

**Sangster PAC meeting minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

Present:

- Nargis Kiewiet, *President*
- Kara Beach, *Vice President*
- Meagan Bagnall, *Secretary*
- Jessica Vanderkuip, *Fundraising*
- Jessica Alva, *Hot lunch coordinator (on site)*
- Carla Charles, *Media Relations*
- Jessica Dovanne, *Member at Large*
- Monty Raisinghani, *Parent*
- Jae Gaudry-Dovanne, *Parent*
- Camille McFarlane, *Principal*

Absent:

- Sarah Fitton, *Past President*
- Dana Dawson, *Treasurer*
- Josh Picardal, *Emergency Preparedness*
- Tonya Crowther, *Hot lunch coordinator (offsite)*
- Allison Hyatt, *SPEAC*
- Bonnie Barazzuol, *Fundraising*
- Sarah Baidoo, *Member at Large*
- Justine Howley, *Member at Large*
- Alanna Goodman, *Member at Large*
- Georgette Walker, *Vice Principal*

Territorial acknowledgment by Camille

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Approval of November's agenda:

- Motion to approve: Jess D
- Second: Jess V

Approval of October's minutes:

- Motion to approve: Jess V
- Second: Kara

Principal's Report:

- Halloween dance was lots of fun
 - Out of approximately 270 students, about 60 students utilized designated "quiet spaces" as an alternative to the dance
- Art mural from last year has been put together and is in the school
 - Will be installed at front entrance in next week or so
 - Assembly unveiling the mural will be held December 8, 2023
- Remembrance Day ceremony was last week

- Mr. Poynter recorded the choir and whole school song with blurred out faces; links to be shared in school newsletter
- Learning conferences next Thursday, November 23
 - New this year from the Ministry: teachers can do informal updates however they would like to, at least twice per year
 - Families should have heard by now how learning communication will take place from their child(ren)'s teacher(s)
 - Report cards must be sent home by December 22, 2023; most will be available on MyEd site
- Thursday will be our first Art Starts Performance; "How the Raven Stole the Sun"
 - Thank you to PAC for funding for this performance
- Diwali is being celebrated in all classrooms and during library time
- Crosswalk at Lagoon and Metchosin intersection continues to raise concern
 - Crossing guard and slow down signs are a positive safety addition
 - Reminders for traffic not to turn right or left while crossing guard is in the road
- This year's food drive will combine with Royal Bay's 10 000 Tonight initiative
 - Donations will be collected in classrooms November 16 to 28
 - All donations will go to the Goldstream Foodbank
- All toilets in the building are functioning properly again this week after some closures and maintenance last week
- Grade 5 end of year trip; Ms. Gervais and Ms. Arnott would like to use one of the remaining scheduled bottle drives (January 6 or April 6) to fundraise for their trip
 - PAC executive voted yes to allow Grade 5 teachers and families to take over one of these dates; which date TBD
 - PAC will still sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts during each bottle drive, with funds raised going to PAC
- Giving Store
 - December 4, 2023 all day
 - 3:30pm-6pm open to community
 - Set up will start Friday, December 1 after 2:15pm
 - Donations are currently being collected in bins at front entrance and under covered area of school
- In the news: Ruth King and David Cameron will be getting portables
 - New South Langford school will open in approx. 1.5 years
 - Sangster could get up to 3 portables next year; could become an "overflow school"
 - We won't know for sure until February 2024
- Gaga ball pit installation delayed due to portable placement
- Family Dance date changed to Thursday, February 15, 2024
 - Pro-D day the next day, then Family Day long weekend
- Holiday Concert scheduled for December 21 (afternoon and evening show)
 - PAC to raffle "best seats in the house" and 50/50 draw
 - Will be ticketed event due to very limited space

Treasurer's Report

General Account Balance: \$25 526.14

Gaming Account Balance: \$4,900.10

November Bottle Drive total: TBA; Meagan to email Dot to inquire

SPEAC Report:

See attached.

Fundraising report:

- No fuss fundraiser
 - Current total unknown; will ask Alvira when she returns next week
- Purdy's order cutoff is November 27
 - We are currently about halfway to our fundraising goal!
- Giving Store
 - Volunteer sign up is live
- Family Dance
 - Need to confirm food plan
- Epicure fundraiser
 - Orders close November 17
- Board game night is booked; date TBA
 - Free community promoting event
 - PAC to run a simple concession
- Silent Auction
 - Proposal to move to March (farther away from Spring Fair in May/June; less asking from our Sangster families all at once)
 - Vote to approve change of date; approved
- Idea: Drop in sports nights for community
 - PAC would rent Sangster's gym
 - Community members pay to drop in to play hockey, basketball, etc
- Idea: 50/50 at a Royals game
 - Need 3 volunteers at each set of doors at SOF Memorial Centre (approximately 12 adult volunteers total for the evening)
 - Jess V will get list of possible dates so PAC can pick one

Hot Lunch

- Discussion regarding frequency of hot lunch dates; possibility of increasing to once per week?
 - Request from staff to keep it to biweekly due to increased excitement of students on hot lunch days
 - Desire to keep hot lunch as equitable and affordable as possible, so as many families can participate as possible
 - Consensus to keep biweekly schedule for the time being
 - Option to simplify menu/offer pizza days more frequently (most cost effective)

Media Relations

- Carla created a calendar designed for families to stay up to date with all school and PAC events, activities, fundraisers, etc.
 - To be distributed digitally with school newsletter
 - Printed copies will be distributed later this week to each student

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm