

James Bay Community School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Nov 14, 2018

In Attendance: Jeff Mitchell , Andrea Woodrow, Richelle Funk, Stephanie McRobb, Carrie Peter, Corinne Robinson, Veronika Smelova

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approve Agenda & Minutes of Oct 10, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: to accept the Minutes, Moved by Richelle, 2nd by Stephanie. All in favour.

REPORTS

1. Principal's Report- This Friday Nov 16th we have a school-wide Magic Show on resiliency, at 1:00pm. We have started working on the Winter Concert (Thurs Dec 20, afternoon & evening shows), which will include another Comfy chair Raffle!

Staffing Update: There are still staffing changes happening with our Education Assistants (EAs). Good news is our counsellor Laurie Bailey is back at school 2 days /week again.

There will not be a community Christmas dinner at the school this year. The Community Centre has opted to take a break and hope for more interest from our school families in the future.

2. PAC Chair Report- Thanks to everyone who attended the White Hatter presentation last month. Parents can login to the website www.thewhitehatter.ca for lots of parent resources (password 'whitehatter'). Great resources about bullying, apps, current lingo etc. Feedback from the South Park parents was they really enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to partner with us.

- Stephanie has offered to pass an evaluation form to the teachers to get their feedback on the topic. Seemed like a very positive experience for the grade 4/5 too.

3. Treasurer's Report- We are sitting in good shape. Not a lot of money coming or going out of our account this time of year, which is expected. Richelle broke down our 'Budget Performance Report' into very clear and easy to read categories!

OLD BUSINESS-

The crossing guard is still eager to add more easy to move signage along Oswego st, to slow drivers down. The intersection and crosswalks in front of the school continue to be a safety hazard.

MOTION: to approve spending of up to \$200 of gaming money for 'safety turtles' signs. All in favour.

- In the next 2 weeks Veronika will ask Quadra police station their thoughts on safety signs, and Stephenie will ask Steve about repairing the current wooden ones.

Dickens Fair – Andrea is working hard at contacting parent volunteers (from our Volunteer forms) and organizing a roster of volunteers for the Dickens Craft sale table, making crafts, help at the Kid Zone cookie table, and to bake cookies for the kids to decorate.

- We are going to sell **Misha Smart tote bags and tshirts** at the PAC craft table. Andrea has got the price list breakdown from Island Blue, and we need to set our prices now.

Xmas Village: To be set up in the library again this year. Andrea will ask Ms. St Denis when is her preferred time line and location for the village. Andrea has 3 interested parents so far to help with that.

Spirit wear coordinator – We are still looking for a volunteer who is willing to coordinate the ordering, picking up the shipments, distributing them, and collecting the payment. We would like to get the order out in time for xmas, but realistically looking at January. Andrea & Carrie have agreed to share coordinate for then.

Board Game Café - They will come to schools and organize family board game nights. This year they have changed their policy and now charge admission. The idea is that the school can use the admission money to buy back board games from the café, which then become property of the school. There were some concerns about it now being more of a fundraiser that benefits the café, and not the school. The PAC could still be allowed to sell snacks/popcorn. The idea of a family games night is still popular.

- We need to ask the teachers if they think they would use board games if the school owned some.
- Jeff mentioned the district owns several tubs of math games, which could be used for a 'Family Math Night', as an alternative to the Board Game Café. He will look into how to obtain the available games from the district.

NEW BUSINESS-

EAs have funding request for more sports equipment for kids to play with at recess. This would especially benefit the older kids who need something to do. The Community Centre already funds

\$1000/yr towards sports equipment, but could always use more balls etc as they wear out quickly. If the PAC were to contribute additional money, then both the school and the community would **match it**.

MOTION: to spend \$200 of Gaming Grant money to buy new outdoor sports equipment for recess/lunch. All in favour.

2nd Annual Window Wanderland – being held throughout James Bay again Feb 22/23/24, 2019. Darcy has offered the PAC the opportunity to help run the Hot Chocolate station from 6 – 9:30pm, and we can put out a PAC donation jar. The supplies will all be provided in the school cafeteria, and a Wanderland volunteer will be present to help us.

- We have agreed to do the night of **Sat Feb 23**. Corinne, Richelle, Andrea, and Carrie have offered to help out. Darcy is pleased that we can do this.

Stephanie wondered if the PAC could make an official suggestion to have our **school-chosen Pro D on the Day After Halloween!** Apparently learning is not at its finest that day! Jeff completely agreed that most staff would appreciate a day off after the sugar crash.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

Next Meeting time: Keep it on Dec 12/18 @ 6:30pm. (Dec 5 is report card writing week)