

DSPAC Monthly Meeting

January 19, 2023

Call to order and attendance:

Called to order at 3:25

Leslie Raniseth, Nikki Gongaware, Nikki Pivert, Dawn Nikiwski, Courtney Faber-Gillespie, De Anne Hutchinson, Brittany Zak, Jocelyn Pennock

Review of Previous Minutes:

Adopted as presented

Trustee Report:

There is a lot going on, we had a blessing of indigenous/meti flag in olds. We will be provided with a flag for our school, Jocelyn was there.

There is an 'Attendance Matters' package from the board. The message they are trying to make to parents is that attendance in schools affect success elsewhere. Attendance is a problem since COVID. They are looking to see students back in school and staying in school. Education seems to have been devalued and they are trying to reverse that.

We hired a new communications officer (Laurette Woodrow?) watch for changes and updates. Please send any feedback to DeAnne. Includes website, divisional parent newsletters, etc

Bree Hansen mentioned that the school needs proof of insurance to rent the school gym. More information will be coming... liability is an issue but we are worried about how this affects non-profit organizations. Worried about community impact.

2 conferences coming up – first focus on mental health and the second is a rural symposium.

Flourishing stories Grant – Approved 1 more application. A sewing club that works with community members to create interesting sewing and etc.

Admin Report:

Thank-you for joining the Christmas concert. The concert went really well, they were happy with how the students learned and preformed.

High school is writing exams

Basketball is going well.

Report Cards k-8 will be printed this year (usually k-4).

Parent announcements: texts announcements are coming through. The content is good, we do not feel like they need much more. Maybe putting the hot lunch link in the announcements would help.

Ad has gone out for the new vice-principal. Please fill in the executive council survey.

Student Support- Vaping presentation went well. We need to have another one. Brett Gardner is doing presentation for 7-12 and it went amazing and will be coming back every month. Dawn will let Jocelyn know about the hockey player presenter she is aware of.

Suicide prevention is coming for 9-12 on Feb 2 and 9. 60-90 minutes and a tough but important topic. Info is going home to parents.

Sexual assault center - Healthy relationships presentation: 4-12. In lower grades is about healthy friendships and setting boundaries and upper grades more about unhealthy vs healthy relationships. Titles: 4-6 I respect and 7-12: healthy relationships.

Any feedback from us: Are there any communication gaps?

Question: When are parents informed about classroom incidents? Parents are feeling left out...she will talk with teachers and let them know. But FOIP is an issue.

Show and Share: there is a liability about bringing animals into schools. There are banned animals like poisonous and exotic but what about puppies. The answer is yes, they can show it but the kids are not allowed to interact with the kids in the classroom.

Old Business:

Logo Competition: Finalize details and approve the newsletter to be sent home.

Get students in grades 4-12 to design a logo for our council. Finalists will be chosen by the PAC Executive Council, the winner will be chosen by votes. Voting members will be parents that attend the March PAC meeting on March 16, 2023. Contest runs Feb 1-28

Details were approved. We will advertise in the February Trojan news, PAC Facebook, and Jocelyn will distribute to teachers in case they would like to use for class.

New Business:

Reading presentation: Do we want to proceed with this idea?

Erin Mitchell would come out and do this. She is the divisions literacy guru. We only got 9 parents to respond. We have decided to go ahead with this. I will speak with Erin about dates and content and ages. And will be sending out an email. We will make it a registered event to see if it will be worthwhile.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 Adjourned

DSPAC Financial Meeting

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Call To Order:

4:00 Call to order

Hot Lunch:

Leslie has spoken to Jocelyn, and they have decided that leadership kids will drive down and get the hot dog orders. With a new semester we will still have students cooking the hot dogs.

Courtney will cancel Darien and Meagan for Jan 31 and Feb 7.

Subway – Leslie has someone will go each time and get the order instead of looking for different drivers. Jolyn will go and Leslie will reach out if she cannot.

Volunteer thank-you. How will we thank them at the end of year? Give it thought. We will discuss next meeting. Lunch? Plants? Can't spend a lot of money...maybe just cards. Elementary art could make cards.

Treasurers Report:

Brittany read the report. Nikki Gongaware seconds the motion

Jocelyn asked "how does the PAC give money to school?" The school gives the PAC an invoice and we reimburse. For the \$100/class expense we will pay a one-time lump sum for the school to reimburse. Brittany will write that and give to Kim.

DeAnne wanted to know: Do we have an expense budget for next year? Yes, we have made/will make enough for next year.

Old Business:

Fundraiser: Silent Auction: See Breakdown Report **attached document**

Total Income:	\$1886	
Cash	\$675	\$25 still yet to be deposited, but in hand.
EMT	\$916	
Cheques	\$255	
Subtotal	\$1846	
Outstanding	\$40	Item yet to be picked up as of 01/17/2023

Nikki Pivert will get the item picked up and paid for. (pyrex dishes)

22-23 Budget: Was any funding needed from the Casino Account? Was a final list compiled for the \$11,500 budget?

- Budget was provided by the school ****attached****
- Should we use from the casino account for a couple of items, just need to identify which items

Brittany will look into which items will be paid by for by casino (gaga ball, 3-D or field trip busing). Jocelyn will look into and let us know if she needs our help with basketball nets (4-6) and the random pole on the k-3 playground.

We need to start talking about updating pieces of the playground. Maybe using casino funds. Table this issue for later.

Discuss gaga ball pits: Flooring is an issue...maybe horse trailer hoof grip. Jocelyn will look into that. Nikki Gongaware will email businesses and provide information about it.

New Business:

Next Fundraiser: *We don't need another one for next year.*

School Supplies fundraising: There are several companies that offer fundraising options for schools. If the teachers were interested in partnering with PAC we would assist with getting such a program up and running. *Courtney will provide more information to Jocelyn*

Have invoiced the village for \$4000 for the 2023 sign rental. Last year we received payment in March.

Future Financial Management:

Paying for sign repairs - Was asked by school to pay for repairs to the sign. Looked into it and we have not paid for repairs before. It was agreed upon that the school would take care of repairs. Spoke with Kim and she was going to ask Jocelyn how we want to handle this going forward, will the school continue to take care of repairs and maintenance, or do we need to put a fund aside to budget for in the future?

Jane agreed that the it was decided that ongoing maintenance would come from the school budget. Issue tabled for now. We will speak with other schools and see if they rent signage and who pays for maintenance. We don't mind paying for the sign if the school wants to include it in our budget.

Hot Lunch Money and Separate Accounts: How are we going forward with this? Will the money from hot lunch be transferred over to the PAC account at the end of each year, or will the school hot lunch fund be paying things and keeping track of the money and just reporting to PAC what they have spent from the budget? How will that be tracked?

Should the school just take on hot lunch under their umbrella? They cook, pick-up groceries, collect money and everything. Could we trade? Maybe they take hot lunch and we will take on the fall selling fundraiser. We will table this issue for another meeting.

Kim's report on hot lunch was read and discussed. Edit the expense report to add a box for additional hot lunch expenses.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:54