

Beach Grove Elementary School  
Parents' Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday September 30, 2020

**Present:**

Rebecca Davis, Leigh Ratcliff, Lawrence Eade, Kara Eade, Kate Coulson, Mark Douangchanh, Amanda Lascelle, Dana Jordan-Knox, Alyson Brennan, Emily Modrovic, Gus Gregg, Natania Mathany, Heather Durkin, Laurie Pardon, Tim Turner, Kristin MacKenzie, Joanna Stefani, Erin Harris

**Regrets:**

Lara Wilson, Dave Hirst, Shannon Doyle, Sarah Bailie

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Alyson Brennan seconded by Kate Coulson - *carried unanimously*

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Emily Modrovic seconded by Dana Jordan-Knox - *carried unanimously*

**Chair's Update:**

- Kate will be stepping down as Chair this year as her children are not attending Beach Grove
- Executive held a small meeting in August where it was decided to put a pause on all fundraising at this time so as not to put any undue pressure on families
- PAC noticeboard now up, current information will be posted

**Vice Chair's Update:**

- Continuing to work with the school district on our playground replacement (it's been 8 years and many hiccups along the way)
- Currently working with Aloe Design on the second stage of our playground improvement project
- Plan is to add two slides and boulders down the small slop behind the amphitheatre
- Slides are proving to be expensive!

**Treasurer's Update:**

- Entering this school year with significantly less funds than usual due to Covid impact on fundraising initiatives
- Expecting \$5,000 - \$7,000 Gaming Grant
- Have approximately \$20,000 this year (including Gaming Grant)
- Typically provide school with \$16,000 every school year
- Propose to reduce amount to \$10,000 to ensure similar amount available next school year as fundraising initiatives heavily impacted

### **DPAC Update:**

- Virtual meetings Monday, Oct. 5 at 7pm and Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7pm
- Q&A with Superintendent Dough Sheppard
- Pre-registration is required
- Questions submitted in advance

### **Principal's Update:**

- Everyone trying their best to make school year as normal as possible
- Students getting used to new protocol
- Thank you to parents for sending in sanitizer/soap
- Two different recesses and lunch periods in effort to give students as much space as possible
- Students are missing physical touch (playing tag, etc.), but it is a learning process
- Gym equipment ordered for each learning group - can be shared amongst students in a learning group, but not with other learning groups
- Updated Health Check has been sent out
- Thank you to parents for completing Health Checks
- High amount of absences in some classes
- Parents are keeping unwell kids home, thank you
- Welcome new teachers/support staff:
  - Ms. Jassal - ITT
  - Ms. May - Prep Relief (PE)
  - Mr. Lee - Band
  - Ms. Hille - Child & Youth Care Worker
- Speech pathologist and district psychologist will be working in 3 week increments at school
- Ms. Lamba moved to Kindergarten
- Terry Fox run adapted to individual mini runs
- Orange Shirt Day went well
- Missing assemblies - brainstorming ways to do safely
- September was Health & Safety focused
- First staff meeting moved to October
- Exploring ways to hold earthquake/fire drills safely
- FSA postponed until January
- Playground destroyed in fire to be replaced by insurance - awaiting more information
- 262 students enrolled
- 12 Divisions
- District removing temporary wall in Multipurpose room to convert back to band room
- Empty Kindergarten classroom, using as extra learning space
- Only 3 international students
- 14 students moved to Home Quest, and handful opted for Homeschooling or other distance learning
- Home Quest went from 80 to 700 students
- Parents are not allowed in school due to contact tracing concerns
- District has suggested PAC meetings move to Zoom

### **Teachers' Update:**

- No Update

## **Committee and Program Update**

### ***1. Welcome Back BBQ***

- Unable to go ahead this year

### ***2. Fun Lunch***

- Currently on pause
- System up and running (this is the only way PAC can send emails)
- 80 students currently registered, a few donations received

### ***3. Traffic and Safety***

- Need committee head

### ***4. Fruit and Vegetable***

- Currently unable to operate in school
- Food from the program donated to feed local families in need

### ***5. Raffle***

- Currently on pause

### ***6. Bingo Night***

- Currently on pause

### ***6. Read-A-Thon***

- Currently on pause

### ***7. Spring Fair***

- Currently on pause

### ***8. Art Auction/Adult Social***

- Currently on pause

### ***9. Beach Grove Apparel***

- Currently on pause

## **Next Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30pm (Virtual meeting via Zoom)

- AGM - new executive to be elected

## **Termination of Meeting:**

Meeting terminated at 7:14pm

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_