

Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting
September 14, 2021 at 3:30 pm
In the Kids Clubhouse

Present: *President* – Melissa Wiebe; *Treasurer* – Angie Quebec; *Secretary* - Kayla Wiens;
Principal – Terry Jung; Lindsay Westhora

Principal's Report: Terry Jung

41 Students and 2 Divisions at Barrowtown for 2021/2022

Effective September 16 Barrowtown went from 3 divisions down to 2, meaning there are now 2 classes in the school. K/1/2 with Alexis Cavacece and 3/4/5 with Terry Jung and Lorence Peters jointly, although Mr. Peters is on leave at the moment. It was announced to parents on September 10 that the school district made the decision to decrease the divisions at Barrowtown due to a lower enrolment than was expected. A teacher would have to leave, and Mrs. Crozier (the K/1 teacher for the past 14 years) volunteered to leave. We very much value all that Mrs. Crozier added to our school, and she is greatly missed. We had a Good Bye Assembly for her on September 15, which was her last day at Barrowtown.

Mr. Peter's substitute until he returns is Mrs. Cooper.

Mrs. Havery is also not back at Barrowtown this year, as her contract was up at the end of last year for Barrowtown. This year we have no EA positions, and with the loss of Mrs. Crozier, our teachers will not have a lot of extra support.

No PE teacher has been added for this year as well. Teachers will have to teach PE as well.

This year we are allowed to do more events and field trips again. This can include providing Pancake Day and Popcorn Day, each once a month, now that parent volunteers are allowed back in the school this year.

A person with Food Safe certification is needed this year, as Mrs. Havery has been our regular food safe attendant. Food Safe lasts for 5 years before it expires. *If you already have your Food Safe Certification, and would like to volunteer, please contact PAC.*

Full Day Kindergarten Begins September 22

Terry Fox Run – Thursday September 23. Toonie or Two suggested donation. Students can wear House Colours. *Request that PAC provides waters and snacks for students.*

Meet the Teacher Night – Tuesday September 28. Weather dependant BBQ (*need Food Safe*). BBQ will provide precooked hamburgers and hotdogs. We will need volunteers to cook and distribute condiments to customers.

List of other events that Barrowtown and PAC want to work together on this year:

- Halloween Fun Night – October 29
- Diwali – November 4
- Remembrance Day – November 10
- Christmas Play

Treasurer's Report : Angie Quebec

Chequing – \$1420.80

Savings – \$4,826.79

Gaming – \$41.47

The Gaming Grant money should be deposited into our gaming account around the end of September or early October.

President's Report: Melissa Wiebe

Needs for Teachers and Students– PAC wants to support our teachers as much as we can, and this year even more than usual as our teachers are under unexpected teaching requirements. We hope to plan a schedule for parent volunteers to come into the classroom an hour or 2 weekly, to provide needed support for students and teachers. *If this is something you are interested in helping with, please contact PAC.*

New Business

Pancake Breakfast/Popcorn/Hot Lunch – After discussion, it was decided that each one will be done once a month. *Schedule to be announced. Angie, please order more popcorn.*

Fundraising Opportunities:

- Van Noort Bulbs (*Kayla will contact Van Noort to see if they have some we can sell*)
- Neufeld Farms

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

September 23 – Terry Fox Run

September 24 – No School

September 28 – Meet the Teacher Night

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

October 11 – Thanksgiving 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 October 5 at 3:30.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 pm