

**Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting**  
**January 11, 2022 at 3:30 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** *President* – Melissa Wiebe; *Treasurer* – Angie Quebec; *Secretary* - Kayla Wiens;  
*Principal* – Michelle Basran; Rachel Slomp

**Principal's Report: Michelle Basran**

Covid Protocols are ramped up now with the Omicron variant. This requires that schools are not allowed to have visitors unless they are essential. Noon Hour Supervisors are essential visitors. PAC is not an essential visitor, so all PAC events, hot lunches, etc are on hold.

Flood Recovery – The school building is in great shape, and the crawl space is probably the cleanest it has ever been once flood clean up began. New woodchips have been put on the playground, however the field is closed. Just after the flood a soil sample was taken by the ministry, in which it did not pass inspection. However, a new soil sample will be taken soon. If it passes inspection, students will be allowed to play on the field again. Students and staff are so happy to be back in the school though.

2 Students have had to relocate due to their homes being flooded and unliveable.

Lunch help has been provided for some students who need flood recovery assistance.

Hoodies – There are 8 grade 5 students. Mrs. Basran will order their graduation hoodies this week. This will also include the Grade 5 student who had to be relocated due to the flood.

Christmas Play – The play is on hold for now, and the school will look into a spring production of some sort, since we had to skip the Christmas play due to the flood.

Learning Commons Grant – Mrs. Basran looked into what is left of the LC Grant Barrowtown was given in 2019. These are the purchases that were made before Mrs. Basran arrived:

- \$9900 - robotics
- \$5700 - furniture
  - Tables
  - Lego furniture
- \$1200 – computer (bought back by SD34)
- \$800 – TV (bought back by SD34)
  - SD34 bought back the computer and the TV, because Mrs. Basran does not see a need for it now.

With these purchases and the remaining \$2000 credit, Barrowtown will continue to set up the Learning Commons space.

New Grade 3 Student started this week.

Art Starts has volunteered to give 3 performances in the spring to Barrowtown for free to provide support and to boost flood recovery morale. Part of the performance is that they will write a song for Barrowtown.

Mrs. Basran wanted to pass on to parents what she heard from the school district. SD34 has no intention of closing Barrowtown. In fact they cant close Barrowtown due to federal funding. Also, districts are now required to give 6 months notice before there could be any such school closure.

### **Treasurer's Report : Angie Quebec**

Chequing – \$1829.42

Savings – \$4,827.61

Gaming – \$1001.47

#### *Cheques To Be Written:*

1. \$160 to Barrowtown for Hoodies
2. \$300 for mud kitchen

Mrs. Cavacece Amazon Wish List –\$225.80 of Melissa and Doug toys and outside toys she has requested for her classroom.

PAC asked Mrs. Basran to think about a purchase for her classroom of about equal value.

### **President's Report: Melissa Wiebe**

Mud Kitchen – \$300 mud kitchen needs to be paid for, because it is ready and needs to be picked up.

### **New Business**

Students have missed a lot of education time. Maybe this would be reason to ask the school district for extra literacy support.

- In response to this, Mrs. Basran said that the school district has already been very supportive of our school, and that Mrs. Cooper already does literacy support in ELL and LSS, however more literacy intervention would be helpful, so she will look into it.

PAC has decided not to do any fundraising for a while so that we do not put any added pressure on families during flood recovery.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm

*If upcoming meetings need to be virtual, then they will start at 4:00 to give families and staff enough time to attend.*

*Otherwise...*

*Monthly General Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 3:30 in the Kids Clubhouse. PLEASE COME JOIN US!*

#### Upcoming Events

January 28 – Pro D Day #5  
February 18 – Pro D Day #6  
February 21 – Family Day  
March 4 – Elementary and Middle School Report Cards  
March 8 – Early Dismissal (Two Hours)  
March 9 – Early Dismissal (Two Hours)  
March 11 – Last Day Before Spring Break  
March 14-24 – Spring Break  
March 28 – Back to School  
April 15 – Good Friday  
April 18 – Easter Monday  
May 20 – Pro D Day #7  
May 23 – Victoria Day  
June 29 – Report Cards, Last Day of School for Students  
June 30 – Last Day of School for Teachers

**Next PAC Meeting – Tuesday February 8.**

**Once we get closer to the date we will know if it will be in person or virtual. Stay Tuned!**