



## David Oppenheimer Elementary School

### PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @ 6:15 p.m. in the library

Attendees: Mike, Emma, Tina Ton, Vivian Kuan, Conroy Ing, Betty Seto, Roy Seto, Saltana Arikan, Yee Law, Luciano Dimarino, Sara Dimarino, Meredith Kullman, Taunya Florko, Sharon Arnold, Amy Field, Shannon Burke, Jess Eng, Judy Polukoshko, Shelley Werboweski, Lesley Lopez

#### I. Time 6:19 - 6:21 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order – Mike

- Acknowledgements
- Adopt Agenda
- Adopt Minutes from Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, PAC meeting
  - Motion: Tina
  - Second: Vivian

#### II. Time 6:21 – 6:29 School Report – Ms. Shannon Burke, Principal

- Welcome back BBQ, well attended. Thank you to PAC for paying for events and hot dogs
- Truth & Reconciliation. Students walked in honour of residential victims
- Teacher Conference and Gymnastics. Thank you to PAC for covering half the costs. Gymnastics was a big hit with students and staff
- Trout lake cross country meet this month.
- Currently there is volleyball. 3 teams setup consisting of senior boys and girls
- Extracurricular clubs: Glee club and Diversity club. Meets at lunch on Tuesday and Fridays, respectively.
- Diversity club is a safe environment for all children and welcoming. Drop-in model. Mr. Tweedale, Ms. Gutkowski, Ms. Jodi Polukoshko
- Halloween Parade happening in the morning. Halloween instructions will be sent out later this week. Participation is optional. Nothing gory, weapons or face masks, nothing causing tripping hazard. Normal footwear encouraged. Nothing violent.
- Ms. Jodi – Diversity club. Hoping kids to take lead. Highlight black history and women history month. Culture of equity and inclusion. Drop-in model. First week, watched 9 min short film about children standing together against adversity. Students said they were interested in guest speakers. Want to do art. Children wanted to speaking across classrooms and make announcements. About 30 kids attended, most from grade 6-7.

### **III. 6:29 – 6:57 Parents Report**

- New cell tower (speaker Luciano DiMarino, representative)
  - Freedom mobile wants to put up a 50 foot cell tower near bobolink park.
  - Luciano thinks alternative for Freedom to put their antennas on already built cell towers, instead of building a brand new cell tower.
  - He believes this cell tower can cause health issues for children (per ChatGPT). There is a written petition being distributed and he encourages sending email to voice disagreement
- Lunch break duration
  - Emma speaker (parent)
  - Looking to hear how from parents how their kids experience are with 10 min lunch break
  - Her kid is coming home with full lunches, worried about getting enough nutrients and energy to learn well in class.
  - Kids have option to move to another room after 10 minutes. But some kids don't want to eat when they see other friends are playing
  - Shannon: Change in duration for supervision reasons. Most kids were finishing their lunches within 10 minutes.
  - Supervision aide wanted to make sure kids can leave at 12:20.
  - Shannon suggests for parents to speak to classroom teachers. Teachers will gather together and discuss. Timing can be tweaked.
  - Another reason for the shorter time is staff didn't want grade 7's to do most of the heavy lifting
  - In grade 2/3 class kids can be very active. At 12:10, grade 7 supervise the children. Grade 7's were getting frustrated. Food and garbage around the classroom. 90% of the class would finish their lunch within 5 minutes.
  - Another parent's son is also unable to finish his lunch within 10 minutes and is not comfortable with eating in the lunchroom
  - Another parent's son also eats slowly. Parent talked to the teacher and there is a lunch monitor checking in on him. For this child, it seemed to encourage him to eat more. But not all children will be comfortable with someone watching over them.
  - Reverse lunch. Another option is to allow kids to finish their lunch after play.
  - Encourage parents to speak to their kids' teachers

### **IV. 6:57 – 6:59 Treasurer's Report and Budget Review– Conroy**

- This year's hot lunch is off to a good start. \$30K has come in so far compared to \$23K last year
- PAC helped fund the Welcome BBQ and gymnastics
- Lots of initiatives going on now through until Christmas
- Saltana has an excellent team of volunteers
- Question: Asking teachers for their wish list.
- Classroom funds allocated to each teacher

### **IV. 6:59 – 7:30 Committee/Event Reports**

- Munch Lunch - Saltana
  - Shout out to Betty. Thank you, Betty for updating the PAC website!

- Teacher's feedback on Tandoori Kitchen. Butter chicken not spicy. Sizing and pricing is reasonable. Will bring them back next season.
- Munchalunch running smoothly. There are about 40 volunteers (non-PAC members).
- Amy is taking over as volunteer coordinator
- Shift leader for every shift. Someone who has done the work before and lead the group
- Teacher appreciates the "cheat sheet" on what to do for much a lunch.
- Labels on lunches were really helpful
- Volunteers organization - Saltana
- Shop Funds - Yee
  - Forms sent out this week, as well as email to parents
  - Deadline to order is Nov 9 with pick up on Nov 28/29
- Grade 7 Grad Committee – Tina
  - Krispy Kreme flyer – Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Save On Foods River District
    - Raised \$1266. 6 hours
    - 7 adults and
  - Bake sale – Oct 17<sup>th</sup>
    - 1,050 raised. 6 helpers during recess and lunch
  - Purdy's fundraiser is coming up Nov 4 – 25.
  - Fundraising for camp. 47 grade 7's. Fundraising
  - Asking PAC to fund \$50 per grade 7 child.
    - Vote: 14 in favour, 0 opposed
    - There was gaming funds received, which is based on number of children. The \$50 can come from grade 7 share of the gaming grant.
- Website Newsletter, survey results – Betty
  - Seeing more visitors, but no one is signing up
  - Saltana suggests to offer munchalunch gift cards draw to encourage sign ups
  - Update website with PAC information and shop funds fundraiser
  - ADST – intermediates. Teachers can show the students the PAC website.
  - Consider associating the PAC website with the "My Forms" VSB website
- Fundraising Initiatives - Saltana
  - Boston pizza flyer – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at Big Ben
    - Only applies to Big Ben market crossing.
    - Write "David Oppenheimer" on their receipt and 7% of sales go to the school
  - Jan and Jule – raised \$31. New fundraiser. Will try again next year.
  - Mabel labels – raised \$100 so far. Still ongoing.
  - To Earth – flyers handed out today. 20% off
  - Vancouver Best Cookies – 35% goes to the school
  - Poinsettias – Start fundraiser now until Nov 25 for Dec 10 pick up
- Callout for Leads and or Support for upcoming Fundraising
  - Yearbook - Vacant
  - Spiritwear – Taunya and Meredith have volunteered
    - Taunya recommends Mike Jackson as possible vendor. He is very active in the community.

- He does spiritwear for other schools. Minimum pieces are ~20 pieces.
- \$100 for 4 hours on design work and mock up. 3 month turn around from start to finish. He designs clothes and owns a retail store

#### **V. 7:30 – 7:50 New Business?**

- Folding cart for Munch Lunch
  - \$80 folding cart
  - Put out a poll to volunteers to see if anyone wants folding carts
- Student laptops
  - Purchasing laptops will need a large fundraiser. Previous years, there was the read-a-thon or walk-a-thon. Will need at least \$10K to get 9-10 laptops. Previously paid \$15K for projector.
  - Currently have 2 laptop carts. Ipads, Macs, Dell laptops
  - Laptops lasts for about 4 years
  - Tech committee can look into how many laptops they need and provide a wish list.
- Parents of grade 6 and grade 3 boys spoke about their recent experience.
  - Sons started at Oppenheimer last year. Enjoyed their time at the beginning, however recently, their sons have been subject to racial slurs.
  - Their children have been questioning their worth and asking “what’s wrong with me”
  - Several conversations with Shannon, Jess, Chris Wong concerning these issues.
  - Putting things in places to see what they can do about it.
  - Reaching out to parents to work together to talk to their children and try to stop the bullying and harassment
  - Children may think making fun of other children is a joke, not understanding the deep impact it can have on the victims.

Next meeting date: Monday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:15p.m. in the library