

**Members Present:** Karen Fraser, Tara Reimer, Sara Richards, Missy Sawatzky, Cara Duerksen, Carla Barkman, Kali Dyck, Lisa Funk, Janelle Unrau, Joella Romand, Jasmine Dyck, Janel Fast  
**NEW:** Alan Fehr

**Regrets:** Crystal Dandonneau, Leah Read Shroeder, Courtney Priest, Nancy Friesen

1. Call to order- Sara Richards 2:05 pm
2. Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes- 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Funk 2<sup>nd</sup> Carla Barkman
3. Adoption of Agenda -1<sup>ST</sup> Missy Sawatzky 2<sup>nd</sup> Cara Duerksen
4. Fundraising Report-Lisa Funk
  - 4.1. Looking into fundraising options for Spring. Thinking possibly Make it Sew (seeds) which allows us to keep 40-50% of sales for PAC. Another option is Mom's Pantry which offers several options for fundraising (cookies, spices, etc.) which allows us to keep 30-40% of sales.
  - 4.2. Pizza party and prize distributions for pizza sales have been distributed. Lisa will send pictures of winners with prizes.
5. Principal's Report- Karen Fraser (see Parent Council Report for more details)
  - 5.1. Oakridge fundraiser raised \$1,000 for the school and was easy and went well. Looking into fundraising options for Earth Month (reusable bags/straws maybe)
  - 5.2. Christmas holidays begin next week (December 23, 2021)
    - 5.2.1. The last few weeks have gone really well. Again expressed that the kids are doing well despite restrictions. Kids are able to play together and it feels more normal than last year. Masks have not been an issue for the students.
  - 5.3. January 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first day back to school after the Christmas break
  - 5.4. Kindergarten Registration will be online January 6, 2022- Joella will post on social media to remind parents to spread the word!
  - 5.5. February 1 is I love to Read Month
  - 5.6. Numeracy focus was such a huge success-Students have done incredible with their math work and have filled up 2 bulletin boards.
  - 5.7. See principle report for several important dates to keep in mind-PD Day, Book Fair, Winter fun day
  - 5.8. Traffic continues to be a concern. Incident where students have been reaching out to touch moving bus so are urgently needing a solution to keep everyone safe. Parents are also not utilizing the cross walks and often parking too close to the bus lane. Some continue to do so despite reminders from crossing guards or those on bus duty. PAC will make a post on social media to remind parents and bring immediate awareness of how important it is to follow the rules in order to keep everyone safe. Parents really need to know this is our job to follow the rules and teach our kids to do so as well.
    - 5.8.1. Carla will connect with Karen and Tara to organize a team of volunteers (maybe include sign up request in social media post) so parent volunteers can be outside during the afternoon pickup time to remind and direct parents/students to only cross

the street with the crossing guard in the designated place. We will need more volunteers to help enforce and remind parents. We also discussed placing pylons to help people see restricted crossing areas. PAC can take initiative to encourage parents in this as Karen and Tara are often on bus duty supervising that area. Karen will also connect with HSD to see if more can be done to move steps or have the city paint crosswalk more clearly on street/signage

5.9. Grade 2 Swimming will take place after the Christmas break.

5.10. See principle report for staffing changes.

5.11. Virtual concert will be sent out. Monica Martens has stepped in to organize this as Karli Davidson has begun her Maternity Leave.

5.12. Playground project-Shade is our biggest priority and will be required in spring to accommodate more outdoor play.

## 6. Chair's Report- Sara Richards

6.1. Excited to report that we can hand out gift cards to bus drivers on December 22. It would be great to have PAC volunteers there with Santa hats on to bring some Christmas cheer and appreciation! Janelle Unrau will purchase Tim's gift Cards and Candy Canes to give to bus drivers (19 buses in total). First bus arrives at 8:25 AM so please let Sara know if you can be there shortly after 8 to help out!

6.2. Alan Fehr has volunteered to pick up gifts for our Principals, Librarians, Custodian, secretaries. (6 gifts needed)

- Learning recovery where is the support for the teachers ? Kevin Cameron came in to speak to staff about working through trauma. Principals are encouraged to have those conversations with teachers.
- Hoping to have volunteers in the near future.

## 7. Beautification/Outdoor Report/Grant- Cara Duerksen and Missy Sawatzky

7.1. Connected with Merle Schmidt regarding SRSS contracted to do the pergola as they completed the existing pergola on the South side of of the playground. SRSS is restricted/limited in the projects they can do during covid. They require a detailed sketch and plan to put together an estimated cost for completion. An application must be submitted by the HSD. Karen will be in contact with HSD/SRSS principle and advise on how to proceed. She will also connect with the maintenance supervisor to confirm if a Costco Pergola would be appropriate and meet safety standards.

7.2. Concern-how quickly can SRSS build these? Will they be ready for use in Spring when needed to accomate outdoor activities?

7.3. We discussed that it is necessary to organize a team to coordinate building projects, prioritize improvement plans and appl for appropriate grants. We need to a plan and want input from teacher representatives, Admin in order to make decisions. Grant is reliant on these decisions and can only be done if we have a solid plan and vision.

## 8. Treasurer Report-Kali Dyck

8.1. Balance in PAC account must be under \$3,000 at this time of year so transfer of \$8500.00 was made to Woodlawn School. Remaining balance for December is \$2,683.57.

9. Hot Lunch Report- Jasmine Dyck

9.1. Thank you From Smitty's!

9.2. First Hot lunch went well and will adjust a few things to make it run smoother this month. Jasmine will label each lunch to help distribute it easier once it arrives at school. VIP vouchers will be handed out by Melissa (Secretary) instead of attached to each lunch.

9.2.1. 212 meals were handed out in November! WOW!! Huge success!

9.2.2. Next Hot lunch will be December 20<sup>th</sup>-sign up by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Some parents have donated extra to cover extra hot lunches for students.

9.2.3. Only received 7 Hot Lunch tickets from previous year. Karen will connect with teachers to ensure everyone is aware that price of hot lunch is \$5.00 or one ticket (\$3.25 value plus \$1-PAC takes a bit of a loss with this but want to honour these)

9.2.4. Will keep hot lunch at 1X per month since we are still since volunteers are still not allowed to help out with distribution in January.

9.2.5. January Hot Lunch will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

10. Special Events Report- Sara (on behalf of Nancy)

10.1. Great job on the Staff appreciation event. Lots of extra goodies in the lunch room and everyone enjoyed the Smitty's meals! Thanks again to Jasmine for helping with this!

11. Next Meeting will be January 18, 2022 (Time/Date TBD)

12. Adjournment-3:09 pm