

January 14, 2025 PAC Meeting

PAC Attendees: Cat, Karyn, Leah, April, Monica, Sharon, Mark

Staff Attendees: Kerry

6:32 - Meeting called to order

6:32 - December meeting minutes accepted

Principal's Update

- Kindergarten registration has started
 - Last year kindergarten was full within 3 minutes
 - Tentatively have 80 kindergarten spots.
 - There will be 20 divisions, so how many kindergarten classes there are depends on how they can be spread into the 20 divisions.
 - There may be 4 kindergarten classes, but may need to have K/1 split.
 - If a family has a child already at Lakewood school, then they have a higher priority of their kindergarten student being placed in Lakewood.
 - Registration ongoing from Feb 5th
- Feb 10th - 21st priority change list for students who were placed out of catchment to be placed into Lakewood
 - If you've already been placed at Lakewood, you can't be bumped
 - Please tell Kerry if you will be leaving the school so she has an accounting of student numbers and how many spaces are open
- Hold and secure drill was held yesterday, January 13th. It went well. In a hold and secure scenario:
 - All exterior doors are locked.
 - Portable doors are locked.
 - Students can continue studies as usual, but can't go outside
 - If after an hour the hold and secure was still in place, students in portables would be brought inside as they don't have water/bathrooms.
 - Parent question about locking doors all the time.
 - Answer: main doors are not locked but side doors are locked. Although, sometimes kids open them by not closing the doors properly. Up to teachers on whether they want to lock their outside classroom doors or not. There are not any cameras and it is a policy to not have them. Front door has FOB access which lets them lock quickly. The doors can also be locked remotely, if principal calls district to do so.
 - Lockdown drill soon, this is different than hold and secure drill.
 - Students have to huddle, quietly away from windows. Staff rattle doors to check they are locked and students are hidden and quiet.
- STEM week end of January
- Literacy week will be held the week before the start of Spring break in March
 - Possible book fair
- Beach day has been booked for June 13th at Gyro beach

- Will book lifeguards soon
- Spring concert is booked in the gym for May 13-16.
 - Actual concert days are 14 & 15th.
 - The other days are for setup and tear down
 - The theme is Canada. It will feature Canadian songs/artists
- Pancake breakfast was really well done.
 - Appreciate all the volunteers.
 - Santa was amazing
- Jingle Bell walk will be changed next year, as Florence Lake corner is not pedestrian friendly. But students had great time this year
- Holly Jolly jam dance for primary students was enjoyed by the students
- Holiday sing along for the students was also enjoyed.
- Food drive went well
 - Families are very generous
 - Kerry plans to do one again with the Spring concert
- Kerry to follow up with Corinne about Art Cards

Treasure Report

- Came in under budget for Santa breakfast
- \$114 bottle depot cheque came today
- Co-op rebate cheque \$889.50.
 - This is from people using our membership number
 - Our co-op number is: 14798
 - But can just tell the Co-op on the corner to use Lakewood school's number.
- Decided not to increase prices for pizza for the remainder of the year. There had been discussion in the previous meeting about charging a service fee to cover Bambora's transaction fee.
 - We wouldn't generate a lot of money by charging a service charge.
 - Sales have been higher than they have ever been.
 - Karyn would like to get a year's worth of data and then review over summer.
 - \$1 may be impactful for some families, and don't want to hurt those families.
 - Need to be thoughtful on how to recoup fees from Bambora.
 - Should form a committee to review data and come up with recommendations.
 - Number of transactions are down, so people are buying more at one time, which helps reduce the transaction costs.
 - Volume is up, but the number of transactions are down. This is good.

SPEAC Update

- The [draft December meeting notes are available here](#).

Calendar of Events

- Santa breakfast
 - Suggestion to make the volunteer shifts longer as the event ran longer than expected. This meant there were not enough people for cleanup.
 - Students liked the double sided colouring sheets
- Games night - booked.

- Contacted Whitespot about using them for food for the event.
 - The manager advised not to use them as it was not a good fit. He was concerned about maintaining the quality of food and keeping it at an appropriate temperature.
 - Appreciated his honesty.
 - He offered to sponsor a BBQ. They provide the food, and we supply cooks and BBQs.
 - Something to consider for a future event.
- Also contacted subway
 - They can offer 3 sandwich options: ham, veggie or turkey.
 - Cookies are also available.
 - We would need to pick up the order, they don't deliver.
 - Need to order in advance.
 - Discussion for us to buy flats of drinks as drink options limited from Subway, and not part of a combo deal.
 - Suggest to provide both Subway and pizza options.
 - Event is free to attend but have a suggested donation.
 - Launch registration on February 10th.
 - Deadline to buy a ticket is March 4th, with the event on the 13th.
 - Will need to organize volunteers.
- Spring fair
 - There is a committee to coordinate the fair.
 - Should discuss the plan at the Feb meeting.
 - Kerry asked if the gym can be used to showcase student's work during the fair
 - Discussion around this suggestion.
 - Decision: Use the gym to showcase student's work and also display auction baskets. Move the axe throwing game outside, and move the lollipops game to a classroom.
 - Cat to follow up with Melissa about this
- Rack Fundraiser
 - Plan to do another one next year, not time to do another one this year

Fundraiser updates

- Spirit wear
 - Parents please note that all clothing is custom, so no refunds or exchanges are possible.
 - Please ensure the correct size before ordering.
 - Discussion about PAC posting clothing that doesn't fit to PAC Facebook page. This way those parents that are affected by the return policy can get some money back by selling to other parents.
 - Karyn to talk with the vendor to see if they can highlight the return/exchange policy more on the order page.
 - Spirit sales going well overall
- Bottle drive
 - April 5th.
 - Brown's social house allows people to pick up their empty bottles.
 - Cat has contact info, so something to look into

- Do other businesses do this as well?
- Cat to follow up in What's App group about bottle depot account number.
- Possible fundraising options
 - Tabled for the next meeting, when there are more people in attendance.
- Parent question about Christmas concerts
 - Answer: Concerts are decided by the music teacher.
 - There are already a lot of activities at Christmas time. Spring time allows students to focus and practice more for the concert.
 - Students have Christmas sing along in the gym which they enjoy. But it's just for the students.

Meeting ended at 7:18pm