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Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Attendees:

Administration: Ms. Wong, Ms. Norman

PAC Executive: Anna Seto, Lisa Wangh, Sherel Loo, Wendy Ng, Joanne Chang, Samantha Shi, Jaimee Aragones, Michelle Sue, Iris Lee

Parents: 3 parents

1. **Welcome and call to order**
2. **Approval of November November 15, 2023 Minutes**
Lisa and Wendy approved
3. **Chair Reports**

RAM Update (Jaimee): Fundraiser had glitches because email not getting to parents. They plan to do another fundraiser sometime in Spring for freeze dried candies.

RDPA Update (Iris): PAC 101 coming February 6, 2024, 7pm on Zoom. There will be 4 sessions running at the same time. Chair, Treasurer, Fundraising, and Dry After Grad. There will be more information posted.

Hot Lunch Update (Joanne): Everyone has email now, thanks for promotional template by Lisa. Pizza Hut rescheduled to February 20th. Open up ordering again have until February 12th to order. Lu Rou Fan Tasty, 2 sizes, mini size good for K to Grade 3. February 15th is Ya Ya Ya Ramen. Onigiri, recommend 2 pieces for Grade 3 and up. 101 Boba there's 1 caffeinated, and some non-caffeinated drinks with real fruits and smoothies. On Munch a Lunch now. A&W doesn't come with fries. Added apple turnover. Deadline for ordering have up to 8 days prior. Email at gardencitypac@gmail.com for questions.

Fundraising Update (Anna): Plan to have another movie night beginning of March. Deciding for March 8, 2024. Last movie night was successful, raised about \$800. Last year we did Mr. Cooper's pies and maybe idea again. Idea to do more popcorn. Has seen fundraiser for macaroni bites, samosas, mini sliders and can look into these.

4. **Treasurer's Report (Wendy):**

PAC account hot lunch balance \$13,656.36 includes all events payments. For first term, total amount raised \$2,738.97.

Fundraising Events
Growing Smiles \$148.69
Movie night \$714.04
Popcorn Hot Chocolate \$962.62

Expenses
PAC classroom \$544.88
Field tried supplement \$5,670
Resources \$195.84
Library \$814.15
Popcorn machine \$766.97

Balance \$15,705.27

Gaming account no changes \$9,465.50

5. Administrator Report

Ms Wong: In January already starting to look into September. Making decisions in resource purchases and PAC wish list items. Looking at budgets and Montessori budgets. Gone through priority 1 registration and now priority 2. Looking at students and support needs. Student Learning Surveys and Parent Learning Survey coming up. EDI survey with UBC partnership coming up. Thank you for delivery of information on snow days and power outage and sending communication on WeChat.

High school transitioning already sent email to Grade 7 parents advising tomorrow night Spotlight on Palmer at 7pm. Rail and Incentive program speakers will be there. Deadline for Grade 7 course selections due Friday January 26, 2024.

Fencing around soccer box. Parking blocks were removed. After school parking lot pickup, no place for people to park. Had by law visitor come and in one day gave 9 warning infractions.

Only Palmer will come to talk about the school. If interested in other high schools, parents can look at Richmond district website to see other high school programs, but you will have to apply because out of catchment.

Grade 4 and Grade 7 will be doing learning surveys happening in February. Opportunity for parents to provide feedback as well.

Ms. Norman – Feeding Futures program and Food Bank program. Schools are having fridges delivered and installed to have communal food. Monthly food shipments to fill the fridge. If students are hungry it is there. Initial months is feeding frenzy but then quiets down. Removes stigma. Government supported.

Ms. Wong – Lots of different clubs, chess club, crochet club, choir etc. and lots of opportunities for kids to join. Strongly encourage kids to volunteer. Basketball is for Grade 6 and 7. When lacking interest may open to Grade 5.

Staffing: Ms. Tang had her baby boy Isaac. Ms. Titifanua is returning after Spring Break. Have Ms. Bruschetta Mon-Wed and Ms. Lam is doing Thurs Fri. With Ms. Tang's position there are some challenges filling her position and we have Teacher On Call Lynne Wilkinson until Spring Break.

Reminder extended leaves of absences. 20 days holding tight to that. Waiting for Spirit Wear. For 75th anniversary planning, need to start. Have May 23, 2024 as date. There will be parent meeting for Grade 7 parents in April.

Zoom webinar if you are interested in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to understand SD 38 initiatives and commitment as part of strategic plan. Will help to drive conversation and district's vision. Building language opportunities to explore REDI concepts. Two dates on January 25, 2024 at 7pm and January 30, 2024 at 11am. Running twice but same session. Go to Garden City website there is a QR code.

6. Additional Business

Volunteers still looking for early warning parents to help on Thursday. Ms. Johnson looking for library volunteers, specifically for chess club. Monday, Tuesday and Friday. If interested in volunteering, please email gardencitypac@gmail.com

7. Next PAC Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8. Adjournment 7:52 pm