

Ferris Elementary Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

April 8, 2019 6:00PM – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Naoko Watanabe, Rebecca Soronow, Mrs. Steele (Principal), Mr. Campbell (Vice-Principal), Joanna Xu, Elena Langlois, Anupriya Kansal, Stacey Yuan, Fritz Ho, Yuehan Ding, Alla Becker, Benjamin Liu, Mona Mao, Shelly Ren

1. Administrators' Report

Mrs. Steele provided key highlights:

- Next school year, teacher's daily preparation will be increased from current 50 minutes to 55 minutes. Elementary school schedules will be changed to aim for district wide consistency.
- Welcome to Kindergarten on May 15, 10:45-11:45am
- Last date for Late Return is September 11. A form must be completed to inform school of students' late returns.
- Seismic upgrade: gradual phasing, swing classes - 4 classes each round, constructional period - summer 2019 to summer 2020.
- Grade 4 and 7 ministry learning survey needs to be completed by parents.
- Ferris teachers and staff have started planning for next school year.

Mr. Campbell shared feedbacks from Gr. 6/7 camping trip. Students enjoyed the outdoor activities and exercises, and were well representing our school. School will collect and share photos from the camping trip.

2. Treasurer's Report

- WeChat group fundraiser running total: \$1,778.50
- Parking bid for April: \$60
- City of Richmond grant, \$847 "Neighbourhood Celebration Grant" will be used to purchase refreshment/poster for Music in the Park, Wednesday, June 5, 3:15-4:15pm
- Students need to register for iRide – registration is free
- Teacher reimbursements – teachers need to submit receipts by the end of May
- Ferris Alumni Scholarship check of \$600 was sent to Richmond Secondary
- Movie license fee of \$370.91 was paid
- Bollywood: total donation of \$1,990. Positive feedbacks and great parent involvement at the event
- Fieldtrip subsidy (\$7/student) comes from Gaming Grant.
- PAC purchased 1 unit of external DVD for school and will purchase 10 more for teachers to share

3. Fundraising Report

- Next Hot Lunch – Friday, April 12, Subway sandwich
- April/May Hot Lunches - April 26 and May 10
- Fruits & Veggie Day – April 11, May 9 and 30

- Family Zumba Night – Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-6:30pm, poster has been made, PAC will sell pizza and water at the event.
- Spring Gym Sale – Saturday, April 27, 10:00am-12:00pm, will need to make posters and post them in nearby neighbourhoods. Signup sheet for tables is available at the office.
- Movie Night – Thursday, May 16, 5:30-8:00pm, Movie TBD
- Spring Carnival – Thursday, May 30, 2:50-5:00pm
 - Need space and electrical outlet source to construct carnival games. 1-2 days of construction required.
 - Gift basket donated from PriceSmart as raffle. Wheel spin fundraiser opportunity at PriceSmart
 - Game planning is on track. Volunteer signup sheet will be placed at school office.
 - Target 10 raffle prizes.
- Volunteer Appreciation Tea – Friday, June 7, 2:00-2:50pm
- Look into eligibility and application of community Playbox.

4. Volunteer Recruitment

Please contact PAC at ferrispac@gmail.com or sign up on Konstella if you can help with the following events:

- Fruits and Veggie days: April 11, May 9 and 30 - ~6 volunteers required
- Hot Lunch: April 12, 26, May 10 – ~15 volunteers required
- Spring Gym Sale – April 27 – 5 volunteers required
- Spring Carnival – May 30, LOTS of volunteers required, signup sheet is also available at school office
- Music in the Park – June 5 – 6 volunteers required

5. Other Business

- Brief report on Breakfast Club - currently hosted by staff at other schools, volunteers from university, serve cereal, waffle, water, or other healthy options. Every school gets different funding and have different purposes (Seasonal, Occasional, Breakfast with Santa). Need to discuss further in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: May 6, 2019, 6:00 to 7:00 pm.