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Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Attendees:

Administration: Ms. Wong

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

Parents: 5 parents

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Approval of October 18, 2023 Minutes

Lisa and Wendy approved

3. Chair Reports

RAM Update (Jaimee): Fundraiser to differentiate Montessori from regular program. New fundraiser freeze dried candy to come out after Black Friday. Montessori survey coming out. October 25th focus group was successful.

RDPA Update (Iris): Didn't have a meeting this month. There is PAC 101 - November 21, 2023 Zoom meeting. Posted on Facebook site.

Hot Lunch Update (Joanne): Boston pizza this Friday, then Yummy Pizza, Pizza Hut then Taco Luis. Have scheduled January to April. New vendor is Taiwanese restaurant. We have new popcorn machine for movie night. Try to have 8 volunteers for hot lunch.

Fundraising Update (Anna): Movie Night, November 17, 2023. Mario Bros movie starts at 6pm, doors open at 5pm. Sushi and pizza available. Popcorn and hot chocolate for sale. Growing Smiles November 21 deadline for ordering. Pickup on December 6 from 2pm -3:30pm.

4. Treasurer's Report

PAC account hot lunch \$6,270.83 includes advanced payments. Expenses paid \$114.45 for food safe certification. \$92.40 for popcorn bags, so balance is \$14,593.78.

Gaming no changes since last meeting so balance is \$9,465.50. Budgeting \$7,750.

Ms. Wong says can remove Primary PE out of PAC expenditure and take out of learning resources budget.

End of May cheques for 16 classrooms. Ms. Wong will ask teachers if can do half now, will take it back to staff during staff meeting first week of December.

Lisa said classroom allotment updated from \$200 to \$300. Babysitting course removed this year, hold off until next year. Camp carries over and will see this every year on the budget.

Budget approved

Ms. Wong brought up possible Kernels fundraiser – full now and taking orders for 2024 so something to think about.

Anna mentioned looking into photo booths for holidays, raffling, teddy bears. Maybe walkathon association to earth day. Coin fundraiser.

5. Administrator Report

Ms Wong: November looking at budget and learning resources and what the school needs. Opportunity for teachers to collaborate with ELL teachers, see how to best deliver the program. Thank Ms. Norman and Tang for the Remembrance Day ceremony. Thanks to families for coming. This Friday November 17 is Artona retakes. Class pictures with grade numbers were wrong. They have resent the prints today with correct information.

Learning updates met, getting closer to written learning updates. Will be delivered digitally. When you go to Garden City website under My Parent Portal, have instruction to MyEd Portal. Ministry coordinates for all BC students. Kids by class are sorted by this portal. Parents can have access to this. Deadline to access digitally and you can print it out. School will always have hardcopy on file. When child moves, name is taken out of the system.

Volleyball is in full season. Played 4 games have 2 games left. Grade 7s will play November 29 at Richmond High. Tomorrow's after school practice is cancelled.

Having craft club started a week ago with Mrs. McGregor, happening on Tuesdays. Crochet club will continue on Fridays.

Ms, Sakai started maternity leave last day was last Friday. Mrs. See-Lowther filling in temporarily until July 15, 2024.

November 22 is performance for Gr 4/5 and Grade 6/7. Two separate presentations about taking care of ourselves. Teaching kids to be aware in digital citizen world, social media, being safe and making good choices.

FSA completed written and online portion gone to district, parents will get results in early December. On FSA webpage gives information about how the school uses the information.

Health and Safety – few classes with high absences due to sickness. School has sent out notice in October with Vancouver Coastal Health guidelines, if you need rapid test, they do distribute for free at pharmacies. All staff and kids should stay home if they are sick. When high level of absences obligated to send email to health and safety to get work order for deep cleaning. Gastrointestinal illness should stay home. Appropriate control precautions should be used.

Remind families that if away longer than 20 continuous days, school can de-register the child.

Spirit Wear before the school year ends. Ms. Wong sent to vendor Wildcat since 1949 logo. Few years ago Garden City cheerleaders shirts, getting someone to make the image and sending as part of spirit wear. Think about tote bags. Gold colour and maybe navy/black.

Lisa: Maybe we can do fundraiser with spirit wear/tote bags

6. Additional Business

Reminders:

Photo retakes November 17

November 17 movie night Mario Bros

Growing Smile Poinsettias deadline November 21

Munch a Lunch deadline Thursday evening

7. Next PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

8. Adjournment 8:07 pm