



PEXSISEN PAC Meeting Minutes

Location: PEXSISEN Elementary

Date: September 5, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Admin: Karen De Cicco (Principal), Ceildh Deichmann (Vice Principal), Nevada Kaludjer, and Michelle O'Regan

PAC Executives: Kara Guan (President), Tory Davis (Vice President), Heather Morin (Secretary), Louise McKenzie (Treasurer), Melissa Austin (Hot Lunch), Jenn Thompson (Event Coordinator), Heather Fulmore (Fundraising Chair)

PAC members: Haley, Lyle, Sandra, Lily, Chirstina, Laura, Mikela, Jennie(Past President)

Agenda items:

- Call to order and territorial acknowledgement
- Admin Update
- President's report
- Financial report
- Fundraising report
- SPEAC report
- New Business
- Adjournment

Call to Order:

- 6:30 motioned by Kara Guan, seconded by Heather Fulmore
- Territorial acknowledgment
- Introductions
- Adoption of agenda motioned by Louise Mckenzie seconded by Heather Fulmore
- Adoption of minutes motioned by Melissa Austin and seconded by Jennie Nilsson

Admin Update:

- Michelle O'Regan - Pexsisen's Garden Update -presentation;
 - Learning inquiries: soil vs dirt, composting/composters, earthworms, measurement units, indigenous plants, plant identification, water conservation, patterns in nature and more;
 - Hands on learning space;
 - Provides cross curricular learning experiences;
 - All grade levels are encouraged to work and learn in the garden;
 - Received significant support for the garden in the first year through grants;
 - Ties into the core competencies and school goals;
 - Hoping to move toward cooking activities using garden harvest;
 - Future possibilities: garden club, community work party, creation of a natural enclosure, grow/harvest enough food for school-wide tasting and cooking, continue connections with Flourish and Matthew Kershaw;
 - Considerations: funding for instructors to support staff, signage, opportunities for all students to have access to the garden and expansion of the composting program and worm bins.
 - Requesting \$2000-\$2500 for the garden
- New Division has been created
- Currently 423 students, 20 divisions and will likely hit 450 students
- Posting is out for new staff
- ELL teacher will be full-time this year
- Meet the Teacher: September 14th, 2023
 - 5-5:45pm teachers will be in class rooms
 - 5:45-6:30 outside activity
- ADST has moved to the Multi-purpose room
- Cops For Cancer Tour de Rock October 4, 2023
 - Fundraising will take place
- Terry Fox Run September 15, 2023
 - Participate with CML
 - Grades 1-5
 - Ks will have separate event
 - Request for juice boxes from PAC
- Cross Country - dates and times to be announced
- App - any time the website is updated the app will also be updated. App will also be used for more minor updates from Admin.

President's Report:

- Moving Facebook PAC page to a Facebook group so that it is more accessible;
- Criminal Record Checks - valid for 5 years, required for any volunteer activity within the school;

Financial Report:

- Signed up for Quick Books
- Setting up processes for tracking receipts
- Budget
 - discussed Operating Balance
 - seeking approval by October
 - PAC to provide cake for Meet the Teacher (\$250)
 - ADST request \$1000
 - Discussion about Gaming Funds and how they can be used
 - Request for Classroom Fund: \$300/classroom
 - Request for school banner and tent
 - Motion to accept provisional budget by Jennie Nilsson and seconded by Melissa Austin

Fundraising Report:

- Purdys booked and ready to go -deadline November 22 and delivered by December 1st.

- Bottle Drive booked October 14, 2023, 9am-3pm - No Sort
- Looking at possibility of Krispy Kreme Donuts fundraiser
 - Pre-sale?
- Spirit Wear - Considering various vendors
- Art Cards - Considering various vendors
- Family Pizza Night - Considering various vendors/options
- First Aid Kit fundraiser
- Hillside Night of Lights
- Cineplex movie vouchers
- Applied for "Fresh To You" fundraiser - waiting to hear back
- Raffle (dates to be determined)
- Read-a-thon

Events

- Family Games Night - October 26th 5:30-7:30 (with 50/50 draw)
- Gift Day - December 7, 2023
- Pancake Breakfast - December 21, 2023
- End of the year event to be discussed at the next meeting

Hot Lunch

- First Hot Lunch - September 29, 2023
- Parent volunteers required
- Volunteer sign up sheet will be placed on PAC page

SPEAC Report:

- Position currently vacant

New Business:

- Spirit Wear: Pink Shirt & Staff Spirit Wear option
- Terry Fox - snack and juice box to be provided by PAC
- Tour de Rock
- School Photos September 28th
- Banner and Tent
- Grade 5 Hoody
- Multiculturalism and anti-racism grant

Adjournment:

- 8:32pm motioned by Jennie Nilsson , seconded by Heather Fulmore

Action Items:

- End of the year event - tabled to next meeting
- Purchase of banner/tent

Next Meeting:

- October 3, 2023 - 6:30pm at PEXSISEN Elementary.