

Osler PAC General Meeting
Jan 31, 2023 6:30 pm
via Zoom
Minutes (for approval)

In attendance

PAC Execs

Joanne Lee, Harpreet Sall, John Young, Melanie Leung, Jessie Yu, Sonya Sangha, Sandy Chan, Ginny Chiu, Rosemary Thomas

General Members

Elizabeth, Beverly Chan, Peggy, Diana Leong, Eileen

Welcome/Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Joanne motions to approve the agenda, seconded by John, motion carried.

Approval of past General minutes - Nov 29, 2022

Joanne motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Sandy, motion carried.

Principal's Report

- It looks like January will be leaving as it came this year, with cold weather and the chance of snow! We are grateful that the Park Board has opened up Montgomery Park. The children have been enjoying the baseball diamonds as well as the expanse of field to run.
- Report cards went home today. Please reach out to your child's teacher if the need arises. Parent/Teacher conferences, or goal setting conferences will be available the first and second of March
- This is the last week of tennis with Jeremy Mackan. I have had the chance to quickly pop in and have observed students learning valuable skills as well as fostering a positive attitude if not love for the game. With tennis courts dotting various parks like Queen Elizabeth, this is a great sport to participate in.
- Ms. Yamakami will continue to be off further. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Fell fill in this position. He is very familiar with the school having retired a few years back and has a strong connection with the children in the class.
- We also welcome Ms. Wilson who is a student teacher from SFU and she will be in Ms. David's room for periods of time throughout the school year.
- The technology has arrived from the School Board and we are working on how to best distribute them.
- Basketball has been a great success for the intermediate students who have been participating. It is impressive to see the teams gel together through communication and practice. Good luck with the continued games!
- Please continue to read the Friday letters for information about the school.

Chair's Report

- Pancake Breakfast went well. Great support with volunteers. Starbucks and Stongs were very generous with their donations. Parents and staff were very appreciative.

- Hot Lunch sales currently at \$24250 with Muchalunch and with about \$3320 profit. Uncertain profit (maybe \$100-150 per month) from Fuel Up. Yet to receive cheques from Dec-Jan for deposit.
- Hot lunch was initially not available for Feb 21, but will be reinstated.. Other schools have a pro-d day so it was marked as a non-school day. .
- Looking to change full time (5 days per week) with Fuel up in September – this will allow us to drop Munchalunch and the only thing the volunteer needs to do is contact school when there are hiccups, which so far has happened maybe 1-2 times per month – however they have been streamlined so could be very low maintenance. TBD.
- Still looking for a hot lunch liaison for September. A suggestion to ask class parents to ask parents. Will need to determine the best communications strategy.
- Term 2 extra curricular activities have been very successful. For Term 3, there will be Robotics on Weds, Art on Thurs, and Hip Hop on Fridays. Uncertain re: Mon/Tues so far but might just take a break. Will look into soccer for the little kids for Term 3 as the weather improves.
- Pro-D programs didn't work out due to high cost for rentals.
- School-wide programming GoIT will take place after spring break w/Div 1, 5, 6, 7, and 9.
- Tech Direct drive hasn't budgeted since November. Still need to raise about \$17K to ensure we pay off tech debt \$22K in total (iPads/Laptops) over the 2022-24 calendar year.
- In order for the PAC to pay for programs/funds next year we need to start planning and pushing for direct drive to cover expenses. Fundraising programs do not generate a lot of money, maybe approx. \$2-3K per year, including Halloween, Purdy's, movie nights etc, as they are labour intensive and heavily rely on volunteers.
- Hot Lunch sales aren't as strong as previous years (50% less than previous in profit, due to inflation and food costs). We may need to cut funding of Teacher Stipend for 2023-24 year (approx. \$3630), Hamber/Churchill scholarships (\$200). We would like to continue with Saleema Noon every year as part of our children's education. May not have any funds for school-wide equipment for next year or the year after (which includes furnishings, equipment, fun activities etc).
- Suggestion to continue this year with direct drive fundraising and perhaps asking the children to rally and raise funds?
- Communications Plan. A Mailchimp account has been set up and we will work to find the best strategy to send out info.
- Exec PAC's goal is to prepare all information regarding communication, direct drive, and fundraising before the next school year starts and to come up with strategies to launch.

Treasurer's Report

- On track with budgeting and funds. No major changes from last meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Movie license is expiring in April. Will decide whether to renew based on other fundraising, events, grade 7's, class events.
- Spring Fair will take place at the end of June potentially 3:30-7:30 on a weeknight. We have a tentative schedule and budget. Details TBD. Will need many volunteers.

- Teacher Appreciation Potluck Lunch – Thursday, April 13. Need to start planning and pushing out communications BEFORE spring break so parents can prepare and schedule in their calendars.
- Will shelf Multicultural potluck for next year.
- Book Swap tentatively set for March 30 to align with National Reading Month. Will do a reading challenge and possibly a draw. Details TBD.

Ginny motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by John.
Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.