

**Quilchena Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

**ZOOM Meeting - Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

In attendance: Ivan (Chair), Jen (Vice-Chair), Susan (Secretary), Lily (Treasurer), Kirsten Wallace (Principal), Alia, Brent, Crystal, Elsa, Pawan, Kathryn, Lana, Lucy, Sonia

# *We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.*

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

* Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Adoption of the Minutes and Agenda –** Alia, Lily. Approved.
2. **Old Business**

* Legends Haul – Brent – ~$1000 in sales in December; ~$50 will come by cheque
* **ACTION**: Brent will send reminders to Jennifer to promote on our PAC Facebook account.
* We encourage parents to spread the word if you have your own Twitter account
* **ACTION**: Brent will create a flyer that can be sent out to all families to let them know about Legends Haul since it is a new fundraiser.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** – Lily

* See attachment.

1. **New Business**

* Fruit and Veggie Program – Lana and Jane will help wash and serve fruit
* Hot Lunch Days – discussed possibility of restarting. Need to consider that there are two lunch times: 12:00, 12:30. Food would need to be individually packaged, and even better, sorted by classroom when delivered/picked-up. Need enough volunteers to organize and deliver to classrooms. **ACTION**: Lana and Jane will look into possible food options.  
  Volunteers who can help: Kathryn – serving food; Alia, Sonia – tallying
* Treasurer Training – Lily’s son is in Grade 7, so we will need a new Treasurer next year. Lily is wondering if anyone is interested in learning more about the role of the Treasurer between now and the end of the year. Duties include: presenting a Treasurer’s report each PAC meeting, applying for an annual Gaming Grant, writing cheques, etc. If anyone is interested in learning more about the role of the Treasurer, please let Lily know. Alia has expressed interest.

1. **Principal’s Report** – Kirsten

* 172 students; 146 at school, 26 Transitional learners – slight decrease
* TL extended until March 26th
* 8 International students pending – 1 has arrived and is coming on Feb. 1st, 7 pending
* Heather Lawson – Trustee newly assigned to us
* New EA – Ms. K – shared with Grauer
* Health and Safety protocols still being followed, lots of daily reminders for kids at school
* Basketball not happening; gym skills at first Runch time in cohort
* Outdoor learning becoming more of a norm – outside in all types of weather
* Summative Assessment – Feb. 9th
* Early dismissal – Feb. 11th
* Pro D – Feb. 12th
* DARE – virtual for Gr. 4 – 7 students this year
* FSA – Feb. 12 – March 18
* MDI – March 5
* Learning Survey – TWA
* Hugh Boyd – Gr. 7 transition – virtual
* Pink Shirt Day – Feb. 24th – creating community while staying apart
* Hip Hop – amazing!!
* Saleema Noon booked on April 27 for parents, and April 30 for students
* Ultimate Frisbee confirmed for April 20-23
* 3rd term – Ms. Zhang (band teacher) will be joining our school – coming to her 3rd school this year – not yet sure if she will be teaching band or another instrument such as ukuleles
* District Lease Option for Technology: schools are able to lease iMacs and iPads for 3 years. Fixed cost over 3 years, return iPads after three years. 30 iPads costs about $5000 a year. Currently have one district set of 30 iPads (renewed 2022 June), one set (15) district iMacs, and one of our own iPad 6s – 30 odd mixture in classrooms. Positives: keep iPads current. Negatives: takes up a lot of our budget, may want to consider for next year? Mrs. Wallace will order 15 from school budget - $2500 over 3 years. PAC can consider paying for another 15.

1. **Committee Reports & Correspondence**

Playground – Brent & Pawan

* Kirsten reported that we are 3rd on the list; no other updates at this time

Fundraising – Lana

* Gift card sales after spring break
* Idea: Pizza company blitz – for every pizza purchased, PAC receives a certain amount. **ACTION**: Lana will look into this possibility for a fundraiser.

Food for Kids – Katharina not present to report.

RDPA – Alia & Crystal – No info to report.

1. **Announcements/Reminders**

* Bookmark our PAC website: <http://quilchena.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council> to get updates and info. The PAC is also on Facebook! Search for “Quilchena Parent Advisory Council” and “like” our page to get updates on your newsfeed.
* PAC Meeting Dates for 2021 at 7:00 pm: Feb. 24, April 21, May 19, June 16 (note: no meetings in Dec. or March)

1. **Meeting Adjourned**  - 8:06 p.m.