John A. Hutton Elementary PAC

General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2023

Time: 6:00PM via Zoom

Present: Peter Scott, Tamara Ogloff, Heather McIver Campeau, Nicole Seminoff, Larisa Van Marck, Beata Fartel, Melanie Hogarth

Regrets: Shannon Donald, Ashley Stooshinoff

Call to Order at: 6:31 PM

Chairs remarks:

1. Motion to approval Minutes of previous General Meeting, dated September 18, 2023 – **Motion Second Carried (MSC)**

2. Motion to adopt Agenda of today’s meeting - **MSC**

3. Reports:

(a) Principal’s Report – Peter Scott

September/October

- successful Intermediate Terry Fox Run at BCSS and the primary students did one at Hutton

- Learn 2 Ride completed for 3 classes, grades 4-5 mostly

- Family Literacy Night was a huge success

- Fire Prevention Week happened over course of 2 days

- Truth and Reconciliation Day

- Lummi Stick tournament was great

- Art Start performance was excellent and performed at all grade levels

- Border Bruins have been coming to work with literacy support and have been connection well with the students

- Spheros and drones training with students and staff – making a team for competition

- Soccer play day with all schools – Hutton was undefeated and let in a single goal – next up is volleyball being played twice a week

- Primary literacy groups have started and students are grouped according to reading level and skill – give them a way to meet other students and teachers

- Primary Fun Friday was art themed – next Fun Friday will be STEM themed

- Story Cart Workshop – able for K-2 students to tell a story with pulling an object from a cart – this allows those who can’t read yet to be able to tell a story and work with the flow of a story and tell these stories to teachers and students

- Early dismissal for parents teacher interviews happening October 17 and 18

- Halloween Parade for primary students to happen again – costume restrictions will be put in place

- Staff appreciation wall to be shared

- Next assembly is October 26 at 9:00 am

- Picture retakes on October 19

- Request for form that allows teachers to put in requests for funding support for classroom activities

- Request for getting dodgeballs for intramurals

- Question re: what is being done for intermediate literacy

- FSA’s being done

- Plan to do lit circles where kids will preview 10-15 different types of books and will pick their top 3

- groups will be based on the book they chose and/or reading level,

- students will read a section and have a team discussion, and take on different roles (illustrator, question asker, etc.)

- groups will be facilitated by a teacher or EA (each group has adult with them just to overlook, not to run)

- discussions will take up to one hour, which gives students a chance to talk with each other

- there are no wrong answers, but gives students a deeper meaning of what they learned from the reading,

- templates used to prompt learning, journalling to reflect their understanding

- once started will be 2 to 3 times a week, sometimes twice a day

(b) Trustee’s Report – Larisa Van Marck

- final student enrolment count reported – projected count was 1,292 and actual count was 1,312 up 19 kids

- biggest change was at GFSS adding 16, Perley adding 6, and Hutton adding 7

- Hutton Kindergarten enrolment was down by 14 (72 only)

- Hutton biggest change was seen in Grade 3

- bus transportation policy needs a complete rework

- if within certain distance, you’re not guaranteed spot on bus

- a few routes are at capacity, and need to start looking at walk limits which is currently just under 2KM

- need to look at courtesy riders (ex: going somewhere other than home twice a week after school, but don’t live on that specific route

- this issue will be going out to public after tomorrow’s Board of Education Meeting, and will be available on the website for a month for feedback

- no fee for riding yet – revamping routes in works

- Hutton was approved for $80,000 for the school food infrastructure program – to be used for a breakfast room redo with the request of new cabinetry, the purchase of commercial fridge, dishwasher, stove

- all schools getting funded Hutton $80,000 / Greenwood $65,000 / BCSS $15,000 / Perley $15,000

- unsure of when funding is coming in, but questions to be asked at tomorrow’s meeting include: Is the first phase disbursement? If more money is required could submissions be made for a top up?

- additional food program money (Breakfast Food Program) has funds that will go towards other stuff like groceries.

(c) Treasurer’s Report – Tamara Ogloff

- end of September total just over $19,000 in chequing account

- end of September total at $100 in gaming account, but we have been approved for the $4,600 grant from the province and that was deposited in early October

(d) Teacher’s Report – n/a

4. New Business

(a) Colibri Snack Bag Fundraiser – Is offered to all but is aimed for primary families and will close on October 23

(b) Poinsettia and Greenery Fundraiser – waiting to hear from DeVry Greenhouses for delivery dates for poinsettias (hoping for December 5)

(c) Purdy’s Fundraiser – looking to have same deliver day of December 5 with the poinsettias

(d) Hot Lunch Scheduled – Dylan Zorn to take responsibility for tallying the orders, and Heather to contact the other parent volunteers to keep the hot lunch program running

(e) Apple Fundraiser completed - $500 was raised

5. Meeting adjourned: 7:12 PM

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend and are encouraged to participate.

**Next PAC Meeting: November 20, 2023 at Hutton Library 6:30 PM**