

Henry Anderson Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2022



Chair: Mary Hsi

Attendees: Sean Harrington (Principal), Leah Scharf (Vice-Principal), Crista Burke (Treasurer), Veronica Vertti (Co-Treasurer), Marine Walic (Co-Chair, acting Secretary), Cecilia Leung (CC), Gail Lam

Guest: Richard Lee, School Board Trustee, SD38

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting (April 13, 2022)

Moved by M. Walic; Seconded by C. Leung, all in favor. Approved.

2. Principal's Report - School Update (Sean Harrington, Leah Scharf)

- Track attack started for intermediate students, for 3 weeks, twice a week, with mini meet on June 3rd
- AnderSun day turned into game day for primary students, on June 10, details to come
- Wednesday mornings, soccer with Mrs Pauer; 3 teachers, very great turn out so far
- SQX dance grant fell through, won't charge us but does not sit well for school, can PAC help?
- About 20 people came to Saleema Noon meeting, there were great questions
- Some temporary contracts at school so we already know some teachers will leave; will know retirements in June
- ProD days, leadership week start of September for older students: admin working on it
- Grade 7 grad: June 27, swimming at South Arm for the grades 7, some parents are helping out, will use some PAC money for bringing treats, there will be a food truck (hotdog, hamburger stand)
- End of school year: there will be 2 separate assemblies, farewell in French then English, will meet teachers next week to see how to organize
- Kids really enjoying outdoor equipment carts, thank you!

3. School Board's update (Richard Lee)

- It's an update for past 2 months
- Budget made available to all trustees
- It would help if we send email with our questions prior to meeting
- Anti-bullying workshop: question regarding counselors in Richmond schools; parents were wondering if every school in Richmond has access to counselor, Richard will ask
- At Anderson, we have Kathy, she helps a lot, but we have only 2 days, as she works in 4 different schools; she is dealing with kids who are really struggling; need parent permission to see a counselor; everything is time intensive
- In case of bullying, counselor is not the first person to see, that would be the teacher, admin, then only after would be counselor

4. Treasurer's Report (Crista Burke)

- Deb has asked for the last day teachers can submit? Tentative is June 1st
- Expenses for picnic field trips: there has been some inquiries from teachers who want to expense snacks purchased: it is allowed by gaming grant so it's a yes!
- 50\$ transfer between 2 accounts
- Cheques sent to school for signatures: Fusion feast cheque to write as well; will also write cheque for the 2 high school scholarships - Reminder that next year will be last year we will be able to do that!; Cheque also for hockey net and outdoor cart

- SQX dance total was 1000\$; PAC will pay the whole amount, will write the cheque to Anderson then will pay SQX dance
- Need to do financial statement once these cheque runs are done
- Application for gaming grant is now open, we can follow up with report later

5. New Business/Questions

- Hot lunches:
 - Going very well, next one is Subway
 - 2 more on Fridays, for tracks and game days, asked by Sean (June 3 and 10): Pizza days
 - Crista will update on profit next time, see if there is any difference between pizza (1100\$ conservative) and subway (about half of pizza), will give numbers to teachers meeting
 - Find more about fundraising with mini donuts (CC)
- PAC Workshops (Mary Hsi)
 - 1st one, anti-bullying, quite a few people registered but not as many showed up
 - Donna, the main facilitator, will also be main facilitator for social media workshop;
 - Feedback: some parents were looking more for social media awareness
 - Incident at Boyd: kids didn't really know each other, assault was by surprise, boy has been charged so no more information, district is as equally concerned by victim and by perpetrator (Richard)
 - Sowon (RDPAC); kids will have EA if needed to help manage impulses; there is also a specific program in some schools
- Yearbook (CC)
 - Presale running right now
- Nominations for next year's PAC Executives
 - Is there any?
 - Election in June meeting?
 - Will advertise on school website and Newsletter
 - PAC need 3 positions to run: chair, vice chair and treasurer
- New business: Field trips, Teacher/Staff Appreciation
 - Field trip will cover snack
 - Teacher/staff appreciation: 500\$ for teacher; on June 30th, will do it with school to combine
 - Check how many volunteers and brainstorm idea; for volunteer 250\$

Adjournment at 8pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 @ 6:45pm - Zoom.