

**Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting
October 5, 2021 at 3:30 pm
In the Kids Clubhouse**

Present: *President* – Melissa Wiebe; *Treasurer* – Angie Quebec; *Secretary* - Kayla Wiens; Rachel Slomp, Jolene Ringrose

Principal's Report: Terry Jung

Mr. Jung went on medical leave today. He could not attend our meeting. He does not have a scheduled return. We hope that he can rest and heal.

Thank you, Mr. Jung for all you have done for our school and our students. You are missed.

Treasurer's Report : Angie Quebec

Chequing – \$4755.80

Savings – \$4,826.99

Gaming – \$41.47

Cheque was written to Neufeld Farms on October 4 for \$2865.00. That had not been withdrawn from our chequing account as of this meeting.

PAC will reimburse Kayla \$75 for Mrs. Crozier's good bye gift.

PAC will write a cheque to the school for Hoodies. \$20 per Grade 5 student

President's Report: Melissa Wiebe

Neufeld Farms fundraiser earned \$620! Thank you for contributing to our fundraiser!

DPAC will submit our BCCPAC membership, and the School Board will pay for it.

Alisa Treliving has volunteered to get her Food Safe. The cost is \$115. *We need to find out from principal if PAC or school will pay for this.*

Kayla set up an online volunteer schedule for classroom help and other events. She is still working out the kinks, but it is mostly in working order. If you would like to volunteer, please click on the signup.com link that will be emailed to you. *All volunteers need to have a criminal record check. Please contact Alisa in the front office to have this done. SD34 will pay for any criminal record check requests submitted.*

Fall Fun Fair will be conjoined with the school's annual Pumpkin Olympics during school hours. PAC plans on helping teachers run the stations that they always prepare. Please keep an eye out for the signup.com link regarding this event.

Grade 5 Hoodies - PAC will spend \$20 per grade 5 student towards their hoodies as done in previous years.

Georgia will not be able to coordinate Pancake and Popcorn days. This year we will alternate months, instead of doing both in the month. This will start once we have confirmed details for our Food Safe volunteer. *Angie's husband, who would order our popcorn through KalTire, can no longer order this for us, because KalTire still cannot serve popcorn. However, they will get us their supplier contact so that we can order directly.*

Kayla contacted Van Noort Bulbs, and they cannot do bulb fundraisers right now. They may reconsider in the new year. However, upon further group discussion, we have decided not to do a bulb fundraiser because of the work required to bag and organize bulbs. We do not have the manpower to manage that large of a job.

We also discussed that we should figure out what we are fundraising for. It is always better to fundraise with a goal in mind, but with the limited opportunities due to covid restrictions, and the new staff and administration changes at Barrowtown, it is hard to have a specific goal at this time. This is a conversation that we want to continue though. We are open to ideas from other families. What should PAC fundraise for this year? In the past couple of years we bought classroom books, the magnetic wall, and the Lego wall. These were all proposed to us by Mr. Jung as he saw the need. Please feel free to share your ideas.

We also want to find out what happened with the Learning Commons Grant that Barrowtown was promised in late 2019. Has this gone through? What was purchased? If not, when should it be expected, and what is the plan for it?

Hot Lunch/Pancake Ideas:

- October 29 – Hot Dogs at Pumpkin Olympics
- November – Boston Pizza
- December – Hot Chocolate and Pancakes
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo Macarena and Macaroni Day
- Mashed Potato Bar (very successful 2 years ago)

New Business

Parents who reached out to the School District were met with interest when it was mentioned that it may help Barrowtown and other surrounding schools if catchment lines could be redrawn. This is something that we want to follow up with monthly or so at the district level. If this is something that interests you, then please consider writing letters, calling the district, or attending meetings in which they plan to discuss this. We will keep parents informed.

Diwali is on November 4, and we are looking for parents who would like to lead the celebration at school. Homemade food/chai tea may not be brought in unless it is made at the school,

under Food Safe certification. If food is bought, then Diwali parent volunteer may be reimbursed for their purchase through PAC. If a parent or 2 is willing to lead the celebration and help teach the students about Diwali, then PAC is ready and willing to help out as well. *Mandeep is willing to help with Diwali celebration. Mandeep and Kayla will meet to discuss further planning to present to teachers for approval.*

Purdy's Chocolate – Kayla will log in to our Purdy's account to set up a fundraiser to happen around Christmas.

Doormat Fundraiser – Bailey Kantor, a Barrowtown parent, is selling custom doormats. She approached PAC to see if we would be interested. We agreed this would be a good fundraiser to do around Christmas as well. We also like that we are supporting a local parent. More info to come.

It was suggested that once we are allowed to do evening events again, that we should do another family movie night, as they were always well attended and enjoyed.

Grade 5 Camp – Is this something that may be allowed this year? If so, can we join another school, like Upper Sumas as in previous years? Can the kids help fundraise like they did in the past as well (Book Fair, Bake Sales, etc)

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

October 11 – Thanksgiving Day

October 14 – Picture Day

October 21 – No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

October 22 – No School

October 29 – Halloween Fun Night

November 4 – Diwali

November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 26 – No School

December 3 – Report Cards for Elementary and Middle Schools

December 17 – Last Day of School Before Winter Break

January 4 – Back to School

Next PAC Meeting – Tuesday November 2 at 3:30.

Meeting adjourned 4:21 pm