

Eagle View PAC Minutes – January 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Krystina Webb

In Attendance:

Alison Thomson, Santina Spencer, Meredith Walker, Kelly Phillips, Krystina Webb, Jana Relf

Guest Speaker - John Rogers, Town of View Royal Councillor

Welcomed & Introductions

Town of View Royal & Funding of Crossing Guards:

*John Rogers, Town of View Royal Counsellor, presented background on how View Royal has funded crossing guards for the past several years.

*Last year, with local crossing guard companies no longer operating, School District 61 provided a temporary option to have district staff fill the crossing guard positions, with funding from Town of View Royal.

*Town of View Royal council is to vote on whether the town will continue to fund crossing guards for this municipality. **Meeting and council vote to take place at View Royal Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan 17th at 7 pm.** Parents are encouraged to attend and/or contact local councillors with concerns/support for keeping crossing guards.

*Eagle View continues to encourage walk/bike/ride to school and PAC members present agreed that having the additional safety measure of crossing guards in place will support this initiative. PAC members also strongly agreed that crossing guards provide safety for children and their families while physically crossing busy and often dangerous road crossings; may reduce the chance of accidents while arriving and departing from a very busy parking lot; and act as a deterrent for child predators.

Principal's Report:

*Nothing to report

Treasurer's Update:

*Fun lunch funds have been deposited, but outgoing vendor payments are still pending.

*Cheques from Bottle Depot (\$637.70) and Hilltop (\$1,109.70) have been received and deposited.

Fun Lunch Report:

*Nothing to report

Fundraising:

*Variety Children's Charity Grant has been approved. Variety will match the PAC's fundraising efforts to purchase sensory equipment for the school in support of an inclusive learning environment. \$1,070.55 is being matched for a total of \$2,141.10. A list of items being purchased via TFH Special Needs Toys is available via the school office.

*Santina Spencer to order an outdoor banner and yard signs for bottle drives. Cost to be kept under \$200.

*Possible future bottle drive to be held in late March/early April. Santina Spencer to contact Bottle Depot for open dates. Type of bottle drive to be determined (sorted vs. no sort), and whether bottle pick up by volunteers is an option.

*Possible Grade 5 bottle drive to be held at the Bottle Depot – Santina Spencer to contact Bottle Depot for open dates.

*Purdy's Easter chocolates: the info package has been sent to the school and will arrive shortly. Leanne Fleming remains as the contact person for this fundraiser.

Upcoming Events:

*Family Literacy Week: January 23rd - 27th. Ongoing events will be taking place in the Eagle View library.

*Feb 14th: - Red, White & Pink Day

-Various fun stations to be set up in classrooms in the morning.

-Kindness assembly in the afternoon; primary grades performing; families welcome

*Possible Easter events. Jana to speak with staff; PAC to follow up at February meeting.

*Year End Fair/Celebration: -Country Fair theme, including games and activities.

-Santina Spencer to contact Spectrum High School Leadership Program for possible volunteer hours.

-Follow up discussion to take place at February meeting. Bring ideas.

*Year End Assembly and Grade 5 Celebration - June 23rd

*Beckwith Park - possible dates are June 27th (1st choice), June 28th (2nd choice) or June 26th (3rd choice). The school is looking into availability of park and buses. PAC budget allows for up to \$1200 in support of this trip (year end - \$500 & buses - \$700).

Other Business:

*The trees originally planted along the sides of the back field will be removed and replanted along the back driveway, to allow for better use of the area for track and field.

*Forest areas are undergoing assessment. There is a possibility that decaying trees will be removed. A portion of the fence (between the school and dog park) is to be lifted and fill will be brought in to protect tree roots. Wood chips will be added to the area, as well as a new pathway constructed. Wood chips will also be brought in for other forest areas, including near the new construction.

*A request was made to have arrows repainted and a one-way sign placed along the school driveway & parking lot. There have been several recent instances noted of drivers entering the parking lot by driving the wrong way.

*The school has ongoing need for updated technology (Chrome books, etc); staff members may present a request for funding to the PAC at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 by Krystina Webb.