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WATSON ROAD PAC General Meeting

January 23rd, 2025

6:30pm - 7:45pm



Chairperson: Tara Swim

Council Attendees: Tori McVicar, Krystle Kay-Pfau, Nowshaba Durrani, Nicole Hoodicoff, Christa Taylor, Emma Miller, Sabrina Chapman, Cheryl Kuyvenhover, Jassie Kaloschki

Member Attendees: Janet Williams, Dave Johnson, Amy Faulkner

Regrets: Brittney Atkinson, Melissa Martin, Michelle Ungaro, Brandy Jarvis

Item	Minutes/Action Items
1.0 Call To Order	Meeting Started: 6:36
1.1 Verify Quorum	Verified: Tori
1.2 Land Acknowledgement	Tara
1.3 Approval of Agenda	Approved Moved: Sabrina Seconded: Cheryl
1.4 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Approved - Change Tara's name to Swim Moved: Tori Seconded: Krystle
2.0 Standing Items	
2.1 School Updates (Janet Williams, Dave Johnson & Amy Faulkner)	<u>Minutes:</u> Frosty's Fun Fest: • Thank you to PAC for the Frosty's Fun Fest, it ran smoothly, was well received. Leadership students were great! Pancake Breakfast: • Huge success again this year, thank you to the PAC for their support. • Great parent support as well, both volunteering and lending equipment. Painting Instruction for Students: • Was a success, instructor was easy to work with. January & February Events: • Jan - Lunar New Year • Feb - Black History, Pink Shirt Day and Family Day. Music Performances:

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2.2 PAC Updates a. Treasurer's Report (Emma)	- Ms. Key is doing a music performance for primary and intermediate next week for kids that were in music this semester. Winter Camp: - Grade 6s are at winter camp, 3 teachers are up there giving their time and some parents are also chaperoning. - Some students needed some extra preparation for camp as they may not have had exposure to winter or camping. Will consider how to best prepare these students in the future. New Storage for PAC: - New filing cabinet available to replace the one the PAC is using. MDI: - Administering MDI currently - all grade 5s in the province do it. - Measures student wellness and wellbeing. - Staff use information to determine what to do to improve student's sense of belonging. - results are ready in May and Dave will present at the PAC meeting after the results are available. Sexual Health Education (SHE): - Currently delivering SHE program. Kindergarten Registration: - Starts end of Feb. Orientation for new kindies will be just before Spring Fair. Parent Teacher Conferences: - March 5th & 6th will have student learning updates at that time. Feedback is welcome about the timing of the learning update and the parent teacher conferences as they come out at the same time. Writing Curriculum: - Working on writing curriculum currently. Adrienne Greer, writing "guru" has been doing sessions in the school. Book Study: - Book study offered to staff upcoming and Watson Rd. has a high level of engagement from teachers. Minutes: Report deferred to next month when treasurer is back. A few items were brought forward for discussion: - Has teacher petty cash gone out? Tara and Tori will follow up. - Classroom equipment for lunch hour - is that happening this year? We need to figure out the budget per Tara and Janet feels we need to revamp a bit - we need consistent bins and a process for filling the bins. Gaming funds are for outdoor toys for classrooms. - See if there's a parent volunteer who would like to work with Dave and Janet about how to spend the funds and restock the
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b. COPAC Report (Sabrina) c. Special Events Report (Nicole) d. Fundraising Report (Nicole) e. Volunteer Updates (Tori and Sabrina)	bins. • There was some discussion about the possibility of Dr. Knox being converted to a High School, no formal plans yet. • Next COPAC is the budget meeting and we expect some changes as enrolment was down. • Recommendation was that PACs may want to think about programs that support learning to be funded by the PAC rather than more of the traditional “fun” events that PACs often fund. Frosty’s Fun Fest • was a success! • Dr. Knox students did so well. • Donations of warm clothing went to KCR immigration with peace promisers, we will do that again next year. Beach Side Boogie - Feb. 7th. • We had to hire a DJ this year as DJ group from Dr. Knox is no longer an option as teacher that organized had left. • We need volunteers and we also need more registrations. Spring Fair May 23rd • well on its way to being organized. • We need some silent auction items - have a running list of businesses that have been asked so we don’t duplicate. We had a number of successful fundraisers in the last 2 months of the year! Thank you to everyone who supported and helped to make them a success. Greenery Gift Card Fundraiser is coming up. Winner of this month’s draw was: Derek Como! We need volunteers for hot lunch again! Only 1 person signed up for the next one.
3.0 Agenda Items 3.1 Projector Update (Dave Johnson) 3.2 Budget Approval for Spring Dance (Nicole)	Minutes: • There is a quote from Points West Audio. • \$19,100 plus ~30% labour costs for a total of about \$25,000. • Teachers and administration are very excited about this! • DJ is \$500 • Decorations \$100 • Snacks \$200 • We should make all of this money back. MOTION: To approve \$800 advance budget for the spring fair Moved: Cheryl Seconded: Krystle Approved

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3.3 Spring Fair Update & Volunteer Request (Nicole)	Put an ask out in the newsletter for volunteers for a committee for the spring fair.
4.0 Questions/ Discussion Adjourn	School Photos: • Request from Basil Cooper about using him for school photos for next year. • Artona was who we worked with last year and from a teacher perspective they were very efficient and good to work with. <u>Parent Information Session:</u> • Tara has had a lot of difficulty booking a presenter. • White Hatter is an option it's \$650 but it's more like internet safety. • Suggestion of a book study on "The Anxious Generation" that is facilitated by a counsellor perhaps. Check if the author has a Ted Talk that we can all watch together. • Plan for February start. • Krystle and Tara to plan. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: February 20th, 2025 @ 6:30 Watson Rd. Library