

PAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Wally K., Casey A., Valentina F., Lark M., Lilia T., Lina O., Nelly H., Shubhra, Sooraj M., Sophia L., Sowmya, Sylvia D., Mary S., Paola, Adam Z., Anne-Marie, Ayano, Bicram R., Carrie T., Cherry, David, Faranak, GY, Irene C., Jason L., Ning, Paria, Rebecca Z.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Welcome back. We are back to the same safety protocols as the start of the pandemic, which includes staggered lunch and recess to prevent crowding in the hallways and other common areas. We are not implementing staggered start/end time at this time however closely monitoring the situation and will adjust accordingly if required. We ask that parents stand on the sidewalk alongside Holdom as that area tends to get very crowded during drop-off's and pick-up's.
- Protocols such as wearing masks, washing hands often, maximum of 2 people in the washroom at a time, a deep clean once every 24 hours and daily health checks all remain in place.
- There are 3-layered masks being shipped by the District to each school for staff and students. We are not mandating what kind of masks students wear.
- Functional closure is called by the school with consultation with the school district when the staffing level reaches a point where it can no longer sustain the operation of the school safely (this could be from a teaching or health & safety perspective). We think a closure will last approximately 2+ days where we will have to pivot to remote learning. The expectations are not for students to be on their devices from 9am to 3pm, but approximately 20-30 mins of online interactions, with assignments to complete at home. When we do face a functional closure it will be very short notice due to the nature of the event, and we will contact parents/guardians on day zero as promptly as we can to have the children picked up. For Capitol Hill, we will probably be looking at a functional closure if there are more than 7 to 8 enrolling teachers absent.
- Question on what the current absentee rate is – 18 were absent today due to illness (out of close to 400 students).
- No more school notifications as that is no longer feasible as advised by health authorities.
- We haven't heard anything about rapid tests for the school.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- We have a new teacher Mr. Kashima who joined us as Ms. Rodriguez has gone on a leave.
- We raised \$633 from PJ drive which has been donated to the West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation.
- Jan 15 2022 is Black Excellence Day – watch out for some information about wearing black that day.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Got an email from Alpha Secondary about setting up a 30 mins Zoom presentation on their French Immersion program
- Lina did an inventory of the emergency kiosk at the end of October, and has determined that we need \$1500 to replace the expired items and increase our food supply inventory. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Detailed report attached
- We raised just over \$1,200 with our Purdys fundraiser

Next PAC meeting will be held on Feb 9.