

Barrowtown Elementary PAC Meeting
January 6, 2021 at 2:15
In the Kids' Clubhouse Portable

Present: *President:* Kayla Wiens, *Secretary:* Melissa Wiebe, *Principal:* Terry Jung, Alisa, Christina, and Georgia

1. Principal's Report: Terry

- a. Right now the focus is on how can we make sure students don't miss out on anything while making sure everyone is safe.
 - i. Even field trips such as skating won't look the same as they have in the past. It would likely just be grade 4s and 5s because parents aren't able to volunteer to help. It would be too difficult to have all the students there and get ready without help.
 - ii. Kayla asked if the PAC volunteers would be able to come and help, Terry said yes, parents that regularly attend PAC meetings are able to volunteer because they are part of the school bubble.
 - iii. The district is still limiting field trips, they are more likely to approve outdoor field trips, such as hikes, possibly snowshoeing. It will depend what the teachers are comfortable doing with their classes. It is easier to take the older kids because they require less assistance.
 - iv. Christina suggested the Heron Reserve for the younger students and Kayla suggested walks through Veddar Rotary Trail.
- b. The school is also trying to plan theme days.
- c. Terry emphasized they are really looking forward to being able to do things normally.
- d. Kayla asked what the biggest obstacle is to doing things at the school, Terry said they are working on setting up technology so they can try and share things virtually. Events like Grandparents Tea could be done virtually. Melissa asked why the Christmas carols weren't recorded and shared with families, Alisa and Terry said they weren't rehearsed enough to share, it was meant to be an in-school activity.

2. President's Report: Kayla

- a. Kayla ordered the Gaga Ball Pit mats from Swing Time, the total is actually \$1,078.69. Kayla will also talk to Vern about helping with the construction of the pit.

- b. Terry talked to the teachers about the PAC supporting literacy goals by purchasing a reading program. The teachers would like a ball park figure of how much we will give before ordering anything. After discussion the PAC decided on \$2,000, the school will top that amount up to distribute to teachers to order literacy materials. **Melissa motioned to give \$2,000.00 to the school to disperse to teachers for a reading program, Kayla seconded, all in favour-moved.**
 - c. What about the magnet wall? We can use gaming money for accessories for the magnet wall. Terry will look into what he wants to have for the magnet wall and will send PAC pictures. Kayla will ask a supplier if they are able to donate or sell clear pipe. **Kayla motioned to spend up to \$2,000.00 of the gaming money for the magnet wall supplies, Melissa seconded, all in favour-moved.**
 - d. Georgia will do popcorn on Jan. 27th, A Hot Lunch will be before then.
 - e. Kayla will not be able to attend the next PAC meeting.
3. The next PAC Meeting will be February 3rd at 2:15
4. **Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm**