

## 8 April Beattie Elementary PAC Meeting via Zoom Minutes

(School is currently closed during the Covid-19 Pandemic)

Start 10:32

In attendance: Doug, Dawn, Patricia, Jes, Mr Lloyd, Rachel, Tara, Elya, Katrina, Bambi, Jennifer H, Katrina, Jane

**Minutes:** Dawn motions and Rachel seconds that the March minutes be accepted.

**Principal's report:** (see attached) Mr Lloyd discussed how we missed our day of recognition yesterday at Beattie. He went on to discuss how 13 divisions is the forecast for next year. Like all programs, the Spark program has been put on hold. Mr Lloyd sought thoughts on how to encourage Beattie parents and students to fill out the student learning survey as only 4% have been completed at this time.

**Treasurer's report:** Tara reports that there is \$9731 in the general account and \$6816 in the gaming account.

### **Old Business**

Legacy Grant (to fund our Beattie Garden Project) has been submitted but there has been no confirmation email that they have received it. Tara will email the completed grant application to Doug and Mr Lloyd who will chase up a confirmation from the District. Tara wants to thank Jess, Mr Lloyd, Ms Mulhurn and others for their contributions to this endeavour. \$10 000 was asked for and the winning applicants will be told by April 30. It was noted that the proposed budget did not include taxes and PAC will have to address this in the future.

Unauthorized use of school property To revisit and update discussions from the March meeting, Mr Blair explained how the reports of people putting up temporary shelters on school property since the school has shut have increased. This issue was raised initially as unauthorized people were still present on the property during morning school drop off and were reluctant to leave when asked. Mr Lloyd was approached last month by parents with questions of safety and he told PAC that he would continue to communicate developments on this situation. Since then community members have been contacting Mr Lloyd with updates of at times many people making a camp on the grounds once he has left the building for the day. Mr Lloyd has been in contact with Bylaw as well as a police task force through advice of the school superintendent. Extra lighting has been added to the premise and suggestions have been floated about installing noise makers as a deterrent. Mr Lloyd will contact AE Perry Elementary to see how they got their noise makers. A school building vent appears to be providing heat for the campers and acts as an attractant. Mr Lloyd encouraged PAC members to call the police 250-828-3000 if they see any of this activity to show frequency and concern for this issue.

Carnival: Cancelled for this school year. Jes proposed rescheduling it for the fall as a Welcome Back Fall Fair and have the fundraising carnival possibly the following May. Mr Lloyd was keen. Mr Lloyd brought to the committee's attention that a work party needs to be organized for September to sort out the storage room for PAC party rental games. Date for Fall FAir to be revisited at the May meeting.

Promised money for year end events: Tara and Mr Lloyd will figure out who needs to be paid, which are on hold or postponed. Mr Lloyd talked about the struggle of refunding small fees to parents as each written cheque costs the school \$3 and how the office will keep record and use the already paid funds towards next year's fees. Discussion was had about what to do with perishable products left in kitchen.

DPAC: All meetings have been cancelled until October. All parental programming through them has been cancelled until further notice.

Distance Learning:Jess asked about what assessment is going to look like with distance learning. Mr Lloyd said that this is under discussion. Mr Lloyd asked parents how Distance Learning is going with their children. Parents shared some struggles with guilt and screen time as well as juggling multiple students. Jess suggested facilitating a monthly Zoom for parents to be able to find support virtually with their Beattie school community. There was much appreciation shared for the Beattie teachers throughout the conversation on how much effort they have made to connect via zoom with their students. Comments were made about how grateful parents felt about the efforts of Beattie Elementary and Tara asked the Committee about how we could possibly make a gesture or show this appreciation at the end of the year to our teachers.

*Grade 7 graduation:* With the school being closed, discussions were had at how grade 7 graduation could be recognized with support from PAC. Ideas included: school memento, a delivered sweet treat, car parade to grads' houses, the tradition of individual speeches shared on school Youtube channel. Mr Lloyd will talk to gr 7 teachers for feedback and we will revisit at May meeting.

Value Village Fundraiser: An idea brought up last meeting as a fundraiser and event for Earth Day. Jess reported back we could hold up to 4 drives a year. Beattie families could collect used and unwanted soft goods smaller than a bread box in black garbage bags. We could set up collection spot and then in trucks/trailers take into VV receiving 2 dollars a black bag. If every Beattie student donated a black garbage bag or 2 we could make \$800. For every other school that we refer to use this fundraiser we will receive a \$50 commission. A fundraiser to look at when the world comes alive again.

Highlights to think about for next meeting:

- Date for Fall Fair when we better know what physical distancing advice might look like
- Work party in fall for storage room

- End of year appreciation for teachers
- End of year act of support to recognize gr 7 grads
- Value Village Fundraiser for when school starts

Next PAC meeting May 13 10:30

Meeting ends 11:24