

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

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**Location:** Stitó:s School - Foods Room

**Date:** October 15, 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Attendees:** Melissa Benz (Secretary), Melissa Hill (Vice Chair), Amanda Gervais (Treasurer), Brian Leong (Chair), Deirdre O'Connor (Fundraising), Mike Partington, Karli Lindsay, Stacey Gould (DPAC Rep.) Sherisse Ellerby and Amanda Esau (Popcorn).

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, followed by territorial acknowledgments, a welcome to attendees and introductions.

Motion to approve the minutes from last June's meeting was motioned by Amanda Gervais and seconded by Melissa Hill. None opposed, motion carries

Motion to approve the minutes from September's meeting was motioned by Amanda Gervais and seconded by Deirdre O'Connor. None opposed, motion carries.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was motioned by Brian Leong and seconded by Deirdre O'Connor. None opposed, motion carries.

## **Principal's Report:**

- Staffing: All teaching positions are now filled. EA and SA positions are posted.
- Sports: Soccer, volleyball and cross country on now. Intramurals will start up in November.
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Parking: UFV has decided to allow Stitó:s parents to park across the road for the half hour before and after school hours.
- Budget: Operating budget for the school is estimated at \$165,000 for the year.
- Terry Fox: Raised \$2150 for the Terry Fox Foundation
- Halloween: There will be activities in the afternoon on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Chair/Vice Chair Report:**

- Communication: There are currently 388 members in the [Facebook group](#). Would like to double enrolment by the end of December 2024, so please spread the word!
  - o The PAC has a newsletter to help spread information, as well as the ability to email parents via Munch-A-Lunch.
  - o A QR Code will be created to add to printed materials.
- Art Cards by Kids: All drawings have been completed and submitted. Samples will be sent home with students and ordering will be all done online. Items include cards, ornaments, notebooks and puzzles.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- General Account: Available balance is \$7,857.04
  - o Payments withdrawn include the grade 8 year end contribution, Munch-A-Lunch fees and the PAC mailbox.
  - o Income includes the corn sales and the band trip coupon book fundraiser.

- Gaming Account: available balance is \$2,793.24
  - o Gaming grant of \$16,180.00 has been received.
  - o Payments withdrawn include waterslide contribution and freezies for the Terry Fox run
- A budget for the year should be drafted.

### **Fundraising Report:**

- Popcorn days are starting up this month.
- Munch-A-Lunch (MAL) is ready to go live.
  - o Reporting and communication options included.
- Smoothie day on November 4<sup>th</sup> with proceeds to benefit the band trip. Order through MAL.
- Panago Pizza vouchers will be available in November to benefit the band trip. \$15 for a medium pizza. Order through MAL.
- Income from all fundraisers will be deposited into the general account, then distributed accordingly.
- Deirdre O'Connor motions to strike a band Spring fundraising committee with Amanda Gervais to act the lead. Motion seconded by Mike Partington. None were opposed, motion carries.
- Deirdre O'Connor motions to strike a Grade 8 fundraising committee with herself to act the lead, along with other grade parents. Motion seconded by Melissa Benz. None were opposed, motion carries

### **DPAC Report:**

- Stacey Gould motions to include the DPAC report as an attachment to the minutes and forego discussion to allow more time for the guest speaker. Motion seconded by Deirde O'Connor. None were opposed, motion carries.

### **Guest Presentation (Mrs. Preibisch):**

- Would like to hold parent/caregiver information sessions with the support of the PAC.
  - o Possibly hold 3 over the school year, for roughly 1 hour each.
  - o Offer free childcare.
  - o Have the PAC invite parents to attend.
  - o First session's topic to be supporting children with stress and anxiety
    - Language to mirror that of in-class discussions
    - Include feeder schools
  - o Future sessions to be held in January, and then in the Spring.
    - What topics would you like to see discussed at these sessions?

### **New Business:**

- Constitution and Bylaw Amendments: Amanda Gervais motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws as presented. Motion seconded by Amanda Esau. None were opposed, motion carries.

- Budget: Motion to adopt budget as presented for both the General and Gaming accounts by Amanda Gervais.
  - o Discussion: Should the teacher appreciation line be more? As we do not have extra funds right now, it will stay as presented. All line items can be amended as required by a vote as a later time.
  - o Discussion: A protocol should be established for teacher requests.
  - o Discussion: Should line items be more specific? Keeping some items “vague” allows for some wiggle room should it be required.
- Seconded by Mike Partington. None were opposed, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7pm.

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## DPAC Rep Updates for October 2024

### GENERAL UPDATES:

- DPAC Priority and Planning Surveys has been posted on the DPAC and Stitó:s PAC fb groups. Please take time to fill them out.
- Peggy Janicki author of "[The Secret Pocket \(orcabook.com\)](https://www.peggyjanicki.ca/2-book-storycontext-b-lessons-initiatives)", a true story about her mother's life in Lejac Residential School. Peggy's website is <https://www.peggyjanicki.ca/2-book-storycontext-b-lessons-initiatives>
  - Peggy left our meeting participants with homework.
    - Peggy is quite concerned that there seems to be a theme appearing across the country and here in the Fraser Valley. The theme of concern: some people who are anti SOGI or anti LGBTQ are seemingly also the same people who denying that residential schools happened. People who don't believe residential school happened have also been asking, "where are the bodies"
    - Our homework - when we here and see this, and if we feel safe to speak up. To speak the truth – residential schools happened.
    - If people would like to learn more, they can look up the work of Dr. Murray Sinclair and Sean Carleton.
- The Middle Years Committee has an empty DPAC seat. Meetings are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 9:30-11 am. You do not have to be a DPAC rep to do so! If you have interest, please email DPAC VP, Deirdre O'Connor, at [dpacvp@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:dpacvp@sd33.bc.ca)
- The 2024 Family Resource Guide has a lot of useful links. It would be great to share this on Stitó:s fb group page.  
<https://earlylearning.sd33.bc.ca/sites/earlylearning.sd33.bc.ca/files/2024-01/Family%20Resource%20Guide%202024.pdf>
- Food Council (under Chilliwack Healthier Communities) is working on keeping the Free Food Resource document updated. [Linked here](#). This is a great resource that can be shared in PAC newsletters, principal letters, posted on school bulletin boards, etc. There are a lot of folks struggling that you may not realize. Hunger affects education outcomes!
- Reminder:
  - Send Talana updated version of C&Bs later in fall.

### DPAC ORGANISED EVENTS:

- Halkomelem Language Class – October 23rd, 2024 @ 7:30pm
  - Online via Zoom - <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5IpdOCoqT4uEtcj0zQUUwhCn1Dd1EWsfBz2>
- General Meeting – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7pm
  - In person at the School Board office and online via Zoom - <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50odeyuqzwejE9HQJ-9GfWKYVL4an8wEsCfC>