

Eagle View Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Santina Spencer.

In attendance:

Susan Hensen, Leanne Fleming, Jess Velikovsky, Krystina Webb, Kelly Phillips, Meredith Walker, Santina Spencer, Jason Baker, Jenelle Yilla, Jana Relf and Dan Roy.

Principle's Report

- Clubs and intramurals are starting back up, including basketball for the grade 4s and 5s. Other clubs currently being planned include Drawing club, Reading club, and a potential Origami making club. The school also puts out some simple toys for kids to play with (e.g. rubix cubes) while the field area is closed for the season.
- The gym is currently open during the first recess to every grade except kindergarten to shoot hoops.
- The annual lockdown drill will be held on January 23rd. The drill is not a surprise drill, so kids will be notified ahead of time.
- Kindergarten registration will be held during the week of the 27th of January. Currently, there is room for 35 students, although that may change depending on registration demand and support from the district.
- Family literacy day is the 27th of January. Kids are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite literary character.
- There will be presentations at school on the 29th and 31st of January, including the BC lions and an inclusive learning program
- For parents of grade 5 students, the deadline to apply for a school transfer outside of your catchment area is coming up in early February.
- Pink/Red/White day is coming up, and kids are encouraged to dress in those colors.

Financial Update

Fundraising updates

- Total earnings from a number of fundraisers was reported, including:
 - The purdies fundraiser earned \$499.66.
 - The bottle depot has earned \$109 so far this year.
 - Peninsula coop has earned \$89 so far this year.
 - The Art cards program raised \$1300.

- December's movie night grossed \$735, although this doesn't account for money spent on popcorn yet.
- The Hilltop poinsettia fundraiser raised \$291, which is lower than it has been previously. It was suggested that the PAC consider not running this fundraiser next year, as it seems a number of other groups are running a very similar fundraiser, and it requires more intensive work than other, more successful fundraisers.

Funding Requests

- Speakers for the gym
 - The school is requesting the PAC consider funding new speakers for the gym to be used during school concerts and events. Currently, speakers are only located on one side of the gym, meaning that the sound is uneven.
 - The PAC requested more information, including a quote, before moving forward.
- Support for school reading goals / Classroom books
 - More books are needed for classroom reading. There is particular need for guided reading books (that must be bought as a set) and books that can be used in support of the school's reading goals, such as the reading buddies, a program which saw a great deal of success in the beginning of the year.
 - The PAC voted in favour of providing \$4000 in funds for new books.

Home Alone / Babysitting / Island Sexual Health courses

- The PAC investigated the possibility of supporting "Home Alone" courses for older kids, including quotes from two groups, but ultimately decided against action other than drawing the attention of parents to the available course taking place at Juan de Fuca rec center in a future school email.
 - The two quotes were from:
 - Ready set kidz, offering courses for kids in the 8 to 12 age range. The total cost would be \$69 per student, with the organization holding the classes at the school, outside of classroom hours.
 - The Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre, offering courses for kids over 10 years old. The total cost is \$39 per student, taking place at the rec centre.
- Island sexual health courses will be coming in June to do a lesson with the grade 4s and 5s. There is also an optional parent workshop that goes along with the lessons, in addition to take-home materials provided for parents after the

lessons. The program has been popular with parents in previous years. Chantal Levesque will look into the possibility of hosting the parent workshops this year.

Parent Expertise & Volunteering Opportunities

- There is proposal to have parents hosting workshops during lunches if they have a particular skill or interest to share. The PAC is investigating interest in this program.

Future Events

- The PAC is requesting ideas for events that could be run to celebrate easter during school ours, to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- There is interest in holding a Puzzle Swap before spring break, potentially during the 1st week of February. Parents would be invited to bring in a puzzle and take a new puzzle.
- The 5th or 6th of June has been proposed for the annual Spring Fair, in order to coordinate around common barriers to attendance such as track and field. The proposed date will be reevaluated next meeting.
 - The PAC is requesting ideas from parents.

Other Business

- The annual school field trip to Beckwith park will take place on June 23rd. The school staff would like to request parent involvement in planning coordinated activities for the kids such as face painting, crafts, and field games.
 - The PAC will investigate interest in volunteering to run activities.
 - Susan Hensen has volunteered to run a crafting station.
- There is a large number of parents who have yet to pick up report cards from Parent Connect.