



Canyon Heights Parent Advisory Council

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## **P.A.C. MEETING MINUTES**

**November 23, 2022**

**7:30 pm- 8:45 pm**

**(Library and Zoom)**

**Present at the Meeting:**

**P.A.C. Executive:**

**Chair: Kendra Low**

**Vice Chair: Vanessa Mitchell**

**Secretary: Sonia Gadtke**

**Treasurer: Erin Alexander (Absent)**

**Fundraising: Mona Tavassoli**

**Communications: Saman Hamidi**

**Canyon Heights Administration: Principal, Kevin Ward, Vice Principal, Kammi Clark**

**Meeting members: There were approximately 12 additional parents in attendance.**

Kendra Low called the meeting to order at **7:32pm**

**Land Acknowledgement** – Kammi Clark

### **1) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Annual General PAC Meeting (June, 2022)**

- Sonia Gadtke motioned to approve the minutes; the minutes were unanimously approved

### **2) Tech Presentation: Toby Beck**

- Mr. Beck is the leader of our tech program here at Canyon Heights
- He is hoping to get a 3D printer for the school
- New assessment model includes Beginning, Developing, Practicing, Extending
- Using the 3D printer would be an example of extending learning
- Design X to solve a problem, Critique experimental design
- **Grade 5 Science:** How could you design a model of a heart? How could you design a Nanobot?
- **Grade 7 Science:** How would you design a floating air turbine?
- **Grade 7 Socials:** What might a neural link look like? Compare Neural link and Hieroglyphics
- Mr. Beck provided an overview of how the printer would be used and it's benefits for learning at various elementary levels and in preparation for high school learning.
- Tinkercad is the software used to make the 3D objects
- Ditto Pro R is the name of the 3D printer Mr. Beck is requesting because this version can print with different materials that are more sustainable instead of always using plastic.
- Ditto Pro cost: \$2500
- Ditto Pro R cost: \$3500
- The school will get 10% off on the cost of printer
- Spools of Wire filament is what is used in the printer to create the 3D objects
- The materials to use in the printer will come out of the curriculum budget, the PAC will not have to fundraise for that
- Tech Ed: K-7
- 3D printer ideal for grade 5-7
- K-3 are using I-pads in Tech Ed
- Grade 3,4,5, 6, 7 Laptops in Tech Ed

### 3) **School Update: Principal Kevin Ward**

- Positive vibe can be felt in the school
- Buddy classes have started
- six new teachers have been hired this year
- School planning committee: goals are to promote kids' sense of belonging to the school community
- There's been a lot of professional development going on this year
- Physical Literacy program in the school: district funding to have professional development around physical literacy training
- Pro-D day included a lot of learning for the teachers on the proficiency scale
- Open Parachute is another program being used at CH, and is supplementary to the Second Step Program for the grade 6s and 7s
- Second Step Program was graciously funded by the PAC
- Student/Family Interviews for Parent-Teacher Interviews went really well
- Today we had a World Cup viewing in the gym for the whole school

- It was awesome to see the kids cheering for Canada
- Had 75-100 kids watching the Canadian/Belgium game

#### **4) PAC Chair Update: Kendra Low & Vanessa Mitchell**

- Year started with a couple of great events: Ice Cream social, Harvest Festival
- \$30,000 was spent on Laptops last year as well as a cart on wheels to store them in
- \$15,000 was spent this year on I-Pads for Tech Ed

#### **5) Safety Update: Kendra Low**

- We lobbied the district in 2021 and outlined the concerns we have in the front of our school
- We've been lobbying for a flashing light at the crosswalk in front of the school
- We applied for a DNV sustainability grant to support active transportation to school – grant application requested \$4000. We will find out if we are successful in December.
- Council members has seen the traffic nightmare in front of our school first hand
- We'll be engaging a traffic management crew to do a traffic and traffic flow study if our grant is approved.
- Takes a lot of time to get more signage, road painting and delineators at the district level
- We had crossing guards two years ago, but are now struggling to find volunteers
- Now we have asked for people to put out the cones in the morning
- One CH family who lives close by has offered to put out the cones every morning which we're so grateful for!
- We have no crossing guard volunteers this year
- There will be a survey coming out to see what parents feel the sustainability (safety grant) money, should be successful in our grant application (\$4,000) should be spent on

#### **6) Budget and Spend Priorities 2022/2023 - Kendra Low for Erin Alexander**

- Hot Lunch is our biggest fundraiser of the year
- As a PAC we've vowed to keep a bank balance of at least \$25-\$30,000
- This year we are projected to spend at least \$50,000 which is more than we will have fundraised
- Our past & future spends have included/will include:
  1. First Aid programs for the grade 6/7s
  2. Teacher funds: each classroom gets about \$400 from the PAC to help buy yearly classroom supplies
  3. Young Actors Project
  4. Technology: Laptops, I-Pads
  5. Holiday Days: Chinese New Year, Nowruz

6. 3D Printer for Tech Program
  7. Guest speakers: Saleema Noom: Body Science program, Jessie Miller: Social Media Educator
- There are plans for a Gala next year.
  - We encourage parents to support our fundraisers
  - We are hoping in the spring to freshen up the blacktop in the back of the school
  - Physical Literacy program includes painting on the cement to design a path for the students that has them move in different ways

Vanessa: Gala

- Thank you to all the parents for joining our Instagram account
- We're hoping to host a Gala in early November 2023 or in Spring of 2024
- We are calling on people who may want to help plan this Gala to come forward and join a committee
- First Gala committee meeting will be in the beginning of January, stay tuned for date/time
- Updates will be sent out in the coming weeks about the Gala Committee

## **7) Fundraising Update – Mona Tavassoli & Christy Standing**

- Most successful campaign is our Hot Lunch program
- Fall, Hot Lunch session made a profit of \$8,800
- The next ordering for the winter session will be happening on December 2 and will end on December 16<sup>th</sup>- the last day of classes before Winter Break
- In the winter session we'll be trying a new vendor called Well Fed (possibly including sandwiches and pasta)
- Purdy's Chocolates for Christmas has a deadline of tonight
- BakingUHappy Gingerbread House fundraiser
- Winter Festival on December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We have partnered with a few vendors in Edgemont Village
  1. Cobbs Bread: if you tell them you are from Canyon Heights, they will kick back a portion of the sale to the school
  2. Krave Culture: same
  3. Mable's Labels: same
- We want to support our cultural events such as Chinese NewYear and Nowruz (January and March)
- Kids Books

## **8) Events Update – Julie Hebb**

- I am the point of contact for volunteers for all of our events
- We will be needing volunteers to help set up and take-down for the upcoming Winter Festival
- If you're interested in volunteering, please email Julie at

volunteer@canyonheightspac.org

**9) New Business**

- We are still searching for volunteers to be class rep for **Division 2 (Mr. Dumont)** and **Division 3 (Mr. Beck & Mrs. Clark)**
- The biggest and most fun role of the class reps is to collect from parents for teacher appreciation gifts at Christmas time and again in June.
- We are hoping someone is willing to do this for Division 2 and 3 before we break for Christmas
- Anyone interested in becoming a class rep for either of these 2 divisions, please email [secretary@canyonheightspac.org](mailto:secretary@canyonheightspac.org)

Next meeting in March, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm