

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

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

Principal's Report: Michelle Basran

2023-2024 Enrolment Update

What we know so far...

Kindergarten – 6 students

Grade 1 – 8 students

Grade 2 – 9 students

Grade 3 – 11 students

Grade 4 – 7 students

Grade 5 – 3 students

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 15-16

Parents can sign up online. Link in email

Literacy Report

Barrowtown's literacy report will come out in March.

Dress for the Weather!

Students should come dressed for the weather everyday. As a school we are working towards an agricultural/outdoor curriculum, so students should come prepared with outside shoes, rainboots, snow boots, gloves, snow gloves, toques, rain gear and/or snow gear. It is also a good idea to send an extra pair of clothes to stay at school.

Please also remember to wear non-marking shoes in the gym.

Upcoming Field Trips

- Yale Secondary Moana Junior Play – February 14
- Eco-Dairy – March 6
- Refeed Compost – April/May
- Local Harvest – May
- FV Trout Hatchery/Fishing – Fathers Day Field Trip, June 16
- Bridal Falls Waterslides – June
- Grade 5 Field Trip – June
 - Ideas Include: Cultus Lake Waterslides, Giggle Ridge
- We hoped to do swimming lessons as a school, but pools do not currently have enough staff to accommodate Barrowtown.

UFV Study – “Ask Them”

UFV researchers will spend a day with Barrowtown students asking them what they think their ideal school needs. This is a mutually beneficial research project for both UFV and Barrowtown. Parent consent forms will be sent home first.

Agendas for 2023-2024 School Year

Teachers have decided, with encouragement from some parents, that next year students will go back to using an agenda. This helps encourage literacy, writing skills, organization and communication between parents and teachers. Each agenda costs \$6.60, totaling about \$340 for the whole school. *PAC will discuss how we want to contribute towards this.*

Daycare

The daycare is growing, and preparations continue to be made for the preschool. We are excited to have them on campus with us.

District PAC Meeting – 7:00 at Clarion Hotel

Mrs. Basran and Angie will attend on behalf of Barrowtown. *Would another parent like to attend as well?*

Treasurer’s Report : Angie Quebec

Chequing – \$2516.84

Savings – \$4859.98

Gaming – \$2061.92

PAC discussed paying for bussing for the Eco Dairy Field Trip. In order to do this, we must vote on this next meeting, as that was forgotten.

President’s Report: Rachel Slomp

Fundraisers

1. West Coast Seeds – Profit of about \$100 and Barrowtown was given about \$100 worth of seeds for the school
2. Read-a-Thon – April
3. 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

4. *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*

Family Nights

- Chiefs Game was a fun and successful event! 43 people attended.
- Ice Skating at ARC in April – rent the rink on a Thursday for \$200, plus pay for staff, and \$50 insurance. Families purchase their own rentals. Ice Skating is booked for April 13 7-8 pm (more details to follow)
- Dinner Around the World Potluck in new gym – families bring something to share
- Work Bee Morning is March 11 (more details to follow)

Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs and Fresh Fruit – March 2

Popcorn Day – February 14

Next Popcorn Day To Be Announced

Roadside Stand

Kevin Quebec and Kal-Tire are building us a roadside stand with some of the used wood from the old tables in the greenhouse. *Thank you so much!*

Chicken Coop

A chicken coop has been ordered and will be built by a local vendor.

Greenhouse Needs and Upgrades

- *A Saturday Work Day will be scheduled for parents and students to come help. PAC will order pizza for lunch.*
- New Tables have been ordered for the greenhouse.
- Ask SD34 to bring in gravel to pack down for the floor
- Large rolls of bubble wrap to insulate against north winter wind

Community Grants

- PAC has received over \$6000 in grants and donations so far. *Thank you Rachel, Angie and Mrs. Basran for working so hard to achieve this!*
- Holland Imports donated many tools and supplies to help the students work in the greenhouse and with the chickens.

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.*

- Veddar Middle School is donating wooden plaques to put on our fence to recognize donors. *Thank you, Veddar Middle!* Once they are received then we will paint or stain them to protect them from the elements.
- A metal sign has also been ordered to further commemorate the fact that Barrowtown has received help from many people and businesses to achieve this agriculture goal.

New Business

2023-2024 PAC Budget

PAC discussed allotting a clear budgeted total amount to start off each year with.

We will continue this discussion in the future.

Discussed items included totals amounts for:

- Field Trip Bussing
- Grade 5 Hoodies (historically \$20/Grade 5 Student)
- Classroom Needs (historically \$200/classroom when needed – this year only K/1 Class needed it)
- Student Subsidies (for things like field trip costs, agendas, etc)
- End of the Year Field Trip (historically the gaming grant has covered the cost of bussing and student entry to the Bridal Falls Waterslides)

Yarrow Days Market

PAC would like to purchase a table to advertise Barrowtown in 2 of the Friday Markets, specifically in June. *Applications for tables begin in March.*

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Next Meeting – March 9 at 3:20pm

Upcoming Events

February 17 – Early Dismissal at 1:18pm

February 20 – No School

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