

**Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting**  
**February 3, 2021 at 2:15**  
**In the Kids' Clubhouse Portable**

**Present:** *Secretary:* Melissa Wiebe, *Principal:* Terry Jung, Alisa, and Georgia

1. Principal's Report: Terry

- a. The school is still on track with COVID-19 protocols. Thankfully our school has had no exposures so far. The students are learning good hygiene and hopefully that will carry forward. The district has done well at keeping a good supply of sanitizer and disinfectant.
- b. The district says they are less confident with allowing PAC to give out popcorn for popcorn days. Terry was told to focus on providing food that comes individually packaged from an outside source instead of food that is prepared by the school. This means there will be no more popcorn days for the foreseeable future.
- c. The school will continue to offer hot lunches. SUBWAY was less appealing than the previous pizza days. The school is considering other options but they need to be aware of cost. Hot lunches operate at a loss, they do not bring in revenue but are focused more on school community and something fun for students.
- d. Mrs. Cavacece has spent a lot of time organizing the levelled readers. PAC contribution will add to these resources.
- e. Gaga Ball Pit is being constructed as we speak. Put the Barwiches onto something and it gets done! Thank you Vern and Barb!
- f. Student leaders in Grades 4 and 5 are wonderful. Some students from the Dance Club performed their dance for the school. The school has filmed it but are trying to decide how to send it to families. Likely it will be a time-limited YouTube link. Other clubs are also starting up: Rubiks Cube Club and Art club.
- g. A talent show is coming up, it will involve an audition only to ensure students are preparing.
- h. Staff are not comfortable with a school dance, as has been done in the past, it will not be held this year.
- i. February is Black History Month; earlier this year there was a Black Shirt Day but it wasn't an official part of the Ministry of Education's calendar. The school is looking to focus on treating everyone with kindness and respect and sharing stories and examples of strong role-models and Black leaders with students.
- j. The office by the gym is being considered for a Calming Room.
- k. The school is waiting on the new Provincial Health Guidelines before considering any other field trips.

2. President's Report: Submitted by Kayla, presented by Melissa
  - a. The cheque for \$1078.69 was submitted to SwingTime Mats, but hasn't been deposited yet.
  - b. Alisa has the cheque for \$140.00 for the Grade 5 hoodies.
  - c. Magnet Wall: Barrowtown Enterprises donated clear tubing for the magnet wall- thank you Barrowtown Enterprises! It is a narrow tube so may not work for all the balls but should work for marbles. Terry will continue to investigate options of what he would like for the magnet wall.
  - d. Kayla has transferred \$2000 to the PAC Chequing account for the literacy support program, Angie will approve the transfer and write a cheque to the school.
  - e. Melissa mentioned that a former PAC member (from years ago) had a box of pictures in the far back of the attic that Terry may be interested in (for the collection of school history).
3. The Grade 4/5s wont get a year end field trip so we need to consider other ideas but they need to take place during the school day. Please share ideas!
4. Could Denny's, IHOP, Cora's, etc. provide a COVID-safe pancake breakfast? It is something the students really miss. We will look into options for this.
5. The next PAC Meeting will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15
6. **Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm**