

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

Regrets: Courtney Priest, Carla Barkman, Janel Fast, Leah Read

1. Call to order- Sara Richards 9:32 am
2. Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes- 1st Lisa Funk 2nd Missy Sawatzky
3. Adoption of Agenda -1ST Kali Dyck 2nd Alan Fehr
4. Principle Report: Karen Fraser (see Parent Council report for more details)
 - 4.1. Report cards have been pushed back to March 18 to give teachers more time to evaluate students.
 - 4.2. Pancake Breakfast will take place March 25 and students are invited to wear Pajama's. In the past Parents have been invited, but due to covid we will not be able to make this a community event.
 - 4.3. Restrictions are lifting next week.
 - 4.3.1. We do not know how this will impact the school as we may still require cohorts. We would like to encourage everyone to be kind and respectful of the different feelings represented as we move forward. There are differences in opinions and the school really strives to teach the students how its okay to feel differently about these things. Some staff, students, parents will still see the importance of mask wearing while others will not. Lets be considerate of others!
 - 4.3.2. Coherts will remain during recess as it is really working well. Teachers will continue to walk students outside at the end of the day to meet their parents because it actually helps to keep everyone safe and seems to flow well.
 - 4.3.3. Parent concern: Will students still be with friends? This has been a concern for some parents as their kids have been missing their friends who are in different cohorts. Karen suggested that we may be able to do some shuffling and switch it up. Will be exploring some options with this.
 - 4.3.4. We are looking forward to welcoming volunteers back into the school and to help chaperone field trips however, all volunteers will be required to do a criminal record and child-abuse registry check going forward.
 - 4.3.5. More students are returning to class following easing of restrictions.
 - 4.4. Karen would like everyone to take some time to read the Mission and Belief Statements before the next meeting. We would like to be aligned with these as a PAC but also be able to share our input in order to make sure it is not missing anything.
5. President Report: Sara Richards
 - 5.1. Pergola Update: Janel has ordered 2 pergola's (back ordered until April). Decided to try out 2 instead of purchasing a 3rd. We will see how they hold up and assess whether to purchase a third in the future. Cost: \$4,479.98. HSD Maintenance has confirmed that no piles are necessary, but we do require a certain type of foundation that we will need to confirm if volunteers can do. Several volunteers will be needed to construct the Pergola structures once they arrive and weather permits installation.

5.2. Diversity and inclusion discussion. (See attached letter for more details)

- 5.2.1. How is Diversity viewed? How do we better, improve and expand. What does it mean to be homogenous? If we imagine the community as a pool of building blocks needed to grow, we will need to add more blocks to expand and grow. We want to reach more of the community and have representation for all members of the community. Diversity matters!
- 5.2.2. How do we involve everyone in PAC? We maybe tempted to think a token effort of inclusion is okay, but if we continue without pushing ourselves to find solutions and pursue more diversity, we will struggle to embody this attitude to our students. We want to be aligned with Woodlawn's beliefs and values on this too! We can welcome diversity, however, actively reaching out to others is necessary to achieve it!
- 5.2.3. General consensus is that we are growing and agree to continue to challenge ourselves as a committee. Pushing ourselves by inviting more parents to meetings and welcome all to share, ask questions (no silly question exists), and inform others about ways to get involved in the school.
- 5.2.4. Discussed improved and additional communication by utilizing surveys or instagram account to reach out to more parents. We have seen how the sign up genius has helped more parents get involved and participate in various capacities.
- 5.2.5. Discussed scheduling evening meetings and would like to try this again in spring to accommodate those who are unable to attend the day-time PAC monthly meeting. Asking questions on Instagram account: Do parents want evening meetings? Will you actually attend? (we have tried this with very few in attendance in the past).
- 5.2.6. Discussed the importance of reaching out and inviting new parents to gain more diverse representation at our meetings-we are not a clique, but a team that works to support our principal's teachers, students, and eachother! Karen shared how in the 19 years she has been at Woodlawn, she has seen the population grow in size and diversity! When the pandemic is over, the school hopes to add more parent events where families are welcome in the school to facilitate more engagement. Cara suggested scheduling our next AGM on a different day to accommodate parent/teacher meetings. We may see more representation 2 weeks after the start of school.
- 5.2.7. We would like to also have a PAC booth set up during parent/teacher meetings to connect and grow our team!
 - 5.2.7.1. Planning for the future: Kali will be in contact with Island Breeze to see if they would be willing to do something for a community event in May (weather/restrictions permitting). We could also have a PAC booth set up to answer questions and introduce ourselves and what we do! Invite people to join and get involved.
 - 5.2.7.2. Topic of Diversity and Inclusion will be included in future PAC meetings for ongoing discussion and remain an ongoing area of growth. PAC would also like do our part in creating space for Truth and Reconciliation to take place by acknowledging that we are on Treaty 1 territory, homeland of the Metis and Anishinabbee Nations.

6. Treasurer Report: Kali will update account balances. Nothing to report.

7. Fundraising Report- Lisa Funk
 - 7.1. Mom's Pantry Fundraiser closes Wednesday March 9, 2022. So far over \$9,000 sold. Distribution will take place on April 6/7. All frozen items will need to go home at end of day on April 6. PAC volunteers are invited to help organize and distribute products beginngin at 3pm on April 6. Dry food goods can be sent home on the following day if parents have not picked up. We hope to use the gym or church parking lot for distribution. Details to come.
8. Hot Lunch Report- Jasmine Dyck
 - 8.1. Everything is running smoothly. Request for more ketchup in lunches. Also discussed the pizza option as it is tricky for the younger students to handle such large pieces. We may switch the menu up to make it easier for teachers/students.
9. Special Events Report- Sara/Alan
 - 9.1. Staff appreciation week: March 21-25. Waiting to hear about what we are allowed to do.
 - 9.1.1. Planning Team: Lisa, Alan, Cara, Jenelle and Sara). Plan: Daily themes based on individually wrapped food. (Monday: Continental Breakfast Tues: Snacks Wed:Candy Bar Thur:Donut/Coffee/Tea Fri: Hot Lunch TBD). Student gratitude notes to teachers on Friday. Volunteers can sign up on sign-up genius to bring in items on March 21. Melissa will keep track and mark off items as they come in. PAC will be purchasing Muffins/donuts from Bake World, Friday Lunch, and flowers to decorate each table.
10. Grant Report- Missy Sawatzy
 - 10.1. Co-op Community Spaces Grant Application has been submitted. We will be contacted by June whether we will be awarded the funding amount. Requested \$72,600.
11. Next Meeting will be April 12, 2022 @ 11:05 am in the Library
12. Adjournment-11:18 am