

ANDERSON PAC MEETING MINUTES

22nd September, 2021

Number of participants: 35 (did not get names)

Sr	Agenda	Discussion and Actions
1	Opening and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. • Mr. Harrington and Ms. Scharf introduced themselves and Marine introduced the PAC execs. • Parents on the call were encouraged to be active at PAC meetings and get involved so that there are more ideas. • Yusra moved approval of last meeting minutes, Crista seconded: approved
2	Administrators Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 divisions – 12 french and 14 english. Over 600 students – today 602. New classes started May last year. Children are doing well. Great group of kindergartens and the school year start has been very positive. • Henry_anderson_elementary is the new handle on Instagram to showcase work being done at school. • Revitalizing the old twitter account • This Friday is Terry Fox run and division 5 has done a great job of making a video. Each class has secured a time when they will run. • Pro-D day coming up and Anderson is organizing SEL (Social Emotional Learning) for the teachers. District staff coming to give an update on e-portfolio. 17 divisions will be using the e-portfolio this year. • Lunch breaks are staggered for COVID safety. • Handwashing is a big part of the school day. • Additional staff • 30 Sep – new holiday to honor the indigenous children. Coincides with orange shirt day. Encouraging kids and staff to wear shirt all week. • Grade 4 and 7 will have the foundational skill assessment. Work will start in September. Parents encouraged to talk to teachers about how kids are doing and FSA provides a snapshot on how the kids is doing on more standard assessments. • October 11th is thanksgiving and October 19th is individual photo day.
3	PAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual field trips and dance lessons were funded. • The MOTUS project was funded • 2 students received scholarships from Anderson: were given to children that went to McNeill and McRoberts • We got the gaming grant last year and we hope to secure it again this year. • Last year we could not do pizza days but we are hoping to start the hot lunch day again this year • We are considering Purdy's sale this year • First fundraiser starts this Friday and masks will be sold for 12 CAD each

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC supported food for grade 7 but we couldn't get a nice luncheon like past years due to COVID • Ideas about fundraiser are welcome by PAC • We need half the lunch delivered at 12 and the other half at 12:26 – PAC needs volunteers so please get in touch • School needs parents as crossing guards on Alberta road in the morning – so volunteers are encouraged to get in touch with PAC/school
4	Discussion and Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mum raised the class size for grade 4/5. How can that be handled with COVID? Mr. Harrington explained that the space is equal to 2 full sized classes and there is enough physical space. The teachers are doing a great time ensuring COVID safety. The 2 teachers work together as they are able to provide a better program to the kids. Many schools have 2 classrooms together without a partition and this is relatively new at Anderson – but school is ensuring COVID safety. The number is within the cohort limit. • Parent asked question about teachers vaccination status and cleaning of high touch surfaces. Ms. Scharf said that they cannot ask the teachers if they are vaccinated or not and high touch surfaces are cleaned 2 plus times/day. Currently, 3 people come in at night and clean up everything and a new person Bryan comes in during the day (half time). He sanitizes high touch surfaces. • Library is open and kids will have access to technology this year • Combined classes- expectation for learning from students are different. The teachers job is to challenge the kids where they are at. It provides a great opportunity for children to learn. The learning is more open ended and the teachers can help children grow up to their capacity. • Ventilation system: The ventilation system at Anderson was maintained over the summer and it is appropriate/up to standard. Windows and doors are open and classes are encouraged to go outside to do activities in open air. • Some teachers will take volunteers in the classroom. The library may need volunteers and PAC will need volunteers as the fundraising activities further shape up. Communication and social media skills are also required by PAC for support. • Grade 7 Luncheon: PAC has 500 CAD to organize something for all grade 7 kids that are graduating. It needs to be a parent initiative and a committee/ideas can further be discussed around spring break. • COVID safety in extra curricular activities: Anderson is focussed on getting its students together and play with each other. The school is not really focussing on inter-school games. Gym activities start and end with handwashing as do extra curricular activities. • Follow up discussion with Mr. Harrington about the school being able to accept donations for PAC (CC and Crista to follow up). It can be a possibility but a follow up meeting will help. • Garden shed was broken into – 850 CAD worth of materials was stolen. 250 CAD have been given by the district and the materials cost around 600 CAD – if PAC can help with this – that is great. School would

		<p>appreciate donations as in-kind support can be inconsistent. The district has ordered new locks and they will be installed soon. PAC members to reach out to Canadian Tire and Home Depot for some supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possibility of a parent/child gardening club?• Mud kitchen to be discussed in next meeting• Mitchell new playground: The maintenance assessment determined the playground needs repair.
	Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting October 13th at 6:45pm Same link, same password.