

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

New: Jordan Kroeker

Regrets: Courtney Priest, Cara Duerksen

1. Call to order- Sara Richards 11:05 am
 2. Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes- 1st Missy Sawatzky 2nd Joella Romand
 3. Adoption of Agenda -1ST Janelle Unrau 2nd Alan Fehr
 4. Land Acknowledgement: Karen Fraser
 5. Principle Report: Karen Fraser (see Parent Council report for more details)
 - 5.1. June is fast approaching and we are hopeful that the remainder of the year will be great. Calendar is available to the end of June.
 - 5.2. Planning is underway for our Spring concert:
 - Grade 1 (May 10) 2:00 and 6:00
 - Grade 2 (May 12) 2:00 and 6:00
 - 5.3. We will also be having an admin day on June 16.
 - 5.4. Grade 4 Farewell (June 27)
 - 5.5. Woodlawn will be hosting a School Community Picnic/Summer Fun Day. Tara has volunteered to be in the dunk tank!
 - 5.6. We will be having an admin day on June 13. Staff will be doing a Belief/mission statement exercise to ensure we are all aligned in these things.
 - 5.7. Finalizing staffing for next year: Feel that the Grade 3&4 split classes are going very well. We will have some combined grade 1&2 classes next year too. (3 combined Grade 1&2, 2 Straight Grade 1, and 3 straight Grade 2 classes).
 - i. It is getting difficult to honour teacher requests. If parents provide a style of teacher rather than request a specific teacher it will help to keep placements more open and help us to organize classes. We do our best to accommodate requests, but this will help a lot!
- Q: Have any teachers been affected by the staffing cuts?
- Karen A: Yes, we are still sorting this out but it is affecting some term positions.
- Q: Some students will do better with one grade level. How can this be accommodated?
- Karen A: News letters will have some of the research behind combined classes to explain why we are choosing to do this. We will also listen to the concerns parents have and try to accommodate anyone who feels their student will do better in a ONE grade class. Pro of having joint class: Students look forward to having the same teacher, helps with routine starting the following year as students know what to expect. Some students may do better with a new teacher because they need a fresh start. Last year we had lots of requests for 3&4 or straight grade 3 classes. Parents are welcome to make these requests and we do our best to honour them.

5.8. Pergola's have arrived and will need to be installed. The following are contractors we will need to vote on to move forward with this.

1. Hanover Screw Piles- \$3200 (8x \$400 per pile) APPROVED by PAC vote
2. Glawson Piling- \$3129 (deposit of 50% required to book).

5.9. Karen: What can we change, adjust or improve going forward as we plan for next year? If you have any ideas that you are unable to share at this meeting, feel free to send an email! What kind of school do you hope for?

PAC Responses:

- One that our children want to attend. Fun learning.
- Effective communication between school and parents.
- Play based learning is vital for kids. Also, kids possibly getting mental health days-freedom to allow kids to take these as needed. We have learned a lot from the past 2 years.
- We Appreciate hands on learning. Making sure we have the resources to help kids requiring extra support. I.e) reading programs, EA support, speech support, etc.
- Parent Volunteering in school for next year would be great! More opportunity for this to happen on a more regular basis.
- Encourage to continue making the school a safe place for students to attend. Heard that coming out of the pandemic and having teachers meet with students and do a bit of a mental health check to make sure kids are doing well. We realize bullying hasn't been a huge issue at Woodlawn, but we want to be vigilant that kids are doing well!
- Make kids feel engaged and that its built off a spirit of inclusivity.

Karen: Where are we doing well?

PAC Responses:

- Bucket filling stuff that we did was a great way to help students understand kindness.
- Emphasis on kindness is huge. We encourage the students to be the kind kid in class- This is a choice! Love that they are learning that they may not always be the best reader/mathematician/athlete/etc. but they can always be kind!
- See Saw has been a good resource. We prefer OVER communicating rather than Less correspondence between parents and teachers. Consistency in posting on the app as some parents rely on this for updates.
- Teachers are quick to email and communicate to parents. Easy to be in contact with a teacher if needed.
- Kindergaren Welcome. Stay and play day will be running again this year. This is the best place for parents with kids that are just getting started to ask questions, meet teachers and receive information on what to expect.
- Helpful to have some grade 1 & 2's together for next year.
- Playground zones: Some parents have felt this has negatively impacted their children as they are separated from friends. Would love to see the free play for kids go back to normal. Teachers don't prefer this option as they find kids are far more engaged with the zones. We don't have the wonderers. We can schedule

something—it is easier for the staff to supervise but we will look for options to improve this and address the concerns. We have noticed kids trying out different zones—at times in the past kids would get stuck in certain zones and never really explore other areas of the playground.

6. President Report: Sara Richards

6.1. Pergola Update: We will need to look for parent volunteers to build (3-4 to build).

Looking at May Long weekend as a possible time to do this. We will keep our communication open and let parents know when we require volunteer help. Once the screw piles have been dug by the contractor we will need to install the pergolas immediately.

6.2. Staff Appreciation week Recap:

- i. Committee: Alan Fehr, Janel Unrau, Sara Richards, Cara Duerksen. Staff Loved it. Well received. Lots of food left over. Some requests made for more Gluten Free options. Teacher appreciation notes are still rolling in!

6.3. May PAC open house? (Reference minutes from March 8th)

- i. We will discuss this further at our next meeting on May 3. Kali has confirmed Island Breeze and just needs a date to book them.

6.4. Feedback and discussion: video promoting inclusivity and diversity shared by Alan.

Open floor/thoughts were shared. Recommendation to review PAC constitution for next meeting.

7. Fundraiser Report- Lisa Funk

7.1. Mom's Pantry: 94 Sellers Total Sold: \$15,170 PAC Total Raised for School: \$5269.64

- i. Winners: 1st Place-Harlow Penner 2nd Place-Calli Funk Random Draw- Payton Turene
- ii. Vote on Prizes: 1st place wins Movie theatre passes for 4/ 2nd & 3rd place win a family swim pass

8. Hot Lunch Report-Jasmine Dyck

8.1. Nothing to report. Sara Will fill in for Jasmine Tuesday April 19.

9. Special Events Report-Sara Richards

9.1. No events planned-month off after Staff appreciation week.

10. Treasurer Report-Kali Dyck

10.1 Current PAC Account Balance: \$8,661.63

11. Next Meeting will be May 3, 2022 @ 11:05 am in the Gym

12. Adjournment-12:10 pm