



MINUTES

Willoughby Elementary School PAC Meeting

October 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President C. Bennett at 7:02 pm.

22 in attendance. 17 Voting Members.

Presentation from Mal Gill & Joanne Abshire from SD35

Assistant Superintendent M. Gill and Communications Manager, J. Abshire, discussed the timeline for opening the new elementary school (name TBD), catchment areas, and long-term plan for schools in Langley. M. Gill emphasized that the transition has been mindfully created with consultation from many parties. The School District is lobbying for more learning spaces based on population demographic projections.

Willoughby Elementary has been capped at 530 students and 7 portables. Ideally, that number will shrink to approximately 311 students when the new school opens in September 2021. Another elementary school is planned for 2023 and a few more, along with a middle and secondary school within the next 7-10 years.

The catchment for the new school follows the exact same catchment for students who would attend Peter Ewart, after leaving Willoughby. All students that attend Willoughby and are in the Yorkson Middle School catchment will remain at Willoughby. Parents are encouraged to virtually attend the SD35 **Virtual Townhall on October 26th** for more details. Questions can be sent to feedback@sd35.bc.ca.

There was a brief discussion around “grandfathering” students who would like to remain at Willoughby. While families are encouraged to attend their catchment school, individual requests will be looked at on a case-by-case basis and based on enrollment numbers.

Principal’s Report

Parent/Teacher conferences will be on Tuesday, October 27th (2:00- 7:30 pm) and Wednesday, October 28th (2:00 – 4:30 pm), either virtually or in-person. Please remember to register by Thursday at noon, when registration closes (<http://willoughby.schoolappointments.com>). Instructions will be sent for those doing conferences via TEAMS this week.

P. Giovani asked that PAC post the link to the school website and newsletters on Facebook. Due to our large school size and Myed’s limited capacity, emails have to be sent in 4-5 batches each week. Occasionally there are delays or parents do not receive the newsletter. It is posted on the school website each week (as well as past issues). Please check the website for information before contacting the school: <http://willoughby.sd35.bc.ca>

We Play for Charity results are in for the previous school year. Congrats to the Red Team who won a \$150 donation to Hope for Paws. PAC will also donate \$100 Make A Wish Foundation, \$75 to World Vision, and \$50 to BC Children's Hospital. Grade 5 students are currently picking the charities for this year's team colour challenge.

K. Muuren thanked C. Sellers and PAC for the new emergency supplies storage unit that was installed over the summer. Repairs to the playground were also made over the summer and the four square, hopscotch lines have been repainted.

Last year, playground/outdoor enhancements were identified as a need for the school, however this year, the school is requesting more iPads and technology instead. iPads can be purchased for approximately \$500 each, including service/care (tax will be rebated to PAC). The school needs 15, but would be happy with even 10. PAC had already approved \$5,000 for Library/Tech in the budget, so the school was advised to go ahead with spending that for now.

P. Giovani advised that she is currently hiring a Noon Supervisor from now until the end of June. Anyone interested in applying, should email their resume to her by 3:00 pm on Monday, October 26th.

President's Report

C. Bennett thanked P. Giovani, K. Muuren and the school staff for addressing PAC concerns and for everything they've done to keep our students healthy and safe this year.

She also noted that if there are any families in need, please contact P. Giovani confidentially. PAC has a Compassion Fund available.

Treasurer's Report

The PAC Financial Accounts were reviewed for both the General & Gaming Accounts for September 2020.

General Account & Gaming Account

- September 2020 – motion to pass M. Gobin, R. Peck 2nd.

Secretary's Report

The May Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval

- motion to pass A. Malli, M. Gobin 2nd

District PAC (DPAC) Representative Report

The last DPAC Meeting also had a presentation from M. Gill

Please see the DPAC minutes for further details: <http://langleydpac.ca>

Committee Reports

- Hot Foods
 - Nothing to report
 - If anyone would like to volunteer as Hot Lunch Coordinator, please contact willoughbypac@gmail.com

- Spirit Wear
 - 138 wrist bands and 231 shirts were sold. Orders will be going home with students tomorrow.
 - It was decided that Pink Shirts will be designed by the Grade 5 students again this year and sold for Anti-Bullying Day in February. P. Giovani will request Gr. 5 teachers have their students' designs submitted by November 1st.
- Compassionate Support
 - R. Rathjen advised that supplies have been replenished and the Fire Fighters dropped off food again this year.
 - P. Giovani advised that the District is no longer supplying \$50/week gift cards. They are funding more breakfast and lunch programs, plus gift cards to our neediest families, now that school is back in. One family in our school has been brought forward as in immediate need. PAC voted unanimously to purchase four \$50 Superstore gift cards through the Compassion Fund for P. Giovani to give out as needed.
- Community Values Coupon Book
 - Sales are ongoing through Munch A Lunch. Please send any questions to willoughbypac@gmail.com. If someone does not have access to a credit card, alternate arrangements can be made.
 - A Community Values Book was made available to anyone who wanted to look through it
- Gift Card Fundraiser
 - M. Gobin is looking into alternative payment options (only cash and cheques were accepted last year), since Munch A Lunch is not able to accommodate this fundraiser.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Sports Equipment
 - Mesh bags with soccer ball, basket balls, rubber balls, etc. for each division have been priced out to approximately \$600 plus tax. It was decided that bags would not be purchased for Kindergarten, as they use the playground equipment. P. Giovani noted that jump ropes are not needed. Adjusting the Gaming Budget to include \$1,000 for sports equipment was voted and passed.
- Playground Updates
 - As discussed earlier, the playground is not a high priority this year.
 - Various ideas were discussed, including a "buddy bench", more picnic tables, a garden, and more trees. A garden, while lovely, would require volunteers to maintain it year-round, as District maintenance staff will not. K. Muuren will look into prices for a "buddy bench" and to have trees planted at the fence line running along 208 Ave. M. Gobin will look into nurseries willing to donate trees. Kindergarten classes will be planting bulbs in the planters by the outdoor structure (Friends House).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Location TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next meeting by: L. McDonald, PAC Secretary