**Yorkson Creek Middle School**

**Parents’ Advisory Council General Meeting**

**Tuesday January 15th, 2019**

Attendees – Executive

Carolyn Reimer – Vice President Lorraine Baldwin - President

Kerry Campbell – Transitioning Treasurer Kirsten Charlesworth – Grade 8 Rep

Kelly Schasny – Secretary Giulia Stadnik – Grade 7 Rep

Attendees – Administration

Kevan Reeve – Principal

Stephanie Labby – Vice Principal

Natalie Roberts – Vice Principal

Attendees – General

Akane Awazu-Ayres

Leah Storsley Elsie Boysen

# 1. Welcome – Lorraine Baldwin

Lorraine Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda dated January 15th, 2019.

**Motion**

Lorraine Baldwin made a motion to accept the Agenda dated January 15th, 2019. It was moved by Leah Storsley. Motion carried.

# 2. Review and Passing of the Minutes from the November 20th, 2018 General PAC Meeting

The Minutes of the November 20th, 2018 General PAC Meeting were reviewed.

**Motion**

Lorraine Baldwin made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 20th, 2018 General PAC Meeting. It was moved by Leah Storsley. Motion carried.

**3. Secretary’s Report – Kelly Schasny**

* Nothing to report.

# 4. Principal’s Report – Kevan Reeve

1. Introductions and Thank you

a. Mrs. Dianne Smillie will be Yorkson’s new VP. She will be joining YCMS soon and will be attending the next PAC meeting.

b. Maggie Madden is the new Head Admin Assistant. Maggie has taken over for Mrs. Beck, who recently retired.

c. Mrs. Drinkwater, one of our counsellors, will be going on maternity leave. We will endeavour to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

d. Mrs. Natalie Roberts will be at RE Mountain Secondary once Mrs. Smillie arrives and then will make the move over to PEMS. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication while she was with us at YCMS and wish her the best at PEMS!

2. Transition Committee Meeting is taking place on January 22 @ 5:30pm in Yorkson. You will receive notification if you are expected to attend as this meeting is by invitation only.

a. Attendees: Teachers/PACs/Students/Admin

b. Transition for all students, parents and staff

i. Registration

ii. Culture

iii. PAC

iv. Facility / Infrastructure

v. Flexibility

vi. Staffing

c. Questions

3. Winter Concerts December 11 and 13 and 17

a. Grade 6, 7 and 8 Band all did a fantastic job! It was great to see how their performances only got better with each show.

b. Jazz Lab 8

c. Choir

d. Strings and Handbell Choir – Yorkson’s Strings and Handbell Choir was lucky enough to be asked to perform at the School Board Office and were very well received. Great job!

4. WEB Leaders’ Dec. 20 Holiday Group Activity - Thank you to PAC for supporting the Holiday Group Activity – the hot chocolate was a hit!

5. Pancake Breakfast…Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible!!!

6. Health Education…Selima Noon...$350 for Parent Info. Night (see Motion under Treasurer’s Report)

7. Questions?

a. Newsletter reminders for Kevan to send out regularly – parents would like to get notifications when information is updated, and many people mentioned their frustration with the website when using a mobile device.

# 5. Vice President’s Report – Carolyn Reimer

* Nothing to report

# 6. (Acting) Treasurer’s Report – Jo Jo Imai

**General Account November & December 2018**

* PAC Initiative income of $460.00
* Spirit Wear income of $1118.50 ($929.50 hoodies, $189.00 t-shirts, and $915.00 Grad hoodies)
* Munch-A-Lunch expenses of $5450.90 (Sushico, donuts, and Subway/Menchies)
* Pancake breakfast expenses of $1589.13 (rentals, supplies, pancake mix, etc.)
* Classroom learning enhancement expenses of $393.09 ($100/division)
* Exploration classroom support expenses of $181.87 ($200/division – drama)
* Bank charges $9.90 in and out
* Account balance of $15568.61 in General Account as of December 31st, 2018

**Gaming Account November & December 2018**

* Bank charges $3.90 in and out
* Account balance of $39828.28 in Gaming Account as of November 30th, 2018

**Motion**

Lorraine Baldwin made a motion to pass the Profit and Loss Statement for the General Account for the months ending November & December 2018. It was moved by Carolyn Reimer. Motion carried.

**Motion**

Lorraine Baldwin made a motion to pass the Profit and Loss Statement for the Gaming Account for the months ending November & December 2018. It was moved by Akane Awazu-Ayres. Motion carried.

**Motion**

Lorraine Baldwin made a motion to spend up $400.00 from the General Account for the parent presentation by Selima Noom, line item School Wide educational presentations. It was moved by Leah Storsley. Motion carried.

# 7. Member at Large Report – Joan Hurley (not in attendance – via email)

* Joan suggested discussing whether we wanted to do a Spring run for Spirit Wear. Her feedback is that Grade 8s never seem to order it and given that many current students will be leaving the school next year, it may not be worthwhile. After some discussion it was decided not to do a Spring sale.

# 8. DPAC Report – Carolyn Reimer

* No meeting in December.

**9. Grade 6 Report – Kerry Campbell**

* Kerry mentioned that she has not been receiving responses to her emails from the Grade 6 teachers – Mr. Reeve will follow up.

**10. Grade 7 Report – Giulia Stadnik**

* Grade 7s are participating in a novel study on We Are All Made of Molecules. This is a platform to teach fundamentals of literature and to discuss some sensitive health and wellbeing topics such as consent. The author, Susin Nielsen, will come in on February 12th to do a presentation for the Grade 7s and some Grade 8s. Thank you so much to PAC for supporting this presentation.
* Dr. Linda Ueyeda will be coming in to speak to students about the science behind how emotions affect the brain. This will take place later in February.

**11. Grade 8 Report – Kirsten Charlesworth**

# Tubing on Mount Seymour has been booked for February 1, 5, and 7th. Due to the number of students, it must be split over three days. February 1st will be Divisions 805, 806, and 810. February 5th is Divisions 801, 802, and 809. All remaining Divisions will be on February 7th. Info should be on Schoolcashonline.

* Course planning with RE Mountain takes place on February 5th for Divisions 803, 804, 807, 808, 811, 812, and 813. Remaining Divisions will take place on February 7th. Parents will have the opportunity to review their child’s selections before they are submitted.
* The buses for Playland has been booked for June 13th. Playland closes at 3PM, students will then walk to New Brighton Park for a late pickup by buses and be back at school for 6PM. Cultus has been booked for the following week.

**12. Munch-A-Lunch – Jennifer Veerman (not in attendance – via email)**

* Hot lunch - to date we have surpassed $10,000 in profit for the year!! It is possible for people to cancel the odd order but likely to increase from there until the end of the year so that’s great!!
* Jennifer is hoping to find someone to consistently run distribution. She can still manage the behind the scenes piece and will likely be able to do some distribution but would ideally like to find someone that could help with the goal of taking over Munch-A-Lunch next year. Time slot is 10:30-11:30 on Munch Wednesdays. Please keep this in mind if you are thinking of helping on PAC next year or if you know of any new Grade 6 parents that might be able to take this on. It’s a huge fundraising opportunity for Yorkson, and a big hit with the kids!

# 13. General Discussion

1. PAC Initiative – PAC will send out another request in February (including an email reminder for Schoolcashonline) and the school will advertise.
2. Yearbook deadline is coming up – discussion around the company website. Parents found it a little difficult to navigate and would have preferred Schoolcashonline.
3. REMSS Scholarship – PAC is offering a $1000.00 scholarship for former Yorkson Creek students who are now graduating! Mr. Reeve is finalizing the details (criteria, etc.) and guidance counsellors should have the information for those interested in applying.
4. PAC Election – PAC would like to hold our election at the April meeting, instead of the customary May meeting. This will allow for more collaboration time with the new PAC members and the outgoing PAC (the vast majority of the current PAC members will be moving to PEMS next year). There will be an official notice in the February Minutes. **Parents, if you know of anyone who is or will be attending Yorkson next year, please ask them to consider volunteering for PAC!** Feel free to contact PAC or Mr. Reeve with any questions about what we do and how we support all the students at Yorkson.
5. Scoreboards were ordered and delivered. Mr. Smithson is elated and installed them immediately!
6. Grade 8 leaving ceremony – still looking for confirmation of the date (booked a tentative date last year – June 24th) and Mr. Reeve will verify with the venue. Parents will be notified of the details by the school. Please note that there are limits on space – we have 365 Grade 8s – and therefore only two people per family will be allowed to attend.
7. Lorraine Baldwin asked if there was anything else PAC should be supporting?? Mr. Reeve will let PAC know – possibly pizza for when incoming Grade 6 students visit Yorkson.
8. Discussion around gym lockers – some parents were not aware that students can’t use the gym lockers. Mr. Reeve explained that there are not enough lockers for all the kids in gym to use them. Students have been told to bring only what they need and to bring their stuff out into the gym if they want to keep an eye on it - don’t bring it to the gym if its valuable!
9. Discussion around bathrooms – a parent witnessed a student being told they could not use a particular bathroom during the pancake breakfast. Mr. Reeve explained that at lunch and recess there are certain bathrooms that are in use and some that are locked (they are unable to supervise all the washrooms and have caught kids vaping, eating their lunches, and locking themselves in). Every student knows which bathrooms are to be used. Some parents said their kids have been told while waiting for bus they are not allowed to come in and use the bathroom. Mr. Reeve said from 2:48 – 3PM, students can’t go in front doors, unless it is for band. After 3PM, they can absolutely go in the front doors. Mr. Reeve will reiterate this at the next assembly, so all students are clear on the rules.

**14. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

* Next PAC General Meeting will be February 19th, 2019 @ 7PM.

**15. Adjournment @ 8:27PM**