

## PAC Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2015



### List of Attendees:

Dawn Armstrong	Morgan/Piva/Bymoen	Sandy Matthews	Piva
Pierre Filisetti	Piva/Bymoen	Krystal Williams	Piva
Christy Danielson	Morgan	Jordan Nicholson	Morgan
Francy Howard	Bymoen	Rachel de Kerf	McDaniel
Blair Lloyd	Principal		

6:30 pm **WELCOME!** Conversation regarding effective meetings (hand out) and respecting the time of those here for the meeting. Meetings are 6:30 - 7:30 and we should do our best to meet that. If others have items they would like to discuss that weren't brought up during the meeting, they can continue on if they like and/or go for coffee. Emails in between meetings are another way to communicate ideas for upcoming meetings.

Minutes from last meeting adopted, Sandy motioned, Pierre 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Introductions: a couple of new faces, nice!

Blair: has been able to gather emails for all parents of the school, who have given one, and an email list is in place. Another way to get out PAC news and information.

Francy: brought to the PAC an offer from the Aberdeen PAC to "partner/Sister PAC". They raised an overwhelming \$40,000 last year and want to share with Stuart Wood to promote Health and Wellness by donating money to Stuart Wood for Outdoor/sports equipment. Blair has an inventory/wish list of such items that the school is lacking. A formal request (letter) needs to be done up to the Aberdeen PAC with the amount we are requesting and what the funds will be used for. It was suggested to attach Blair's wish list to the letter.

Francy also works for the United Way which donated a \$1,500 gift card to Staples to Stuart Wood. Each classroom received some funds and the remainder was used to purchase a laptop for the LRT.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to November! Thank you to all our families for making October a great one here at Stuart Wood Elementary. Students have been working very hard- all of you should be proud of the achievement your child has had this term. I have noticed students busy in various capacities: academics, field trips, sporting events, assemblies, Art-4-Fun, Cook It! Try It! Love It! and Halloween dance to name a few. As we roll into November, the weather has started to cool- our custodian has tracked the weather patterns and it typically snows by November 19th...Brrr. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

### Remembrance Day

Just a reminder that the school is closed for REMEMBRANCE DAY on Wednesday, November 11th. Enjoy this extra special day with family. We will have our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday Nov. 10 at 10:45 am. All parents are welcome.

### Naming Our New School On McGill Road

Teachers, students and parents have been asked to give input on naming our new location on McGill Road. In accordance with school district policy, the name 'Stuart Wood' will stay with the building located on St. Paul Street. Therefore, the school on McGill Road, will need to be renamed. Until November 30th, parents, students, and staff are invited to give their

input on naming the 'new' school located on 492 McGill Road. Please click [here](#) or visit our school website and click on the survey link. We thank you for your input!

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)  
POLICY 1112.2 NAMING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

'Schools with attached grounds and playgrounds shall be named after their geographic location. When this is not possible, the Superintendent, after consulting with members of the school's community and others as may be considered appropriate, shall bring three possible names forward to the Board of Education for its consideration.'

### **First Term Report Cards**

Elementary first term report cards will come home with your child on Friday, December 4th. Report cards always come home in a brown district envelope. Please be sure to SIGN this envelope as acknowledgement that you have seen the report card and then please return it to your child's teacher. If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, teacher emails are located on our main school website.

Parents, please note also that the report card coming home will look different than other years. Intermediate students will not have a Work Habits box (G S N) on their report card. Teachers in intermediate will discuss work habits anecdotally in the Social Responsibility course box instead. Parents should note that the report card length will also be succinct and not as lengthy as it has been in the past. Our Term Overviews that we have sent home at the beginning of the term have all the Intended Learning Outcomes your child was going to learn, the report card is the assessment of those, but you will not see all the ILO's listed again in the report card for your child. Please refer to the overview the teacher sent home in October or with the report card for that information.

### **Christmas Concert Dates**

The Christmas concert will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Kindergarten to grade 3 will have an afternoon and evening performance on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Grades 4-7 will have an afternoon performance and evening performance on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safe Arrival Program**

"Parents" – The Safe Arrival Program is for the safety of your child(ren). It is your duty as a parent to call the school if your child will be late or absent. We ask you to call early in the morning or on the weekend if your child will be away from school for sickness, late for appointments etc. or call the school (250) 374-1755. Students arriving at any time after class attendance is taken must check in at the office. Please have your child SIGN IN at the office when they arrive late or are leaving early for an appointment.

### **Being on time**

A reminder that school begins at 8:30 am, and the entrance bell rings at 8:20 am. Teachers have noticed that students who arrive late find it extremely difficult transitioning into the classroom once teaching has begun. Our timetable is structured so that every instructional minute counts. When your child arrives late, it compromises their learning time.

### **Inside/Outside Shoes**

All of our students are expected to have a pair of shoes (running shoes are recommended) to change into during snow & wet weather. This is to help keep our floors clean and dry and reduce the possibility of any slipping accidents. We appreciate parents making sure that your child has some appropriate indoor footwear! We also appreciate the consideration of parents who remove their wet footwear as well.

### **Parking & Student Safety**

Parents are reminded that the school parking lot is limited to STAFF PARKING ONLY. To help ensure the safety of our students, parents should not be driving through this lot at any time

to drop off or pick up students. Parents are encouraged to drop off their children along the front or back of the school in the morning or afternoon. Vehicles entering the parking lot present a danger to our students. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Staying Connected with our School**

We encourage all parent(s) to stay connected with the school by signing up for the PAC/School Facebook page or email list serve. If you have not already been receiving emails from the school, simply phone the school and update your email address. We will add your address to our contact list and you will receive updates from time to time. Also, if you search the 'official Stuart Wood Elementary' facebook page, you can join and get regular updates from the school and PAC.

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and found is starting to get to the top of the box!! Please stop by at any time to have a look if your child is missing an item (or two!) of clothing! The Lost & Found bin is located in the front entrance of the school. Also, we have a little box at the office which has glasses, jewellery etc.

### **Found4Kids**

This is a program for recycled clothing (left over in District school lost & found bins) that one of our industrious school district parents has coordinated for all students in School District #73. The actual store is located in the Sahali Mall and is amazingly clean and clothing is well displayed. There is an abundance of clean clothing available in all sizes for both elementary and high school students. You can visit the store by contacting [found4kids@gmail.com](mailto:found4kids@gmail.com) and take along a coupon you can pick up from either campus administrator. If you need a coupon for the Found4Kids store for admittance at any time, please see Mr. Lloyd the office.

### **Stuart Wood Elementary Spirit Wear**

If you are looking for unique Christmas presents for your child or relatives, please consider purchasing Stuart Wood Elementary 'Spirit Wear'. Orders can be placed through on our online ordering system found on our main school website or facebook page. Money used to buy the clothing goes towards helping the school.

### **Book Fair**

Stuart Wood is excited to host the Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, November 16th to 20th in our library. Drop by the school between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. daily to enter free draws, and browse through the books available. Cash and debit/credit cards will be accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Volleyball and Basketball**

The Volleyball regular season is coming to an end and now it is time to spike it up a notch for the Playoffs. Good luck to both teams! We are currently looking for volunteers to coach our basketball teams. If you can help or know someone who can coach our basketball teams, please contact Mr. Lloyd at the office.

### **Mary Poppins Performance**

On December 9th multiple classes at our school will be travelling to the Sagebrush Theatre to see the performance of Mary Poppins. This is an enhancement to our Arts Education curriculum. Thank you parents for ensuring your child's fee is paid (\$7.00).

### **TREASURE'S REPORT**

Has been busy getting all of the gaming reports up-to-date.

Will work towards doing monthly reports.

Gaming Account: \$4,200    General Account: \$2,500

## **TEACHER REQUESTS**

PAC donation: Teacher's Slush Fund: \$125/class, LRT's, music program and Principal: \$1,500 - cheque written and disbursed

Principal: partial admission and transportation to Mary Poppins performance for intermediate classes: \$900 - cheque written and disbursed

Principal: Technology: Chrome Books, especially useful for students that have sensory output difficulties: 5 at \$250 = \$1,250 - cheque written and disbursed

Fast Eddy: raises fund for Alzheimer's and Breast Cancer, coming to share with the intermediate classes his run across Canada: \$100 donation to present - cheque written and disbursed

## **New Business – Fundraising, etc.**

Discussed changes to the Newsletter, do quarterly rather than monthly

Goodbye Community Carnival discussion - should focus on the kids move to a new school rather than a party for Kamloops... Maybe load up the busses and go up to Beattie for a tour?

Fun Fair could be a separate event - publicized

Fundraisers:

Great Little Coupon Book: raised \$440

Spirit Clothing: vendor offered online ordering and is currently setting up our page

November:    Fresh is Best - Dawn/Christy - rescheduled or spring?  
                  Art Cards - Sandy  
                  Purdys - Dawn

December: Christmas Concert Bake Sale

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm**