

Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting
January 12, 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

Gym Remediation Project

Gym is complete and in working order. The only thing left is the baseboards on order.

One Book One School

School purchased this year's book for all the students. It cost about \$200.

Proposal: Will PAC pay for 50%?

Motion: PAC will split the cost – Angie

Second: Kayla

All in Favor

Kindergarten Registration

Opens Monday January 16

Mrs. Basran has digital and hardcopy flyers. Please post them on social media and in local areas. Flyer highlights that we are a small rural school with a greenhouse, where students can learn about plants, organisms and agriculture with hands-on experience.

Upcoming Field Trips

- Yale Secondary Moana Junior Play - February
- Eco-Dairy – March/April
- Swimming Lessons – April

UFV Art Contest Winners

Barrowtown will receive their award on Saturday January 28 at the Reach Gallery in Abbotsford. The school will also be featured on the Abbotsford School District social media pages. Students and families are welcome to attend.

Agriculture Grants Received

\$3000.00 in grants were awarded to Barrowtown for our agricultural goals.

Thank you **Farm2School**, **PC Children's Charity** and **Learning for a Sustainable Future** for supporting our school!

Treasurer's Report : Angie Quebec

Chequing – \$2387.03

Savings – \$4854.21

Gaming – \$2061.92

Membership Shares:

PAC account: \$208.52

Gaming account: \$52.79

President's Report: Rachel Slomp

Fundraisers to Put Towards Agriculture Needs

1. West Coast Seeds – Starts January 16, all purchases are online
2. Read-a-Thon – April
3. Spring Market – May 6 Nadine and Bailey will take the lead on this
 - a. **NEED TO START ADVERTISING**
 - b. Selling plants, lemonade, cookies, bird houses
 - c. Families can buy a table for garage sale items, etc for \$10
 - d. Businesses can buy a table for \$20
 - e. Can sell popcorn
 - f. Will look into food trucks
4. *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*

Family Nights

- Chiefs Game (Hopefully – will look into tickets) – February 4
- Ice Skating at ARC – rent the rink for \$300, plus pay for staff. Families purchase rentals
- Dinner Around the World Potluck in new gym – families bring something to share in April

Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza - January 19

Popcorn Day - January 17

Roadside Stand

There is a roadside stand for sale on Facebook Marketplace. We are looking into its specs, price and the logistics of getting it here from North Vancouver

Chicken Coop

There is also a chicken coop for sale on Facebook Marketplace that the owner says she houses 25 chickens in. There would need to be improvements made on its structural integrity to withstand wind and weather on the flats, but it may be cheaper to purchase this for \$500 rather than building our own.

Greenhouse Needs and Upgrades

- Need to schedule a greenhouse workday
- 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 \$6500 in grants so far. *Thank you Rachel and Angie for working so hard to achieve this!*

New Business

Donation Wall

PAC wants to ask businesses to donate towards our agricultural goals. If businesses donate \$500 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 will send out to students so that families can approach businesses.

Track

We may want to ask Vern Barwich if he can help us maintain our gravel track if we bring in more gravel.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm

Next Meeting – February 9 at 3:20pm

Upcoming Events

January 19 or 20 – Boston Pizza Hot Lunch

February 16 – Half Day for Students

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 – Spring Plant Sale

May 19 – No School

May 22 – Victoria Day, No School

June 29 – Last Day of School for Students