



AR LORD PAC

MINUTES

November 24, 2021 @ 6:30

Traditional Acknowledgment

Welcome and introductions:

- a. Present: Tamara VW, Carly R, Joyce C, Katrin M, Mike L, Hing C, Nathan C, Sammy W, Emily Jean T
- b. Regrets:

Principal's Report: Tamara

Severe Weather-field and playground were closed due to extreme rain & winds.

-Kids outside is the norm but safety is the primary concern in these instances.

Conferences-from Admin perspective-worked out very successfully (90% success rate with families) but some minor issues that were part of this being used for first time

-15 minutes feels fast

(discussion) Some people had challenges with accessing bookings, changing bookings. Some confusion around the links we were given. A few drop-down menus were overlooked, which led to booking an incorrect teacher. Was nice to book in the app, they worked well.

Report Cards-will go home Jan 31st. Want to do a bit of education with the school community on the new report card format

(discussion) - would like to see more clarification regarding the report cards content and schedule- what to expect to find inside, etc. A small handout attached to the newsletter would be appreciated.

Newsletter-would like some feedback on the school newsletter. Is it meeting needs? What would you like to see in it?

(discussion) - feedback was positive. Good info and format.

Performance and Activity Fees-were collected this year. Staff made a shortlist of items, will be pared down further.

Wishlist-iPads (maybe 6 of them), Sexual Health Education (Saleema Noon guest speaker), Home Reading have been marked as the important ones on the list.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah - Tabled to Next Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS (5 mins each):

- a. Hot Lunch - 6 days have been approved. 1 hot lunch from January to June. Will start with 3 vendors. Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, June 3, all FRIDAYS. White Spot, Fresh Start, TCBY. Munch a Lunch will be open to everyone that has an account. You can log in and check to see if you still have a balance. There will be instructions for new families who have not

signed into Munch a Lunch before. Menu, pricing and ordering will be opened later in December. Thanks to volunteers who have stepped up to assist.

- b. School Photos Vendor Survey - 60% of survey respondents wanted to try a different vendor. 30% were indifferent.
(discussion) - some of MountainWest rules were strange-take glasses off, close mouth while taking the photo. Shipping fees were felt to be too high, or even unnecessary. Would be worth trying a new vendor. Seems like the consensus will be to try a different vendor. Tamara indicated that we are committed to continue with MountainWest for class photos in spring but will look for new vendor next year.
- c. Neufeld Farms Fundraiser - Last check, sales over \$2000 and we have raised around \$300. Dec 7th will be pick up 2:30. Truck will arrive at 2pm. Purchasing closes this Friday at midnight. Will try to sell the remaining stock of "East Van" t-shirts and bags as well.
- d. SLP and Resource Programs-What programs are available? The SLP assigned to our school has been on leave for a while. Admin is very aware of the need for SLP's and other support at our school. It is good to raise these issues on behalf of the parent community through the PAC meetings. The director of our community of schools, is very aware of the shortage we are experiencing.
- e. Parent Teacher Conference Process - previously discussed in the Principal's Report.
- f. Additional Items - Field Trips - they are permitted but there are logistical issues. Staff are asked to please consider the impact of Covid, and Costs. Issues with Vaccine Passports as well. Now conserving fuel is now a consideration as well. Students did potentially pay a field trip fee at the beginning of the year though.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:19pm

Next PAC meeting: Next meeting: January 26, 2021

PAC GOALS

- **To advise** the Administrator & Staff on parent views about school programs, policies, and activities.
- **To communicate** and promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing for the education of children.
- **To assist and advocate** on behalf of parents, caregivers, guardians and students.
- **To organize** activities & events for the purpose of fundraising and/or for promoting school and community involvement.