



## Minutes for October 9, 2019

**Attendance:** Christina Apa, Jenica Enquist, Nancy Hodgson, Jeff Palmer, Claire Manhas, Sharon Rai, Caren Morris, Wendy Eckardt, Vanessa Lloyd, Ashley Riddett, Lois Bender, Jacob Buurma, Breena Blazkow, Leann Trenchard.

**Call to Order** at 7:01 pm by Jacob

Adoption of meeting agenda by Jacob and seconded by Tiffanie

Adoption of meeting minutes from previous PAC meeting (September 18): moved by Jacob and seconded by Kimberly.

### Standing Items

#### Communications Update

- PAC reps still needed for Mrs Boulton, Ms Grant, Ms Spahan
- Class lists sent out to all PAC Reps
- New PAC website is up and running and properly linked up with Torquay main school site
  - Lots of useful information including fundraising opportunities, driver forms, etc. as well as new email addresses for all PAC executive

### Financials

- No transactions in September yet since Fun Lunch has just been set up
- We have a nest egg and gaming grant so doing well financially
- Trying to minimize fundraisers and focus more on community building
- Signing authority has been updated
- Still accepting (always accepting) donation drive

#### Hot Lunches:

- Once hot lunch funds come in we'll see more transactions
- Hot Lunches include White Spot (new), Subway, Pizza Hut, Thrifty Foods sushi
  - Testing until December with four options and will decide how to proceed after
  - Order deadline for Fun Lunch term 1 is October 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Purdys Chocolates

- November fundraiser
- Teresa can organize with help from others
  - Kimberly, Claire, Jenica, Wendy, Christine, Tiffanie stepped up to help out
- fundraiser could be handed over to the Grade 5's for a grad event in the future, but since enough volunteers stepped up it will remain with the PAC for this year

#### The Village Fundraiser

- Opportunity to have PAC fundraiser for Torquay to have menu item with \$2 for each sale going to PAC
- To rotate between schools in neighbourhood
- Unanimous agreement to go ahead with this

### Events Update

#### Halloween Howl

- Organization is going well
- Need more volunteers, particularly for cleanup, treat stations (3-4 people at any time)

- Dedicated email to go out to families with full details
- Online sign up sheet for volunteers to be set up as well
- Meeting on October 17
- Pre-sales on Torquay website, or cash/cheque at the office
  - Presale deadline October 17, after this date sales only at the door
  - Presales will receive a paper/printed ticket
- Communication on this event is essential!

### **Play at the Park**

- Original plan was to have Play at the Park on October 5<sup>th</sup> but the weather didn't pan out so it got scrapped
- Agreement to hold off on this with temperamental weather

### **Games Night**

- One-off community night for 150 people organized by Board Game Café
- They will bring games to Torquay gym
- Available for all K-5 kids
- First come first served is better for first time, plan by grades thereafter to see interest
- School night (free gym rental) or weeknight (cost for gym rental)
- Tentatively scheduled for November 21 (Thursday before a Pro-D)

### **Spring Fair**

- Check in to see how things are going
- Tuire and Julena said they would be able to help out
- What are we raising money for?
  - Have not established fundraising goal
  - We may do an online silent auction separately
  - Focus more on the community building fun fair aspect of it instead of fundraising

### **Parent Ed Nights**

- Four local elementary schools hosted Parent Ed nights
- One hosted by each school, available for all local families, not just Torquay families
- Currently scheduled for anxiety, Surf rider at Campus View to help with environment
- What topics would families be interested in
  - Positive Parenting
  - Community building
  - What it means to be inclusive today
  - Sheepdog Self Protection (presented last year as well)
  - Suggestions welcome!

### **Administration Report**

- New staff:
  - Teresa Heely – Inclusion Support Worker
  - Ellen John – Music
  - Christina Summerfield – Ms. Coultas Wednesday position
  - Liz Perkins – Student teacher in Mr. Masini's class
- Thank you for support with Orange Shirt Day
- Wonderful presentation focusing on history, empathy and appreciation for what we have now
- Tour de Rock
  - Spinathon was a great success organized by Torquay family, thank you for donations
- Assemblies
  - Reminder that all parents are welcome to assemblies
  - No longer going to be doing recognition – staff are ready for change
  - Classes to sponsor assemblies going forward where students host and help out with assemblies – all kids, not just older ones
  - If full classes are performing parents will be notified

- Story Theater presentations starting on Friday – mystery detective search focusing on literacy and exploring different genres
- Two primary goals this year
  - Goal to encourage independence with reading so this contributes
  - Other goal is social emotional wellbeing
- Lots of extra curricular activities started
  - Best Buddies – new program and provides materials for classroom to encourage connection
  - Eco Tigers
  - Swim Club starts October 20th
  - Choir

**Town Hall:**

**Request for new home reading books**

- Last year grade 1 and 2 classes received new ones
- Requests for ELL and ISW and older grades
- Cost is \$1500 per class
- Funding to be decided at November meeting

**Question of what PAC reps do**

- Explanation of the PAC Rep portion (sending out PAC communication and reminders) and Class Rep portion (helping with coordinating volunteers and messages from teachers) depending on the needs of each teacher

**Question of how parents know what topics are being taught**

- Classroom driven by teachers
- Planners, report cards, Fresh Grade
- Ms. Bender mentioned to staff communicating this to parents would be ideal

**Problem of drop-off zone**

- Safety issue with parked cars staying in drop off zone and backing up all traffic
- Suggested reminder email about etiquette
- No staff to help with guiding drop-off zone traffic
- Suggested notes to leave on windows of cars parked in drop off zone – if so, have approved by administration first
- Some people may be willing to help occasional as a guide, or to put reminder slips on car windows
- Reminder of the new path

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:10 pm by Jacob