry, Haley motions that the PAC give the school \$200 for the month of October, then \$100/month for the remainder of the school year to go towards the breakfast program. This donation is to be reassessed at the October 17th PAC meeting. Amanda G. seconds the motion. None are opposed – motion carries.

- BCCPAC Membership: The benefits of paying the membership fees, is that Stitó:s PAC will have a vote at any BCCPAC meetings, and can participate in various programs throughout the year. DPAC has acquired extra funding this year to offer more training and seminars for PAC members to participate in.

Haley motions to forego paying the membership fees for the 2023/2024 school year.

Andrea seconds the motion. None are opposed – motion carries.

- Book fair will be in the school library from October 16-19, with proceeds to help fund the library.

Next meeting to be held on October 17th at 6:30pm at the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm