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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 2023 | 7:00 - 8:15 PM - IN-PERSON AND TEAMS MEETING

ATTENDEES: Nicole Kennedy Curtis Hale Jackie Stephanie Redlich Sandi Thorson Haruka Nakazawa Jillian Gordon Beth Miller Dan Larson Kendra Arkinstall Michelle Pratt Kara Solberg Martine Stanley Katie Scotland Charlotte Raubenheimer

(7:04pm) Call to Order and Introductions...... Nicole Kennedy

- Brief Welcome and overview of how to ask questions on Teams
- PAC Introduction

- Welcome to teachers joining us Michelle Pratt and Martine Stanley
- Outdoor School:
 - Grade 6's successfully went to Outdoor School they stayed in the Eco Learning Centre beautiful sustainable space.
 - Grade 4 students will March 29-31
- School Plan Social Emotional Learning; diversity in the neighborhood, large school, roughly 3 new students a week. School capacity is 691 students we are currently at 673 students
 - Parent inquiry does the school board have any plans for infrastructure growth in this neighborhood.
 - The large school allows for smoother transition for the grade 7s into high school
 - Lunch expectations Kids are asked to stay in their seats, speak kindly, eat safely
 - Appropriate bathroom etiquette adding bathroom etiquette signage in the bathrooms a particular area that is extra messy is in bathrooms frequented by the younger students
 - Last Monday was a great pro day lots of discussion about school plan a lot of energy assessment and math deep learning around school plan
- New Reporting Order by Ministry effective July 2023
 - Ministry moving away from letter grades new reporting order coming next September.
 - A couple ideas re interactive parenting draft stand removed
 - Anticipate early February
 - Link for more information: K-12 Student Reporting Policy Information for Families Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)
- Funding:
 - Roughly 1/3 of student and family funding very well received by those families.
 - Emergency support for families affected by the fire that took place on St. Georges. Teachers pulled together and donated \$ and visa gift cards.

Mr. Pratt

Grade 3 big house – 1 day only Thursday/Friday

Kendra Arkinstall

- Triple Ball forms have gone home for grade 7 students. 30 plus students. Starts this week, practice Thursday forms need to be in before they can start plating
- Intramural Sports for Grade 4-6

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- Volleyball starting nest week as well Tuesdays at lunch
- Thank you to all of the teachers who are involved over 100 kids participating
- Just Dance takes place Wednesday at lunch a lot of fun for the kids
- Bike to School Week
- STEM Team going home and in class kits aligning the curriculum and book really excited to see this get executed.

Minutes from last meeting approved by Sandi Thorson, seconded my Nicole Kennedy

- It currently doesn't appear we will be able to do the raffle this year as we do not have a solid volunteer team would love to as it generates a large amount of the years funding but only possible if we have a team of volunteers to manage it
- Fun lunch is running large this year
- Fun lunch refund for LunchiBrunchi orders that were cancelled due to supplier miscommunication reminder to parents to reorder for those dates with the reduced menu
- SSA Budget require this ASAP Admin will have this in to the PAC this week
- PAC idea of requesting a donation from parents at the start of the year
- The PAC funds a large portion of the schools' spending needs

(7:37pm) Fundraisers

- Neufelds
- Spirit Wear a lot of great feedback on the umbrellas one struggle this year was supply and demand. Extra bike bags perhaps the PAC can sell or raffle off during bike week? Explore options.
- Westcoast feeds
- Always looking for volunteers and ideas for events/fundraisers

(7:39pm) Events

- Bike to school Week May 15
 - Two teacher reps already involved, will also need parent reps as well volunteers needed
- Multicultural fair April (18) pending approval
 - No book fair this year look for another fundraiser that can take place. Spirit wear table umbrellas
 - In the past, custodial services have not been hired, suggest arranging this moving forward as we \are such a large school with well attended events.
 - Parent sign up coming soon
 - Martine Stanley suggest a silent auction / raffle to generate more funds
 - Are there guidelines for the multicultural fair children/student involvement
 - A need for bathroom directional signage for events sandwich boards perhaps

- All parents are part of the PAC join us
- Possible fundraiser / casino night / parent night

Meeting Adjourned 8:03pm Next PAC Meeting February Meeting Notes: Stephanie Redlich
