

Sardis Elementary PAC Meeting

February 21, 2023 – PAC Minutes

Start Time: 7: 00 pm

Attendance: Rae Ann Ricka, Aleena Webber, Brandi Buell, Lindsay Sanderson, Joanna Kasper, Amanda Darby,

Land Acknowledgement: We are privileged to be working and learning on the Stó:lō unceded traditional territory of the Pilalt, Semá:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw tribes.

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from January 2022:

Motion to adopt minutes by Rae Ann. Seconded by Amanda. Passed.

Principal's Report:

Joanna:

Staff Changes:

- Ms. Barbosa (EA) will continue to be off until the end of April and will continue to be replaced by Mrs. Werner.
- Ms. Kim New replacing Mrs. Perkins (EA)
- Mrs. Rempel will be working part time up to March 3, after which Ms. Penner takes over until the end of the year.
- Mr. Hagkul continues to be away for the time being.
- Mrs. Creelman (EA) is taking maternity leave starting at Spring Break.
- Mrs. Duerksen (EA) will also be going on maternity leave at some point after Spring Break.
- Mr. Letsen is away until March 8.
- Mrs. Kasper will be away for five weeks after Spring Break; waiting to hear from the District what the plan for coverage will be for her.

Affordability Fund: \$22,850 (\$50 per student) was dedicated to our school but only to be used to provide food, clothing and financial assistance to families in need. Teachers were asked to remind parents to ask for access to that money if they need it.

Breakdown of how those funds have been used so far:

Family food \$1235 (gift cards)

School food \$321.30 with an additional \$300 out of indigenous program account,
clothing shoes, hoodies, jackets \$532.98,

helping with student fees (field trips and school supplies \$33.80)

The District is asking ministry to roll over funds to future years but are currently unsure of the plan.

IPAD covers were ordered and are on the way.

Question for Joanna: What is the plan for the rest of the Affordability Fund? Money can only be spent on families that need additional support, we will continue to pay for food, field trips, and student needs. If

the money does not carry over to next year, we will spend some of the money on non-perishables to be used by the school in the future.

Question for Joanna: Do we have the option of making boxes for families that need them for the summer like the starfish backpack program. Yes, that is a possibility.

There is a high level of frustration that money was designated to the school and so many restrictions were put on the use of these funds. Other schools with even higher needs have also been unable to spend more than \$5000 because of restrictions.

Question for Joanna: Will we have a hard time to spend the remaining \$20,000? Yes, it will be difficult to spend all of that money by then end of the year with the current restrictions on spending.

Question for Joanna: There is a lack of EA's and a high level of EA's experiencing burnout in the District. Is this having a large impact at our school? There don't appear to be casual replacements, so they are not able to be replaced if they are sick. Sometimes we are 2-3 EAs short. We must prioritize student safety over academic support. We are also lacking a part-time Indigenous EA and a job posting has not been made. No children at our school have ever been told they cannot come to school; we have always been able to make arrangements, moving staff around to cover those who need it.

Question for Joanna: When an EA must take time off it can throw the children they work with off routine, or the kids miss that relationship, and the job of the EA is even more difficult when they return. Is burnout a trend at Sardis? While admin doesn't deny that this can happen, it has not been communicated to her as an issue happening at Sardis EL.

We are specifically asking about EA's but understand that teachers also are under extra strain.

Pink shirt day is tomorrow!

DPAC Report: Next DPAC meeting Feb 23 at 7pm on Zoom. It is a general meeting.

Contact sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca for meeting ID

School board trustee Carin Bondar is invited to attend the April meeting and the Carnival June 1.

Treasurer Report:

We did get an invoice for the ukulele holders; Ms. Blessin was over by \$33.96. Motion to pay the difference by Aleena from the general account, seconded by Rae Ann. Passed

For seed money \$3325 was budgeted based on last year's amount and we received just over \$4200 this year!

General Business/Open Floor:

Super Readers will count 150 nights slips and we will send out prizes before spring break.

Need to cross check some families with Joanna so we can approve them to add the Facebook page. We will only allow access to the PAC Facebook page to new kindergarten families who are registered at the school.

Purdy's fundraiser will be coming out for Easter, this is the last one dedicated for IPAD repayment.

April 15th is the family photo fundraiser; more info to come.

Mrs. Duval's class sent in thank you notes for the PAC. We loved them!! They will be selling cookbooks they made to fundraise for a field trip to Science World for \$5 each and will be for sale next week.

Next meeting Wednesday April 25, 2023, at 7pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned 8:03

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