



P.A.C. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2024

7:30 pm- 8:30 pm

Zoom

Present at the Meeting:
P.A.C. Executive:
Chair: Kendra Low Co-Chair: Vanessa Mitchell Secretary: Absent Treasurer: Erin Alexander Fundraising: Mona Tavassoli Communications: Saman Hamidi
Canyon Heights Administration: Principal, Kevin Ward, Vice Principal, Sarah Dawson
Meeting members: There were approximately 9 additional parents in attendance.
Kendra Low called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- Land Acknowledgement – Sarah Dawson
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (November 8, 2024):
- Vanessa Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes; the minutes of the November 8, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved

- **Welcome to Sarah Dawson, New VP!**
Welcome to Sarah as our new VP; Sarah introduced herself and her teaching background. The PAC welcomed Sarah.
- **School Update: Welcome to Principal Kevin Ward**
- Lunar new year celebrations coming up.
- Welcome to Sarah as VP; Sarah is also taking on role as primary instructional network leader.
- Working on spearheading family of schools (FOS) “science of reading” for upcoming pro-d days in future
- New reporting has rolled out (proficiency scale); heard mostly positive feedback from parents and teachers.
- Student led conferences this week went well.
- Two student teachers on staff currently.
- New Indigenous support worker now in schools and is available to staff Tuesday afternoons moving forward.
- Saleema Noon sessions are coming up – sexual health education – every 2 years (PAC sponsored). Parent night on Feb 20; sessions over two days for children at the end of the same week.
- Course programming for Grade 7s for Handsworth upcoming; as well as trip to Handsworth
- Pink Shirt Day coming up
- Grade 4’s heading to outdoor school soon.
- School wide emergency release coming up before Spring Break. More info coming.
- Young actors project coming up; hoping to revive Fun Day in June.
- Track and Field – Swangard is coming back this year.

Safety Updates (Kendra Low)

- Refer to Power Point
- Our new crossing light is installed and working and is making a huge difference and the new crossing flags (on Highlands and Lions) are installed. Thanks to Julie/Vanessa for making the holders. The kids enjoy using the crossing flags our PAC created and it’s helping with visibility in those two crosswalks.
- New signage installed in drop off area. More is coming.
- Safety survey is out – approx. 50 responses to date. 95% note PAC safety updates have made a difference. Please take 2 minutes to complete the survey.
- Additional RCMP and police presence this week (2 this week and 2 last).
- Please try and “drive to 5” as parking and walking really helps with congestion around the school at drop off and pick up.
- Following up with DNV on outstanding safety items (school zone extension, school zone signage, delineators in the middle of the road to stop u-turns, curb painting, new crosswalks etc.).

- New in class safety education kits; and new cones and other safety equipment on order.
- Please get in touch with the PAC if interested in assisting with safety.
- School zone safety reference sheet coming (in conjunction with NSSC and RCMP).
- Report a violation website can be used to report violations

Fundraising and Events (Mona Tavassoli & Vanessa Mitchell)

Events and fundraisers held so far:

- Popsicle social
- Bike walk and roll in September
- October movie night a huge success (Grade 7 fundraised over \$400)
- Winter market very successful
- Over \$5000 of chocolate sold during Winter Purdy's fundraiser – one single order was placed for over \$2000!
- Easter Purdy's fundraiser on until Feb 24 with pick up in March
- Card Project coming in March/April.
- Kid's books coming. We donated 25 books to the library last school year.
- Ongoing fundraising with Cobs, Krave, Mabels Labels, and Nelly's (just mention Canyon Heights)
- Bottle Drive – we will not be doing a bottle drive this year; ongoing recycling instead.
- Everything is on social media on Instagram – so you can check that out for more info, links, etc.
- Looking for a date for another movie night – we have the inflatable screen now.
- Bike, Walk and Roll week is June 3-7
- Fun Day (sports day) – expecting this to be in early June. More info to come.
- BBQ – mid-end of June (for all students and families)
- Join instagram for more info.

Gala

- Gala date is changing from May 25 (due to InterMiami soccer game)– date to be confirmed soon.
- Looking for gala ambassadors to spread the word.
- Looking at e-transfers for the tickets to minimize fees from square, school cash or munch-a-lunch.
- Early bird pricing and then regular pricing.

Hot Lunch

- Open to suggestions for vendors
- Rotating through the various vendors
- Friday White Spots have been very popular.
- Joyanne working with Thrifty's to buy cookies direct – lots more work for Joyanne but increasing the profit margin.
- Catherine has taken on volunteer coordinator role – thanks to both Joyanne and Catherine.

PAC Spending/Budget

- See Power point slide with listing of PAC spend completed and expected.
- Holiday musical script and sound equipment
- Math festival
- Classroom support fund (+non-enrolling teachers)
- Grade 7 contribution
- Staff appreciation (Christmas + year-end)
- First aid course; Body Science (parent night zoom link has been circulated); Young Actors; Outdoor upgrades; and other items yet to come.
- We did not receive a gaming grant this year.

Parent Education

Online education sessions outlined from NVPAC and Dyslexia BC – see PowerPoint for registration links.

Volunteering/help needed:

We are looking for volunteers to take on smaller jobs – help with a single fundraiser or social media or other items.

Other positions we could use help with:

- Safety Coordinator/Safety committee members
- Social media (Instagram)
- Parent education coordinator

PAC shared a thank you from parent in the community and asked for any questions or discussion. There was no further discussion.

Next meeting: April 11, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm