**Aberdeen Elementary PAC meeting minutes February 3rd 2021**

Present: Wendy, David, Bethany, Mindy, Robin, Sam, Surinderjit

Land acknowledgement: *We acknowledge that the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.*

Commitment: *The Abbotsford School District acknowledges historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement*

PAC President Report

**Parental Involvement in the PAC**

* PAC minutes-send to David to put up on the website, use the Facebook page, email out agenda and previous minutes the week before a meeting.
* Use the PAC email to ask for questions, comments and suggestions to bring forward to the PAC meetings. Use Facebook page to increase engagement.

**Spring Fundraisers**

* We will look into a spring fundraiser with Neufeld’s right before Spring break. Looking at dates, perhaps Wednesday the 10th which is early dismissal. Parents would have to pick up before 3:00pm pick up or schedule a time with the secretary to pick up their orders from the school freezer

**Staff appreciation event**

* Food must be individually packed including cutlery. David will get us final numbers. The Bag Lady $12 per a person and can accommodate gluten and vegan. Bethany will call for more information. Other options are Sushi boxes, Brick Alley Bistro. ***Jaime motioned for $15 to be spent per a staff, Bethany seconded. None opposed.*** Coffee cards in lieu. Firm everything up by February 17th***. Jaime motioned, for coffee cards to be purchased and given to staff who are not at the school on Staff appreciation day due to scheduling. Sam seconded, none opposed.*** Sam will pick them up after David supplies numbers for staff. Tentative date: Wednesday, March 3rd.

PAC Vice President Report

**Pink Shirt Update**

* Pink shirt day fundraiser- 45 orders, 21 additional to sell on the day of. Low stock on some of the sizes so we will work to accommodate. Reminder to start early in January with T-shirt designs for upcoming years. $12.50 for youth $15 for adult sizes.

**Playground artwork/games**

* Waiting until spring to start the painting-maybe spring break? Bethany will check

Treasurer update

Main account: $15,259.25

Gaming: $4817.16

Principal update

* All home reading books have arrived and have been sorted and are almost ready to go. Looking for parents to come in and help with taping and organizing the books. Big thank you to the PAC for funding a large portion of that project.
* Thanks to Mr. Merrell for organizing the pink shirt day art work. Artwork chosen was a grade 5 student, the picture was a Caticorn.
* Plaques have been created to hang in the front entrance way that acknowledge both the First Nations land as well as the district commitment to reconciliation. Thank you to Mr. Byron, our First Nations Support Staff, for his assistance.
* Brand new T.V.s in the classrooms to replace the projectors. Provides more flexibility in the classroom for seating arrangement. IPAD stands with camera function to project on to the T.V. Increasing technology and building equity at Aberdeen.
* Spirit Days-organized by Mrs. Wildeman’s class. February 26th will be backwards day.
* Valentine’s Day is coming up. No treats are allowed to be sent to the school this year from parents/students. Staff can hand out treats if individually sealed. Valentine cards are allowed but left up to the teacher.
* K registration started on January 18th. Registration looked different this year due to COVID policies. There was an online registration as well as the option to also print forms at home and complete them and bring them in to the school by appointment. Enrollment for Kindergarten currently sits at 28-32 students. Out of district and out of catchment applications just started this week and we have already received a few. Should hear back in April.
* A couple of different options for Ready, Set, Learn this year. Mr. Rossi will be running the options past the K teachers for feedback. There is the option to do an in person but with very strict guidelines. 6 families (one child, one parent plus the teacher) Every person coming to the school would have to complete a health check. Another option is hosting the event outdoors. Third option is a drive thru event similar to last year. We still have the virtual tour online for families to access.
* District and B.C. assessments: FSA grade 4, MDI grade 5
* Around Schools Program partnership with the city of Abbotsford. Starting the third week in January. Up to 10 students, 4 days a week. Mr. Rossi decided to split the program in to two, two day a week programs so more students can gain access. K-5 program. Students will be selected by looking at reading achievement, SEL, and after school situations.

Miscellaneous

* Parking lot situation. Remind parents and students to use the sidewalk and stairs. Ask the district about painting arrows to direct the flow of traffic.

**Next PAC meeting: March 3rd, 2021**

Meeting adjourned: 8:00