

**Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting
December 8, 2022 at 3:20pm**

Present: *Chair* – Rachel Slomp; *Treasurer* – Angie Quebec; *Secretary* -Kayla Wiens; *Principal* – Michelle Basran; Nicole Rausch, Melissa Wiebe

Principal's Report: Michelle Basran

Gym Remediation Project

Gym will not be ready until after Christmas now.

Christmas Performance

The 4/5 Class will lead and perform a readers theater play with each of the other classes.

Parents of all classes are invited to watch their child in the performances. There will be limited seating as the gym is not available.

December 15 at 9:45 and 2:30 (both performances will be the same

Pancake Day

December 16 at 10:00 for snack time

Mrs. Cooper's daughter and Kayla Wiens will make the pancakes.

Others are welcome to volunteer

Agriculture at Barrowtown

We continue to work with Dr. Michele Superle at UFV and other partners to move our agriculture projects forward. We will be reaching out to local business for support as we will be using a charity # for any donations. Stay tuned for more information in the new year or let us know if you have any partners you suggest.

Grade 5 Hoodies

Grade 5 students received their graduation hoodies, but Barrowtown was surprised to find out that the price had increased by over \$20 after they were purchased. Next year Barrowtown will look into other options of where these can be purchased, including contacting Bailey Kantor. Because of the price increase, Barrowtown was forced to ask \$25 from parents who could contribute, Barrowtown gave a portion, and are asking PAC to support with \$20 per grade 5 student as well.

Motion: Kayla - PAC contributes \$100 towards grade 5 hoodies

Second: Angie

All in favor

Check written and given to Mrs. Basran at the meeting

Upcoming Field Trips

- Yale Secondary Moana Junior Play (hopefully)- February
- Eco-Dairy – this is the field trip that Barrowtown won, but it has not been scheduled yet
- Refeed Zero Waste Farm in Langley – spring

- Swimming Lessons – April
- UFV Research Farm
- Fishing at the Trout Hatchery – Near Father’s Day

School Website

Needs to be updated, and it will include our agricultural curriculum plans and more photos

Little Caterpillars Daycare Update

Up and running and it is filling up! There is a new child care subsidy, so tell your friends if you now anyone interested.

Ready Set Learn (Kindergarten Orientation)

Planning for May 11

Treasurer’s Report : Angie Quebec

Chequing – \$1335.74

Savings – \$4848.95

Gaming – \$2061.92

Membership Shares:

 PAC account: \$200.03

 Gaming account: \$50.79

Popcorn Orders for the year: earned approximately \$400 profit!

Hot Lunch Orders do not usually gain a profit. We generally just cover the cost of food.

President’s Report: Rachel Slomp

Fundraisers to Put Towards the Agriculture Needs

1. Purdy’s Chocolate – \$2522.50 in sales, \$662.16 profit
 - a. *If you have not received your order, please come pick it up at the front office.*
2. West Coast Seeds – Will go out last 2 weeks of January
3. Read-a-Thon – Potentially before spring break
4. Movie nights and community events
 - a. 1st event to be held around February 2 – possibly a game night
 - b. 2nd event in April
5. Spring Market – May 6 or 13
 - a. Selling plants, lemonade, cookies, bird houses
 - b. Families/businesses can “buy a table” for \$20
 - c. Garage sale/market type event
6. *Express Return-It Depot*
 - a. *You can just drop off your bags of recyclables at the depot. Print a tag with the PAC account on it to put on the bags.*
 - b. *PAC Account: 604-823-6722*

Hot Lunch

Boston Pizza orders - January 19 or 20 (*details to be determined by Nicole Rausch*)

PAC Contributions Towards Agriculture and Outdoor Learning

Now that Barrowtown is approved to have a roadside stand, we need volunteers to build us a roadside stand. PAC has an idea of what is needed and will pay for supplies, if someone is willing to build it.

We can put a sign on Tolmie and No. 3 Rd to advertise our stand.

We are still looking for a volunteer to take on this project, please talk to us if you are interested!

Greenhouse Needs and Upgrades

- Tables by February (current ones are rotting, will look at metal options)
 - Last year we started planting in February
- Irrigation Upgrades
- Large rolls of bubble wrap to insulate against north winter wind

Community Grants

- \$2000 already awarded for agri-projects – Superstore Grant from Presidents Choice
- Also in process of applying for an Action Project Grant from LSF (Learning for a Sustainable Future)
- Will also look into:
 - TD Grants
 - Envision Community Grants

New Business

\$200 Classroom Donation

This discussion was revisited so that Mrs. Wiebe, the new K/1 teacher, could have support in setting up her classroom for student learning.

Motion: Kayla – Mrs. Wiebe can turn in up to \$200 of receipts related to student learning in the classroom, and PAC will reimburse her.

Second: Rachel

All in Favour

Donation Wall

Vedder Middle has agreed to do the laser cutting for our sponsor wall for our agriculture project. They have been a great support to use since the flood!

Preferred Meeting Times

It seems that each meeting time has roughly the same people attending, so we will choose after school as our meeting time going forward so it is easier for staff to attend. Parents can expect future meetings at 3:20pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm

Next Meeting – January 12 at 3:20pm

Upcoming Events

December 8 – Purdy's Order Pickup

December 15 at 2:30 – Christmas Readers Theater, parents welcome to attend

December 16 – Last Day of School Before Winter Break, Pancake Day

December 19 thru January 2 – Winter Break

January 3 – Back to School

January 19 or 20 – Boston Pizza Hot Lunch

February 2ish – Community Event Night

May 11 – Ready Set Learn

May 6 or 13 – Spring Plant Sale