

PAC Meeting Minutes, Tuesday May 1, 2018 – April's Meeting

Executive and Voting Members in Attendance: Joanne Adams, Joy MaGarrey, Meg Parsons, Melissa Losier, Melissa DeBeau, Ronda Cadeau, Tiffany Addie (8)

Parents/Visitors in Attendance: None

School Staff Representatives in Attendance: Robb McLean, Esther King (2)

Regretfully Absent: Andrea Shea, Candice Buchan, Glen Vanderperk, Mark Murray, Meaghan Racine, Noelle Klassen, Sarah Dyck, Sharon Seinen, Sterling Bidgood, Steve McCallum, Tara Ryan (11)

Tiffany noted a necessary correction in the minutes from our March meeting: the PAC is considering removing the pea gravel from the kindergarten playground and replacing it with woodchips (not the other way around). Tiffany will make the correction prior to Robb's posting it online. Revised minutes from March 2018 were approved by Joanne and seconded by Ronda.

Past/Current Business

Line Painting: Robb provided an update on the total price for the line painting previously approved by the PAC (March 2018 meeting). It will cost \$1,728.90 (well below the original price quoted) and will be completed before the end of the year. The company doing the work is Creative Playgrounds. Again, the new playground lines will include:

- kindergarten area receives 3 line-ups (numbers 1-30, letters A-Z and a-z), and a track in the middle of the pavement with varying types of lines corresponding to different movements
- primary, junior, and intermediate class lines would be extended
- primary tarmac receives a "fox and goose" pattern, 12 hopscotch courts, and a 100-chart
- the junior area receives 2 four-square patterns
- the basketball lines would be re-painted as well

Playground: Robb provided an update on the total price quoted for the Kindergarten Playground Refresh, replacing the current pea gravel with woodchips. It would cost \$6,946.11. PAC members requested an update on our financial situation before voting. Esther provided an update (see next item).

Melissa DeBeau motioned that the PAC approve the Kindergarten Playground Refresh, replacing the pea gravel with woodchips at a quoted cost of \$6,946.11; the motion was seconded by Joanne Adams, and the 6 voting members present voted unanimously in favour of the motion. However, a motion cannot be passed unless a minimum 7 voting members are present to vote. As the quoted price for the Refresh would expire before our next council meeting, an email was sent out the evening of May 1, 2018, requesting that voting members not present at the meeting please vote via email by end of day Thursday May 3, 2018. All emailed votes (Sharon Seinen, Sterling Bidgood, Glen Vanderperk, Noelle Klassen, Candice Buchan, Andrea Shea, Sarah Dyck) were in favour of the motion; Robb has been emailed the results and asked to contact the contractor to complete the Refresh.

Financial Update: Our total funds across all accounts is \$23,628.47.

- chocolate bars: \$7226.01
- food (mac and cheese): \$157.10
- general account: \$6994.69
- playground reserve: \$5276.47
- QSP: \$3202.70
- t-shirts: \$771.50

Walk to School Initiative: Discussion included concerns over how students' progress would be tracked and if the class time spent tracking is worthwhile; thoughts on how to make the initiative (and potential prize) fair to those students who would not be able to participate due to parents' work schedules/early daycare drop off, etc; thoughts on what the prize would be and what the criteria for winning would be. Other schools do "Footloose Fridays" which is a walk to

school initiative without tracking or prizes. The PAC agreed to adopt this practice immediately, and Robb will make the announcement (perhaps with a little Kenny Loggins' Footloose singing?) ahead of each Friday.

Raising Healthy Pirates Wellness Event update: This event took place on Wednesday April 25, 2018 and was very well attended. Several families who registered did not attend, but there were two 'walk-in' families who did! There were 29 families present (roughly 100 parents and students). There were coffee, water, fruit, and veggies for snacking, "swag bags" of resource material (one per family with lots of extras), several door prizes randomly drawn at the end of the night, and 6 facilitators running sessions. Feedback from attendees both the night of the event and by an email survey sent out was generally very positive! Most said they would attend a similar event, found the sessions/resources interesting and informative, and felt the evening was well-organized. Our total cost for the event (funds from the PRO Grant) was \$382.64, most of which was for advertising, refreshments, and lanyards.

PRO Grant 2019: Applications for next year's PRO Grant are due by end of June 2018. Please consider options for an event that will include students AND their families as we will need to decide what to apply for during our next meeting. Feel free to email the PAC with suggestions prior to the meeting!

PAC Storage: PAC members who have had reason to visit our loft storage area on the stage have felt unsafe by the number of non-PAC items in the area. Our previous storage area (the first large closet near the gym entrance) is unavailable to us as it is in use for sports equipment storage. Robb suggested that any PAC members interested and available during the first week after school join him to go through the loft area to remove items that should not be there (during which time we can also take an inventory of what PAC items are there).

PAC Award (as requested by Robb):

1. There was a lot of discussion about the PAC Award, as every aspect of it seems to have changed over the years. In the last year or two, it has been awarded to one female, one male primary student, and one female, one male junior student; teachers nominate and then vote for students who are "all-round" students/citizens of the school. The PAC involvement is the printing of name plates for the PAC Award plaque that is displayed at the front of the school. In the past, some long-time members believe, PAC recipients might have been awarded their own small plaques along with a monetary gift.
2. Robb would like to see more students winning awards for separate, specific reasons, and wondered if the PAC Award could be adjusted to suit, or if the PAC had alternate suggestions. Some PAC members felt that more students winning for many reasons seemed like an extension of the I Matter Awards, and felt that should be the school's scope, and the PAC Award should be unique.
3. Further discussion was all about what the PAC Award could/should look like. The general consensus was that the criteria for nominations and voting should be students who exemplify community-mindedness, whether in the global community, the community of St. Catharines/Niagara, the school community, or their personal communities. Some options were:
 - i. 1 junior plaque awarded to 1 recipient at the year-end assembly, and 1 grade 8 plaque awarded to 1 recipient at the graduation ceremony
 - ii. 1 primary, junior, and intermediate plaque (or certificate) each awarded to 3 recipients at the year-end assembly
 - iii. 1 plaque awarded to 1 grade 8 recipient only at the graduation ceremony OR year-end assembly

Please consider your preference; PAC voting members will vote at our May 29 meeting in order for the award(s) to be presented at the conclusion of the 2018 year.

Graduation Update: No update from grade 8 parents on an after-ceremony event/potential help needed from the PAC. Robb reports that the Graduation ceremony will take place at Governor Simcoe on Monday June 25, 2018.

Trunk n' Treasure Spring Event Planning: Melissa Losier reports that Value Village is "booked" for us on June 9, 2018. They will accept gently used clothing and household items; we can bring as many loads as we need to the store, they weigh them and we are given money based on a percentage of the total weight. An e-waste receptacle has not yet been

booked but Melissa has contacted one company and has alternatives in case the first (which has the best return for the school) company doesn't work out. The present members settled on 9am-1pm for the trunk sale with set up beginning at 8am, and 9am to 4pm for the household item/e-waste drop off. It was decided that we will have 30 spaces at \$25 each, and 10 "kid spaces" at \$5 each; payments are due by June 1 to the office and must be paid in cash. It was also decided that the event will take place rain or shine, and that we will forego doing the Classroom Basket Raffle. There may be an "early bird drop off" available for Value Village items at the school on the PD Day, June 8, from noon-3pm – this is contingent upon the availability of PAC members to volunteer their time; a volunteer request email has been sent out to the PAC, with replies due back by Tuesday May 8. Melissa Losier is creating posters for the event; some for advertising at school, and some that can be coloured by students and posted within the community (grocery stores, Starbucks, etc.) Joanne volunteered to advertise the event on online venues, and Tiffany volunteered to advertise in (free) print venues.

Principal's Report

EQAO: EQAO testing for grades 3 and 6 begins on Wednesday May 23 and ends Thursday May 31. There are some days that both grades write, and some days only one grade writes; each grade writes over 6 days.

2018-2019 Staffing: At this time, our predicted school population will allow us the same number of homerooms next year as there was this year. However, the numbers are right on the edge; if we lose students we may need to reorganize classrooms in September which would result in more split-grade classrooms. As of now, the classroom organization looks like this:

3 Kindergarten classes (2 larger classes, 1 smaller class)		
1 grade one	1 grade three/four split	1 grade six
1 grade one/two split	1 grade four	1 grade seven
1 grade two	1 grade five	1 grade eight
1 grade three	1 grade five/six split	

Next meeting Robb will have an update about which teachers will be teaching which class. Parent requests for specific classes/teachers for their children can be sent to Robb via email or written note ONLY; requests will be considered but no requests are guaranteed.

Wacky Week for EFN: The Education Foundation of Niagara gives so much to our students in need; May 7-11 is our school's chance to give back! Students are encouraged to participate in each day's theme and donate if possible.

CALENDAR:

May 2: TRACK & FIELD MEET
 May 3: Int. Badminton Tourney
 May 4: JERSEY DAY
 Forest of Reading Conference @ Scotiabank Ctr.
 Pizza Lunch
 I-Matter Assembly & Colour House Activities
 May 7: Wacky Week: SUNGLASSES DAY
 7W & 8W to Paris Crepes Café
 May 8: Wacky Week: BLACK & WHITE DAY
 May 9: Wacky Week: BACKWARD SHIRT DAY
 May 10: Wacky Week: CRAZY HAIR DAY
 Subway Lunch
 May 11: Wacky Week: FAVOURITE STUFFY DAY
 Area Track & Field Meet
 Pizza Lunch
 Kindergarten Mother's Day Event in gym

May 14: 2/30, 3R & 3/4C to Brock PALS program
 May 17: Gr. 8 Day for Eden Students
 Romby's Mac & Cheese Lunch
 EVERYTHING ORANGE EVENT in gym (Pd.5-6)
 PAC Committee Mtg. (6:00pm)
 May 18: P.A. DAY
 May 23: EQAO – Language Book 1A (gr. 3 & 6)
 May 24: EQAO – Language Book 1B (gr. 3 & 6)
 Hot Dog Lunch
 May 25: EQAO – Math Book 1 (gr. 3 only)
 4/5C, 5E & 6L to Brock PALS program
 Pizza Lunch
 May 26: RANKIN CANCER RUN
 May 28: EQAO - Math Book 1 (gr. 6 only)
 May 29: EQAO – Math Book 2 (gr. 3 & 6)
 PAC Mtg. (6:30pm)

Constitution meeting : Thursday May 17, 2018
 May meeting: Tuesday, May 29, 2018