

Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting
March 9, 2023 at 3:20pm

Present: *Chair* – Rachel Slomp; *Treasurer* – Angie Quebec; *Secretary* -Kayla Wiens; *Principal* – Michelle Basran; Nadine Simmons, Bailey Kantor, Nicole, Tianna, and Melissa Wiebe

Principal's Report: Michelle Basran

School Sign

Barrowtown has ordered a metal sign to go on the school that says school name on it

Spring Play

Mrs. Wiebe adapted a play from a book called "Lamb Slide." Practice will start after spring break. The play will happen in June. *Parent help is needed, especially with costumes. If you would like to help with costumes, please contact the school.*

Abby Canucks Game Fundraiser

April 14 at 7:00

Tickets are \$28 each, and \$5 will go back to the school.

There will be a Zamboni ride raffle. Seats are in section 107. A flyer was sent home in the report cards. Anyone can purchase tickets.

Bunnies!

Barrowtown got 2 bunnies after spring break. Their names are Piglet and Bella.

Upcoming Field Trips

- Refeed Compost – April/May
- Local Harvest – May
- Pencil Patch – mid May
- FV Trout Hatchery/Fishing – Fathers Day Field Trip, June 16
- Bridal Falls Waterslides – June 20 (Booked)
- Grade 5 Field Trip – June
 - Ideas Include: Cultus Lake Waterslides, Giggle Ridge

Discussion with Assistant Superintendent

Parents have been asked to have a discussion with Nathan about Mrs. Basran's performance as principal. Any parents are welcome to come. April 21 at 3:00

Kiwanis Book Donation

The Kiwanis Club has donated \$500 to PAC with the intention that the money goes to Barrowtown Elementary. PAC will reimburse the school for that amount of money.

Treasurer's Report : Angie Quebec

Chequing – \$2040.98
Savings – \$4865.20
Membership Shares - \$208.52
Gaming – \$2061.92

Chicken coop has been paid for

President's Report: Rachel Slomp

Student fees for 2023-2024 School Year has been tabled to April meeting

Fundraisers

1. Read-a-Thon – April 6-17, Packs due April 18, Shop April 19
2. Spring Market – May 6 from 1:00-4:00 Nadine and Bailey will take the lead on this
 - a. Nadine created a flyer
 - b. Set Up as early as 9:00am, Take Down at 4:00pm
 - c. Selling plants, lemonade, iced tea, cookies, popcorn
 - d. Families can buy a table for garage sale items, etc for \$10
 - i. Garage sale items must be school appropriate**
 - e. Businesses can buy a table for \$20
 - f. Barrowtown T-shirts will be sold. PAC will purchase a small amount to have available at the market, and then we can do pre-orders if we sell out.
 - g. Will look into food trucks
3. *Express Return-It Depot*
 - a. *You can just drop off your bags of recyclables at the depot any time of the year. Print a tag with the PAC account on it to put on the bags.*
 - b. *PAC Account: 604-823-6722*

Events

1. Work Bee/Pizza Lunch – March 18 during spring break
2. Easter Egg Hunt – April 6 led by Kayla and Nadine
3. Market Day – May 6
 - a. Set Up 9:00am / Take Down 4:00pm
 - b. John Deere prize raffle, boy and girl toy raffle
 - c. Chicken Bingo – Kayla
 - d. So far only vendors have signed up – 10 applications as of March 9
 - e. Can fit 26 tables (spots)
 - f. Kona Ice is booked for that day, but we want to try to have another food truck available
4. Yarrow Market Days in May/June, Kayla can participate and be at booth
5. Sports Day – June 23 Tianna and Kayla can volunteer

Family Nights

- Ice Skating April 21 from 7-8pm – PAC rented the rink for families. Families rent their own skates
- Year End BBQ – June 22
 - *Invite Kona Ice to come - Nadine*

Hot Lunch

Mac and Cheese - April 5

McHappy Day – May 10

Popcorn Day – April 28

Greenhouse Needs and Upgrades

- Spring Break Work Day – Install Garden, dirt, remove fish from fence, paint the veggie donation plaques

Community Grants

- Barrowtown has asked for several more grants totalling about \$8-9 thousand. Hopefully we will find out soon if we have been approved of further grants.
- Buckerfields – donated a pitch fork and the use of their incubator, and a small amount to hatch/purchase hens after spring break

Donation Wall

- *PAC wants to ask businesses to donate towards our agricultural goals. If businesses donate \$500, then PAC will have a plaque put on the fence with their name on it. Barrowtown will also thank the business on social media. Rachel has written up a letter that she sent out to students so that families can approach businesses.*
- *Cricut the veggie plaques after spring break – Nadine and Bailey*

New Business

Online Volunteer Sign Up

As the agriculture program is ramping up, the school needs more help to ensure it gets off to a good start. So we are going to reinstitute the online volunteer sign up page that was used in 2021. *Kayla will work on that and parents will be able to fill in time slots that fit into their own schedule.*

Samaritans Purse Post Flood Trauma Education Workshop

SPC Recovery Specialists partner can with PAC to provide a free workshop to equip parents to understand the effects of trauma from the flood in their children and in themselves. Workshops are led by professionals for both parents and school staff. Workshops focus on but are not limited to:

- Brain chemistry and how the stress cycle works
- How trauma affects the brain

- Ways to calm and de-escalate
- How to talk to your child
- Stress management for parents and children
- Classroom strategies on ways to calm - for teachers
- Recognizing that students are entering on the “stress cycle staircase” when they arrive at school

2 workshops are offered. The first workshop focuses on the items listed above, and then the second workshop is offered 4-6 weeks later and allows for Q&A about what they learned previously and how it has been put into practice. These workshops are fully funded by the Samaritans Purse and the Abbotsford Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund.

Rachel will contact Samaritans Purse about moving forward with these workshops.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Next Meeting – April 13 at 3:20pm

District Calendar Dates

March 13-25 – Spring Break

March 27 – Back to School

April 7 – Good Friday, No School

April 10 – Easter Monday, No School

April 28 – No School

May 11 – Ready Set Learn

May 6 – Barrowtown Market Day

May 19 – No School

May 22 – Victoria Day, No School

June 29 – Last Day of School for Students