

Henry Anderson Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 2021



Co-Chairs: Mary Hsi Marine Walic
Attendees: Christine Marin Leah Scharf Sophia
Crista Burke Gail Lam Alvin Chow
Cecilia Leung Yusra Qadir

Commenced: 7:03pm

Concluded: 8:11pm

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved. Moved by M. Hsi, Seconded by Y. Qadir, all were in favour.

2. Principal's Report

- The District has made an anti-racism toolkit on the website. Teachers have the option to use the tools.
- The School will share some information with PAC about Discord. PAC can disseminate if needed.
- The school story, building community through Math, is ongoing. The school purchased some maths manipulatives and equipment like different kinds of dice, hands on materials for building fractions, and magnetic equipment.
- The Hub cycling program happened this week. It was a free 3-day program. Day 1, was bike maintenance and care. Day 2/3, they practiced biking around the community. Most kids brought their own bikes, but some kids were provided bikes to ride as part of the program.
- Mme Marin is retiring at the end of June, the new principal is unknown.
- Huge thanks to Gail Lam. She attended the school staff meeting to talk about PAC and activities for September. Suggestion that PAC should attend a staff meeting every couple of months next year.
- Year end festivities are being planned, especially for Grade 7s. If the School is contacted by any Gr. 7 parents, please direct them to PAC, to help support them.
- There will be no parent appreciation lunch this year because of COVID and related precautionary measures.
- Class placement is starting June 14th. Mme Marin will put a note in the next newsletter in case parents have requests.
- Motus antenna will be installed by May 14th.
- Gauss Math test will be hosted in May with some Gr. 4s and Gr. 7s, 26 students participating.
- All teachers have been vaccinated as of last week.
- There is no deadline for returning the survey that went out for French immersion students. Mme Marin will get back on the due date.
- Transitional learning will no longer be an option for next school year. A distributed learning notice (virtual school) has been sent out. Deadline is May 14th.
- Jacky Essombe has been cancelled.
- The School and RCMP will be organizing a parent workshop on internet safety. More information to come.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 2 virtual field trip reimbursement requests have been submitted. Waiting to receive all reimbursement requests from school so one cheque can be issued.

4. Old Business

- **Virtual Field Trips** - approval
 - PAC encourages each class to share with their buddy class so more classes/children can benefit from the Children's Festival.
 - May 10th deadline to apply for a field trip.
- **DECISION:** Amended and approved the Virtual Field Trip cost of approx. \$72. per class.
- **Coast Capital account** update - closed, \$11.23 cheque was issued.
- **Planning for September/Teacher Meeting** - update
 - Asked Teachers to think about what PAC can help support them with? Things like, Parent liaison emails or any items they would like for their classroom or school.
- **Anderson Logo Masks** - Sold 51 masks. They will be arriving in 2 weeks.
- **Yearbook** - Emails have been sent out to ask for pictures and yearbook presales will start. Photos due May 14th and presales will end May 29th.

5. New Business/Questions

- **Garden Shed** - inquiry
 - The ground shed takes up quite a bit of space. The playground is not adequate for 600 kids but resources are the issue. If there were resources, there is no problem in extending the playground. Sometimes there are grants from the city, provincial government or PAC which fund the playground extension/replacement etc. Yusra sent an opportunity but we can research more on what resources can be tapped.
 - It would be good to explore more ideas for outdoor play. We can ask the teachers for ideas and a wish list.
- **AGM** - June 2nd - nominations
 - PAC elections will happen June 2nd. So far no parents have inquired.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 @ 7pm - Zoom, chaired by M. Walic.