

Barrowtown Elementary PAC

May 3, 2022 Minutes

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Present: Melissa W. (PAC Chair), Angie Q. (PAC Treasurer), Jolene R., Rachel S., Michelle B (Principal)

1. Principal's Report: Michelle Basran

- a. Michelle presented the School District and school budget thoroughly. She will send the slide presentation to the PAC and we can forward it to any interested parents if requested.
- b. The school district has parent feedback surveys on their website [engage.abbysschools.ca](https://engage.abbysschools.ca) for families to share their experiences, we should be sure to submit these (Rachel noted we can comment on expanding divisions at Barrowtown).
- c. Our school was invited to a Pow Wow in Sumas at the end of May.
- d. No updates on the preschool, so far no one has applied for the posting but the district is motivated to find something for the space.
- e. There is still no update on the class compositions for next year but this should be posted soon. Unfortunately it can change right up to September 30th if enrollment changes.
- f. Michelle will be meeting with Nathan again soon to continue discussing how our school can develop an agricultural focus.

2. President's Report: Melissa Wiebe

- a. Plant Sale will be May 5 & 6, we had to change the date because there were not enough volunteers for the Saturday. We will also hold the plant sale at our school to simplify the set up and avoid liability waivers needed for the Yellow Barn.
  - i. Rachel will deliver thank you Cards for Klassen's Landscaping and Minter Gardens for their donations of soil and seeds.
  - ii. Melissa will take out a cash float for the beginning of the sale and be reimbursed with sale proceeds.
  - iii. Jolene suggested planting and selling Mother's Day Baskets in the future.
  - iv. Alexis would also like to have a produce stand to sell the food that the school grows. She has ideas for design so maybe there is a parent volunteer to help with this.
- b. Family BBQ will be May 26th (*post-meeting note, the date has been change to June 2nd to allow the Grade 5s to attend the Abby Middle Info Night on the 26th*)
  - i. We will also invite incoming families to welcome them to our school.
  - ii. Since we do not have a food safe cook available and to make planning and preparation easier we will order pizza from Dancin' Pizza in Yarrow. Melissa will get a quote.
  - iii. We had previously planned to do a cake walk but after further discussion we decided to wait for more of a fun fair style event to do this, we will keep this Dinner casual. We

can look into cupcakes, Rachel, Michelle and Melissa will each get quotes from cupcake vendors.

- iv. If the weather allows, we will set up tables outside with lawn games (we have lots at the school)
  - v. To make sure we order the correct amount of food we will send out e-vites with an RSVP request. Melissa will set this up.
  - vi. We will start at 5:30, plan to eat at 6:00 and Clean up at 7:30
- c. Staff Appreciation Lunch: Thursday, June 9th, Melissa and Kayla will coordinate this.
- d. Sports Day is June 17th
- i. We will order Jim's Pizza for lunch this day and provide freezies and the big jug of water to refill water bottles. If it's hot we can plan for a water fight. Melissa and Kayla will confirm with Alexis and Alisa the stations that have been done previous years and try to keep stations similar and simple. The students will be in groups of 4-5 made up of big and little buddies. The school will help by organizing groups.
- e. Hot Lunch/Popcorn
- i. May: McHappy Day, Jolene will discuss with Alisa
  - ii. June: Sports Day, pizza
  - iii. The BCCPAC and Ministry of Education are promoting healthy eating and have sent out proposed guidelines for what schools and PACs can provide for food. These are fairly strict and should be considered from here on when planning and food for students. This will mean we cannot serve pancakes regularly or possibly even popcorn. We can discuss this further in the future but should start thinking about how it will shape our plans.
- f. Grade 5 Celebration
- i. Cultus Lake Adventure Park is still not taking reservations. Alisa will continue to check in with them.
  - ii. Luncheon will be the following Day
- g. Barrowtown Wear
- i. Future fundraiser to consider. The staff have lovely "Barrowtown Elementary" sweaters that could be sold to families, or if we took off "elementary" they could be sold to the community. Rachel suggested having these for sale at the plant sale but we couldn't organize this in time. We should consider it for September as a school fundraiser.

## Upcoming Events

May 5-6 - Grade 5 Plant Sale

May 11 - McHappy Day

May 20 - Non Instructional Day

May 23 - Victoria Day (No School)

May 26 - Grade 5 Abby Middle Family Info Night

June 2 - Family Pizza Dinner

June 8 - Fish Hatchery Field Trip

June 9 - Staff Appreciation Lunch

June 15- Bridal Falls Water Slides

June 17 - Sports Day

June 27 - Grade 5 Field Trip

June 28- Grade 5 Lunch

June 29 - Last Day for students