

Argyle PAC Minutes

Wednesday April 15, 2020 via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions 7:08 PM

Review and approval of February Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the February 2020 PAC meeting – Tannins. Second – Leslie. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Storoz

1. Financials: Operating account: \$19368.35 – Includes Square deposit and Eventbrite – does not include expenses. Gaming: \$32936.75.
2. \$9868.80 WIP fundraiser in so far.
3. Comment: The Upper Lynn Elementary School is ready to provide funding whenever it is requested. Upper Lynn had around \$5000. They require a written request. Kim Jonat reports that they are getting close to needing the money but the final furniture choices for the alcove spaces have not been finalized yet so the amounts are not known.
4. Lisa: Requests for Gaming Funds process occurs around this time of year. Can submit the Gaming Request for next year. We would like to see the list of requests for the teacher.
Motion: To approve the Treasurer's report- Tannis. Second: Danae. **Motion Carried.**

Administration Report – Kim Jonat

A lot has changed since this meeting in February. Term 2 came to a close, report cards out, Artists for Kids Gallery French projects out, March Break on the horizon. Then, many kids set to go on international trips that needed to be cancelled due to COVID-19. March 17, in-class instruction got cancelled. Then Spring Break first week was a bit of extra time that felt strange. Second week the administrators were deep into planning what school would look like for Argyle when return to class would occur. The integration for Microsoft Teams has been inspiring some teachers for things they can do with it when in-person class can occur. The decision was made that everyone had to be on the same platform for the ease of the families involved. Health and Safety protocols had to be established very quickly. Learning Services Teams – counsellors, support workers, reaching out to kids who require more help. Some are taking on Essential services workers child care shifts. Staff are pulling together to form teams to support each other. Interesting to see teams working together. The PE challenge got picked up by the Ministry of Education. Following a bell schedule was not going to work. The request was that things were recorded so students could access the work anytime. Teachers are starting to see when holes in the schedule are to put their class in. There will be a list of resources for learning online released this week. Construction is going ahead. Still no confirmation with move-in date.

Update: on AMA trip: 3 travel agents. They use Manulife as insurance provider. Paper Work has gone in, and is sitting with Manulife. Told it could be 8 weeks before we hear. As soon as they get the money will distribute the money. How is it dispersed. Will go back through School Cash Online to the credit card that paid. Lisa wonders if it is possible to have a cheque issued to the families due to if there is a family that pays their card in full suddenly there will be a \$4200 credit sitting there. If the card is compromised it will not be covered. Also, in these times, it may be challenging to give the money back to the child that has paid for the trip. Some families find that they would also need that cash right now as they are out of work.

Parent Groups need to fall under PAC. PAC should be responsible for the funds. Munch-a-Lunch: behind the scenes. Fundraising in AMA goes to the students. Danielle states it is this balance between parent and student involvement. Foot ball has requested to start a Munch a Lunch program. This is a treasurer heavy program for the PAC. We wonder if it is possible for them to run it independent of PAC aside from a reporting to PAC on the accounting? Kim will reach out to Handsworth to see how their Munch a Lunch program has worked in the past. When Tannis spoke to the Munch a Lunch staffer they stated that the account had to be through the PAC. Kim wonders if we open a separate account if they can run it independently.

Program Rep Reports

1. AMA update – Danielle Moore – All music concerts cancelled. Cabaret cancelled. Proposed on-line auction to be organized. Hoping to raise \$3000 for scholarships. Also, in past years they don't always spend all monies raised on the scholarships of that year so may be able to top up the fund this year. It is the mandate of the AMA to try to provide these scholarships. Even if it is only \$200-300, it is important to provide what we can in these challenging financial times. Questions: how much is given away each year? Depends on what is raised at Cabaret. Rasied \$14500 last year so put \$12000 towards the scholarships. The time before may have been \$8500 or \$9000.

2. ADA update – Fleur Holohan-Fogerty – ADA is on hiatus until further notice. Launching Theater Company and Production after school classed next year. Call out for any volunteers for ADA.

3. Athletics Update – Alex Kelsch – No update. All sports cancelled

Old Business

1. Gender Diversity presentation by Michele Fogal & Caroline Wedderspoon; did Leslie get a review from a DPAC rep who attended the presentation? Full approval by the DPAC rep, totally great and applicable for our student body. Will be put on the agenda for future meetings when school back in session.
2. WIP Parent Party 2: Tanya is very grateful we pulled it off before the world took a turn. Fun and successful. Set off the school alarm that night. Mark left a 9 foot ladder there. Did not quite raise our goal of \$15000, but pretty good given numbers lower this year. Thankful for everyone who comes on board. May have roughly \$26000 to put toward furniture in the flex spaces in the new school.
3. Questions re: flex spaces. Wants to know what the process is to choose the furniture. Kim and organizers have been to many schools over the past 2 years. So is getting close to finalizing the list. The money from PAC will pay for this and if it is more than PAC monies the School will find funds to cover the difference. And if PAC has more money than it costs Kim will put forward suggestions to PAC on how the monies could be allocated. IS it possible for

local artists to show case art or donate art? There is some art already donated but Kim is not sure how the wall space will truly work. Is leaning away from murals that tend to last a very long time. Instead is interested in hooks or something for art. There are tv's around that will be used for announcements and is hoping that can be used for student art also.

4. Mark's comment wonders if it will be an additional overwhelming item for teachers to consider wish list items given their current work load and things needing to be managed due to COVID. Kim believes that the two-tiered roll out, one in May and again in the Fall, she feels this is likely quite manageable.

New Business

1. Staff appreciation Lunch: we would often host in June. Kim: nobody knows what will happen by June. There is a remote possibility that we might be back. Kim really appreciates that we are thinking of the staff appreciation lunch at all. She likes the idea that in the Fall we host a luncheon somehow at a School-specific Professional Day.
2. Looking for donations for computers – Evergreen are taking donations for computers. They will see if it is worth putting time into it. If not they will 'safe recycle' it. Mark is very proud that the company has stepped up for this purpose right now. Clearly the need for at home technology for students and staff that can handle the online programming is huge. Trying to help the families that do not have tech, for the families with the most need. If we become aware of tech, or awareness of lack of food. There is always a plan for giving food at the school that is out every day. This food is just out and students can take what they need. Through the grade counsellor or the grade administration you can help get support to families that need food. Do have some laptops at the school to borrow.
3. Schedules of online classes for students and parents – can these be made available to parents? These are being collected but do not anticipate releasing that information for each student. Each student can go to their calendar link to check what is happening for them. If the child goes to the link and there is nothing encourage the kids to reach out to the teachers. One example was a student that was using her gmail and not her school district email that had been given to her. All her classes were up and running but she could not see the schedule. Reach out to teachers, grade counsellors or grade admins.

Upcoming Meetings

May 20, 2020

June Meeting TBD

Motion to adjourn – Tannis. Second: Tanya 8:01