



## PAC Meeting Minutes

Sandy Hill Elementary School

October 17, 2023

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

### **Attendance:**

Brooke Kuyer- Chair, Alexis Wilson- Vice Chair, Jas Hundal-Secretary, Aimee Miedema-Fundraising Coordinator, Phil Osler- Treasurer, Barbi Rollings Events Coordinator, Cathy Erickson-Principal, Sharon Phillips - Vice Principal, Chris Froese, Sienna Pederson, Breanne Smith, Amanda Reid.

### **Gift Card Draw:**

\$10 for Breanne

### **Approval for September meeting minutes:**

Barbie motioned to approve the minutes and Alexis seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Welcome, introductions & brief update - Brooke**

Update on Accessible Playground:

Four approved vendors

- Have contacted 3, had meeting in person with one (Swingtime) – awaiting quote
- Determined 3 different locations for possible playground – likely furthest NW is most viable – concerns re: 6 foot safety zone from slide
- Habitat (no)
- Swingtime (awaiting quote)
- RecTec now Parkworks
- Westplay – waiting options/brief quote

Next steps:

- Meet with Parkworks and/or Westplay to get quotes.

- Once quotes are received determine Grant timelines/process and apply



### **Principal's Report - Mrs. Erickson**

October 17, 2023

Principal's report to PAC

Thank you to all our parents for your support as we begin another school year!

Staffing:

Enrolment: 450 students across 20 divisions, very much the same enrolment as last year.

Our classrooms are quite full. We welcomed 2 more new to Canada students this past week.

Abbotsford is seeing a surge in students who are new to Canada because of the federal government's immigration plans. We welcome the diversity this brings to our school.

Parking lot and the Pickup lanes: We want parents to be aware of the no parking/no stopping zone directly opposite our bus loop on Sandy Hill Road. Abbotsford Bylaw are actively ticketing vehicles parking there. Inside the parking lot, there is no parking in front of the yellow gate. This is clearly marked with multiple signs as being a fire lane. Vehicles cannot be left unattended in front of the school as that is also a fire lane. Drop off lanes are working smoothly for the most part. We are asking families to always pull as far forward as they can, parents stay in the vehicle, kids exit quickly. Parents should not be parking in the staff parking at all.

Closed Campus

All district schools are closed campuses and include school district fields and playgrounds.

This means that all visitors are required to first report to the school office during school hours.



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Only staff and students should be on school grounds except for visitors who have CHECKED IN AT THE OFFICE and have an approved reason for being on the grounds. It is difficult for us to provide proper security when unknown adults are in the school yard. Please understand that the goal is not to limit your access to your child. Office staff are happy to sign in visitors or call students to the office as needed. The goal of a closed campus is to ensure that we always know who is on school property. A closed campus does mean that parents have limited access, which requires signing in. This is done to help us keep your child and all students safe!

If you would like more information, please refer to Administrative Procedures AP325.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: A very full bin and \$476 was collected during the 2-week food drive. Thank you to everyone.

Terry Fox: We raised approximately \$1100 for Terry Fox, surpassing our goal! Thank you to students and families for your donations.

Parent Teacher Interviews: We are continuing with the format we used for the first interviews on Oct. 18 and 19 with evening conferences on Oct. 19. We are trying to increase parent and student voice and are going to focus these interviews with asking questions of parents and listening to what you can share about your children. There will be opportunities for you to ask the teacher questions as well, but we really want to take this time to learn from parents.

Caring and Connected School Goal: We plan to have monthly assemblies and then work on a theme for the month. This month's theme is Kindness. Students have created a kindness rock garden under the trees in the bus loop as well. The teachers will select students who



have gone above and beyond with kindness at the next assembly, and they will be presented with Brag tags to hang on their backpacks.

October-Kindness

November-Empathy

December-Gratitude

January-Perseverance

February-Respect and responsibility

April-Honesty and integrity

May-Courage

June-no theme but May brag tags will be presented.

School planners and pochettes: These have been added to school cash online. We ask parents to pay for these promptly following the link in school cash online.

Monitoring your child's health: With the onset of flu/cold/COVID season, please monitor your child's health each morning. If they have been throwing up or have had a fever, please keep them at home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Please do not send them to school with Tylenol to manage the fever. If it needs to be managed, they need to stay at home. If they have a cough or runny nose they cannot manage at school, they need to stay home. This will help combat the spread of illness throughout the class and school.

Change of Clothes at school: All students, K-5, should have a change of clothes at school or in their backpack. Slips in mud for all, and bathroom accidents for littles happen and having a change at school really helps kids take care of the problem quickly.

Dress for the weather: Please send children with coats and boots. We do go outside in the rain and even if it is not rainy, the fields can be muddy.



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Lost and Found: Thank you so much for spreading out the lost and found. We ask families to please label their kids coats and belongings. The lost and found was overflowing!!!!

Christmas Concert: Dec. 12 and 13. We will need parents to set up chairs and staging and decorate the foyer etc. The school also plans for a donation bin for toys, food, PJs and socks. Teachers are planning to also Adopt families through the Christmas Bureau as we did last year.

School Website: is continually updated and the calendar is full of all the upcoming dates.

Student Behaviour is excellent!

Thank you everyone!!!

Important Dates-

October

18 Parent teacher conferences early dismissal at 11:56 am

19 Parent teacher conferences early dismissal at 11:56 am, evening conferences

19 Photo retakes

20 Non Instructional day

23 Fruit and Veg delivery-apples

27 Hot lunch day

31 Halloween, wear orange or black or Halloween costumes

November

9 Remembrance Day Assembly

10 Pro-d day



13 No school for Remembrance Day

14 Diwali

16 Fine Arts Presentation-Azumi drumming 1 pm

24 Hot lunch

30 Spirit Day-go to workday "dress up like you are going to work"

December

8 First term reports go home.

12 Christmas Concert

13 Christmas Concert

15 Hot lunch

18 Winter/Christmas Spirit week begins-seasonal shirts/sweaters

19 Christmas/seasonal Hats

20 Wear red and green

21 Christmas/seasonal socks

22 PJs and Popcorn Day

23 Winter break begins.

January

8 school resumes

### **Treasurer's Report - Phil**

See attached budget. Budget motion to approve by Barbie and Alexis seconded. The grant for 2023 was approved.

### **Fundraiser Update/Report – Aimee**

Ongoing Fundraisers:



Mabel's Labels: 20% of purchases go to PAC

Emily Press Labels: 20% of purchases go to PAC

Cobs: Mention Sandy Hill Pac when you make a purchase at Cobs Gladwin and High Street location.

Boston Pizza - Both Abbotsford locations - write "Sandy Hill Elementary" on your receipt after paying, hand it back to the waitress and 5% of your total will come back to the school.

Encorp Return-it (bottle recycling) Take your bags of refundable containers to any of the Express locations. Once there, enter in the school phone number (604-850-7131) and confirm the account name(Sandy Hill Elementary) on the screen. Enter the number of bags you have then place the labels it prints onto the bags and place in the designated bin. Our school PAC account will be credited.

Panago Gift Certificates has started and available on hot lunch.

Popcorn: Previously charged \$1.50 - Costed \$1 per bag

This year PAC tried Coconut oil and no major concerns noted.

Hot Lunch fees will no longer be paid by PAC and will be added to order for each student.

### **Social Media and Vice Chair**

Lost and found clothing has been laid out and posted online – please take a look if you haven't already.

Teacher appreciation coffee bar- On October 5th the PAC got together and set up a fall themed coffee bar for teachers and staff on teacher appreciation day. For this we purchased a Nespresso machine which seemed to be a hit. We received compliments and thanks all day – we plan to do this monthly going forward, it will be on a different date each month in



order to keep it a surprise (I believe we planned to bake most of the items for the upcoming dates to keep costs down).

Foyer Decorations were set up about a week ago (if you hadn't already noticed). Maan Farms were thoughtful enough to donate the pumpkins for our display.

We have organized a Taco Bar for teachers on Thursday night post parent teacher conferences. Originally considered catering from Good Taco however realized that it will be much more cost effective to run things on our own. We have already organized who will bring what and Aimee and barbie pulled some warmers from the dungeon- need to confirm time for set up with Cathy. 4:30 set up

Christmas Concert - Date: Dec 12/13

#### **Events Update/Report - Barbi**

Picture day retakes October 19, 2023.

Popcorn Day: We need volunteers in 2 hour slots.

#### **Open Discussion**

No new items

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Alexis motioned to adjourn. Aimee seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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GAMING ACCOUNT

TRANSACTION DATE	CHQ#	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
		Balance Forward (as at August 31, 2023)			\$9,717.02
		Ending Balance (as at Sept 30, 2023)			\$9,717.02
		COMMISSION SIGN ACCOUNT			
		Total Cash Available (as at Sept 30, 2023)			\$9,717.02

CASH FLOAT

TRANSACTION DATE	CHQ#	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
		(Float is kept in PAC safe in the Pac Kitchen)			
		Balance Forward (as at August 31, 2023)			\$165
27-Sep-23		Cash Admissions to Grade 5 pizza party		\$65	
		Ending Balance (as at September 30, 2023)			\$230