



Cheam PAC Meeting
Nov 21, 2022
Location: Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order: 7:30pm

Welcome, Introductions

Attendance: Megan, Tanya, Lyndsay, Iain, Diana, Laurel, Nadine, Polly

Acknowledgements: Cheam Elementary PAC is acknowledging that we are on the unceded territory of the Sto:Lo people.

Quorum met

Agenda approved by Polly and seconded by Tanya

Last month's meeting minutes approved by Tanya and seconded by Polly

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING

2.1 Family Affordability Fund

Iain has plans to spend money on specific items for families in need. In addition, he is working on putting a food program in place in portable 8. He explained some schools are putting out general emails telling families that if they need something then please reach out. Cheam hasn't done that yet and Iain is asking if PAC is hearing anything from people informally who are really in need. The suggestion was made to put something in our weekly PAC email. Rosedale school was brought up as they offer a food program. Iain explained that Rosedale is a community school and receives community link funding which helps pay for their food program. Iain explained we don't have infrastructure to do something like that, that regularly (ie not every day), also Cheam has the majority of kids being dropped off. Children aren't able to just walk to the school early. Iain explained if there is a family in need, who would like help, he doesn't need to know exactly who the family is because the family can go through a PAC member if they prefer. Ultimately he would be signing and approving the expenses but he

doesn't need to have the person identified to him. The suggestion was also made to have teachers put out an email to their class and have families reach out to PAC or to the teacher. The suggestion was made to set up a program where the breakfast/lunch is available to all so that it doesn't single out a student. Right now, it is only set up as emergency type of offering and aware of a few kids who need it, but Iain agreed it would be nice to have something more school wide (bowls of hope). There was discussion around having bowls of fruit on hand in classroom and many teachers would like this. So potentially supplement more in the classroom, makes it available to everyone. Iain said they are getting some soup from AD Rundall (leftovers that they freeze and give us). Portable 8 is being set up with a toaster, microwave and small fridge to help support a food program.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Principal's Report

Thank you to the Spirit committee for the support during Rock your Mocs and the ribbons provided. Thank you to all the families in the Cheam school community for keeping their kids home when they've been sick. 15-20% absence on regular basis. This year has been a rough Oct and Nov so far. Teachers have been spending time on assessments and it's been challenging getting them completed because many kids away for multiple days at a time. Iain appreciates families taking extra precautions and keeping sick kids home.

3.2 Executive Reports

Treasurer

Routine expenses going through in October. Fundraising: two hot lunches \$265 netted from those, coupon books \$420 generated, Neufeld \$775 raised, Mabels Labels \$55. So far \$1250 fundraising + \$265 from hot lunches. *See report for specifics.* Lyndsay asked about bottle depot. Laurel said nothing from bottles yet but looked into this during meeting and realized we need to request the refund; Laurel will do this.

DPAC

Next DPAC meeting is next week. Highlights from last meeting

- Chilliwack school district is hiring non-certified TOCs and are the first district to do this except for remote and northern communities.
- Spoke about FSAs and getting children exempt from these assessments is challenging
- Saleema Noon doing sexual health presentation; it is first come first serve, limited space, Polly posted this info on the FB page
- Not much brought up about Family Affordability Fund so no ideas to share

3.3 Committee Reports

Hot Lunch:

Dec 2 – Fuel Catering: order deadline is Nov 24

Spirit:

Rock your Mocs: completed successfully

Movember: last day of November is mustache day

PJ day: on pancake breakfast day

Deck the Halls and red and green on Dec 9th.. craft afternoon

Tanya/Megan will provide spirit day dates to Merilee so she can add to school website calendar

Fundraising:

Bottle Depot: runs all year long, use school phone number

Lyndsay has set up DeVry and Purdy's, made fb posts and info also added to Sun Cheam PAC email

DeVry: ordering is open and deadline is Nov 26th, pickup at school on Dec 10th

Purdy's: ordering is open and deadline is Nov 30th, pickup at school Dec 15th ish

Special Events:

Dec 14th Pancake breakfast, still looking for more volunteers. Severe allergy for student in grade K class and checking into see if we can get a pancake mix that doesn't have this allergen. Santa has been secured to appear. There will be three seating's, 4 classes in each group. Making sure we recycle and use organics bins day of. Decorating the day before.. gym will be available. Looking into getting a Christmas Tree, or if ppl have decorations to donate. Iain will look at storage containers next Monday and see if any decorations are in there.

Green:

No one has signed up

Yearbook:

Lyndsay got yearbook gmail account login info from Tanesha so now has access to photos that parents have emailed in. Lyndsay reached out to Entourage software contact and now we have account set up. Jenna had a brief look at the previous yearbooks and the software and thinks it should be easy to learn. Lyndsay/Jenna to meet and come up with a plan to divide up the work. Based on info from Tanesha, we can just purchase the software and at end of year get the complete file and then have it printed locally in Chilliwack. This saves on cost significantly. Deadline typically June 10th.

Grad:

Hoodie orders due today, just missing less than 10 sizes for children. Polly trying to get this sorted out so the hoodies will hopefully get here before Christmas. Printing on hoodies takes 3 weeks. 45 graduating students. About 35 have paid. The grad committee has already booked venue for year end event and Save the Date has already been sent out via email. There will be a fee for the event, details to come.

Bulletin Board:

Nothing to report

3.4 Fruit, Veggies and Milk program

The fruit, veggies and milk program needs bins to deliver the produce and milk to the classrooms in. 12 Bins required (one for each division). Bins have been sourced that stack and are the right size. The bins would be labeled for each division and PAC written on them. \$125 for 12 bins. How do we pay for this? Polly motioned to cover \$125 to be spent on the 12 bins. Laurel seconds that motion, All were in favour to cover this.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION

5. Meeting adjourned at: 8:29 pm

Business carried over N/A

Next PAC Meeting: January 9, 2023, at 7:30pm by ZOOM