

# **MINUTES OF THE WISHART SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **WISHART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

There were 24 members present. Adrianna Couto, Sandra Neureuther, Lindsay Baker, Stacy Scriver, Devon Carruthers, Sharlet Strandland, Hayley Nesbitt, Katie Walters, Ashley Brunn, Chelsea Darveau, Jennifer Puddicombe, Mary McEachern, Erin Butte, Erin Brownlow, Renee Gordon, Hannah Adair, Kristen Wilson, Jarrah Betz, Janine Rees, Mathew Rees, Laura Gillis, Vanessa Stone, Iris Cheung, Ruchi McArthur.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by PAC President Sandra Neureuther and seconded by Adrianna Couto.

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June PAC meeting were adopted as written by Sandra Neureuther and seconded by Adrianna Couto.

### **ADMIN REPORT – Ruchi McArthur and Jane Sinclair**

Wishart Elementary

September PAC Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Principal's and Vice Principal's report

- Welcome and Territory Acknowledgement
- September start-up – we opened doors to 477 students this year
  - We continue to have 22 divisions
  - We welcomed students from many different countries this year
  - We have a big staff
  - We are always appreciative of the support we receive from the parent community and Wishart PAC
  - Feedback – let me know if I can do anything differently or help make school start-up easier

- **Affordability Grant** – the school has received \$7500 to support vulnerable families with food, clothing, hampers etc. The school committee consists of school staff and parents. This year we hope the funds will support our families in the following way:
  - Support about 22 families with the PAC hot lunch program; PAC will price these lunches at cost and not make any profit; last year we spent about \$1700 on the PAC hot lunch program
  - We can use about 10% of the funds for gift cards for struggling families for food, clothing and other supports; we have already been supporting a few families with WALMART gift cards
  - Create hampers at Christmas time and before holidays for families
  - Continue to support the in-class healthy snack program which supports all students in classes
  - And lastly, support the PAC with \$1000.00 for the HOP-ON Cycling program; this is a 3 day program for students in grades 4 and 5 and Wishart has participated in this for more than 5 years; in previous years Wishart PAC has paid the full cost however, the price for this program has gone up by \$1000 this year

Last year, we covered all the field trips and bussing costs – this year we are unable to today that as we do not have enough funds; we spent \$11 000 on field trips and this will be a PAC request.

- School events:
  - Meet the Teacher Night
  - Terry Fox
  - Cross country run
  - Orange Shirt Day

**Dates to remember:**

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting at 6:00 pm

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – PAC popcorn day

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Orange Shirt Day

**October**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – day in lieu

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Fire Drill

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot-lunch

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photo Day

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting at 6:00 pm

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – PAC popcorn day

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – FIRE DRILL

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Earthquake drill

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – PAC Halloween Dance 5-8 pm

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot-lunch

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween

## **PAC ADMIN REPORT – Sandra Neureuther & Adrianna Couto**

Welcome to the new school year. We are very excited for a great year ahead 😊

### **TREASURER REPORT : Katie Walters**

General Account - \$ 51,915.75

Gaming Account - \$18,258.04

We have not received the gaming fund for this year but should very soon.

### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM : Lindsay Baker & Devon Carruthers**

We have something planned for every Friday but one this year!

Oct 13 – Kernels Popcorn

Oct 27 - Booster Juice & Royal Bay Bakery

Nov 3 – La Taquisa

Nov 10 – Kernels Popcorn

Nov 17 – Boston Pizza

All the hot lunches will be put in paper bags this year instead of ziploc's. We will need around 7500 for the year. If you know anyone who can get us a deal that would be amazing.

Allergy's – If your child has an allergy, please let us know. This will help with future Hot Lunch planning 😊

### **FUNDRAISING REPORT: Sharlet Strandlund & Adrianna Couto**

True Earth - Ongoing

Happy Hippo – Ongoing - Use code WishartPac

Mabels Labels – Ongoing

Bottle Drive – Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

Mitchells Soup – In the New Year

Hilltop Poinsettias! Going live Oct 6<sup>th</sup>-Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> . All ordering will be done on school cash online

If there is a fundraiser that doesn't tickle your fancy, there is now a donate option 😊

Supporting kids with school supplies. This year Pac provided 18 kids with school supplies. We are considering possibly doing bulk orders for next year. If every child's family gave the teacher \$40 - \$60 dollars the teacher can go out and buy a bulk order of what will be used in the class. This will save money and you won't have a build up of school supplies your child didn't end up using in your cupboard 😊

### **EVENTS REPORT: Stacy Sriver**

**Halloween Dance** – There will be an option to pre order pizza on school cash online. There will only be a few extra pieces, so please don't delay and order today 😊

The concession will have candy bags, water and juice to buy. Glow sticks will be available for purchase too in a separate area. There will be a back drop for pictures in the hallway as well as a DJ!!!

There will either a costume contest or a pumpkin carving contest ( bring in your carved pumpkin to display in the hall )

**Christmas Craft Fair** -Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

### **SOCIAL MEDIA : Devon Carruthers**

There have been lot's of reminders posted on facebook. Keep an eye out 😊

**Nominations** :Sandra nominates Iris Cheung for SPEAC rep. Adrianna seconds. Iris Cheung accepts.

### **SPEAC : Iris Cheung**

There are 600-700 new students in SD62. There will be a driver tracking system for next year. This will allow you to see where your child's bus is in real time. They are currently working on a max of a 30 min bus ride.

There are not enough parent volunteers at schools which is making it hard to run extra programs and events.

**Meeting called at 7:18pm**

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