

Minutes

Alice Brown Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 14, 2017 8:45am Start

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie at 8:45am

In attendance:

Stephanie Stovold	George Grey	Stan Dalebout
Shana DeLeew	Deborah Hunt	Anthea Cranston
Joanne Hodgins	Kelly Brodie	Toni McClure
Ryan Lifton	Michael Carlyle	Megan Labbe
Vanessa Ferguson		

Stephanie motions to adopt the agenda. Anthea seconds this.

Mr Gray introduces Mr Carlyle as new principal to begin in January at Alice Brown.

Mr Carlyle has been in the district for 12 years, and was most recently at Langley Fundamental School. Mr Carlyle opened up Yorkson Creek and was also the VP at Aldergrove School. Mr Carlyle will fulfill the year as principal at Alice Brown, if not longer.

Our assistant superintendent: Woody Bradford stopped in at our meeting to thank Mr Gray for filling in, give support for Mr Sangha and welcome Mr Carlyle.

Teachers' Report from Ms Hannah:

Ms Hannah and the SEAs have sorted through home reading kits and have asked the PAC to replenish these incomplete kits. The quote for replacing books should be in very soon and may be in the neighbourhood of \$800.

The budget is set for \$1000. So, as long as this quote comes within the budget the PAC will go ahead and approve the money. It was suggested that perhaps a better system to track these book sets could be initiated.

Budget Report: Kelly

The budget is now up to date to October 31, 2017. One change: movie night and popcorn sales are now combined.

Kelly proposes to adopt the budget. Anthea seconds this.

Breakfast with Santa Update:

All food & services were donated, as well as all gifts and raffle prizes. Last year \$800 was profited and this year we made over \$2000. This event was a great success!

Hamper Update:

All turkeys for hampers have been donated. We must really watch expiry dates on food items as a lot of expired items have been brought in. Hamper collections finish up this Friday Dec. 15th. Hampers are to be delivered to families mid next week.

Earthquake Bin:

Megan & Anthea have replenished and rebuilt up our supplies. Home Depot and Army & Navy have generously donated to us. DPAC has offered to fund us \$300 towards a tent. The container the emergency supplies are being held in is leaking and there is an inch of standing water inside. Megan and Anthea have waterproofed the supplies inside but a new container is required. Fire Dept has been by to approve us putting a new container on school grounds back by the teachers' parking lot. This new container will not infringe on the parking lot or the basketball court.

Kelly proposes to allocate \$2000 towards purchasing a new 20 foot bin. Stephanie seconds this.

Over Christmas break we would like to purchase a new container to store our emergency supplies. We will transfer the supplies over during Christmas break so that there will be no disturbance to the parking lot or students. Megan's husband has volunteered to again put a heavy duty lock on our supply bin.

Movie Night

November was a bit down in numbers, as was to be expected.

Anthea really appreciates the new stove!

Punchboard was successful.

Proposed movie nights: Feb 28, April 18, May 30. Mr Carlyle approves.

New Suggestions: Garden on school property

Mr Carlyle supports this and acknowledges lots of learning is possible throughout this whole process

Mr Carlyle will reach out to neighbouring administrations with gardens and get info

New Suggestion: Rock Garden

Kids paint rocks then place. Perhaps another form of art may be a better option as rocks may get thrown etc. Perhaps metal bears (such as some schools have fish) could be painted then attached to the chain link fence.

Basketball Re-Face

Mr Gray will put in a work order. In the spring, new lines will be painted and new nets.

New Gym Mats

Ms Sy has approached us to replace mats, which are \$110 each. There are 139 to be replaced. Perhaps that could be a major fundraising effort over next few years. This topic will be moved to Capital Budget Goals.

Ms Sy is leaving December 22nd. Her position is posted. We will wait to discuss how the PE money will be spent with her replacement, once hired.

Grade 7 Camp

PAC usually donates towards this.

Kelly proposes to put \$1500 toward camp and \$500 toward Grade 7 Commencement (as done last year)

Anthea seconds

Committees with Vacancies:

We need someone to head the Traffic Safety Committee immediately and the Scholarship Committee for next year.

Act of Goodwill:

Adam and Stephanie were at a meeting with our DPAC rep: Suzanne

She is trying to foster a relationship with schools that are needy and disadvantaged, not as abundant as our school (limited books, in need of teaching supplies, low PAC fundraising money)

Suzanne has asked us if we would be willing to do “an act of good will” to help another school in need of support

Stephanie has asked Suzanne to propose items that are in need and to provide an estimate of the costs involved. We will not be willing to donate cash but will look at purchasing specific needed items. We will relook at this in January.

Breakfast Club has donated a hotdog roller to our school.

Middle School Update

Mr Gray, Adam and Stephanie attended a private forum at Brookwood Secondary, along with representatives from Belmont, Noel Booth and Glenwood elementary schools. The subject of the presentation was middle schools. It seems that it will be a while before this touches Alice Brown. The population configuration must first be determined following the Fernridge development. It does not make sense to reconfigure twice so it would make more sense to wait until the community is settled after the development takes place. Middle school seems to have some great benefits. We should see what we can do to help our grade 6 & 7's get some of the middle school advantages. Perhaps our students could be paired with a grade 8 student. This issue will be discussed further with teachers. Mr Carlyle has experience with middle schools, and if anyone has questions on this subject, feel free to approach Mr Carlyle and he would be happy to discuss.

New Business

Facebook Page

-this is an extension of the PAC, and must follow the PAC constitution

The question was raised as to why some posts may not be approved. There are a variety of answers: the topic may not be confirmed, confidentiality, may not be in line with the school.

The question was also raised about timeliness of posts getting approved. Our facebook administrators do require an hour or two notice to give approval to posts. Administrators are not able to be on facebook every minute of the day to check for posts, and administrators do volunteer their time above their own busy lives to monitor our PAC page.

Kelly Brodie has volunteered to do a rules and regulations list for our FB site.

Suggestion: School Dance or Games Night (board games)

If a parent is interested in starting up a new idea, the steps involved in setting up a new event would be:

- 1) Gather a volunteer committee
- 2) Seek advice and ideas from those who may have planned something similar in the past at Alice Brown
- 3) Do up a budget and present it to the PAC
- 4) Get a date approved by the PAC and principal

Spirit Day: school initiated (not PAC organized)

Old Business

Traffic Safety: Mr Carlyle will look in to getting a crossing guard for 200 St. Mr Carlyle suggested getting our students to write letters about how their safety is threatened by traffic.

Water Bottle Filling Stations: the district will be paying for one water bottle filling station. PAC may look at paying for another station, but there may be a waitlist for this in the district.

Stove & Standup Freezer have been purchased and installed and are working great. Coast Appliances gave us a great non-profit price for both.

A big thank you to Mr Gray for stepping in and filling in as principal.

Stephanie adjourned the meeting at 9:56 am

Next PAC meeting: Thursday January 18 6:30PM