



Thursday Feb 9th, 2023 @ 6:30pm - PAT's Agenda/Minutes

1. Welcome & introductions/attendance - Meghann

Virtual meeting due to snow day: Principal Laura Cozzarin, Teacher Val Checkley, Chair Meghann Dykstra, Secretary Samantha Beamish, Sarah Saunders, Jen Vandapas.

Absent: Fundraising Lead Michelle Vallance and Courtney Beamish

2. Land Acknowledgement – Laura

3. Principal's Report – Laura

- Students are learning about Black Brilliance, Black Heritage, Black Futures Month
- Giving February
 - Collecting items for Ramoth house for the month of Feb
 - Participating in Bowling Fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Feb 13
- Floor Hockey Tournament is Feb 15
- Report cards are available online on Feb 16
- Feb 22-Pink Shirt Day
- Live Free Fundraiser for Food and Friends Snack Program Feb 17, 24th, Mar 2
- March 3 PD Day-Staff will be focusing math and literacy instruction

4. Treasurer's Report – Michelle

Fundraising Balance: \$0

General Balance: \$118.67

Playground Balance: \$7190.55

Playground Maintenance: \$248.09

Resources/Activities: \$149.45

5. Old Business

- Food days (starting March?)
Still unknown if this is to start in March as being organized by Michelle.
- Update on speaking with developer about the playground? Does someone need to follow up? (If yes, then who?)
Lisa Huber hasn't been able to drop off a letter yet but she has a letter ready to be able to give him. After he has received the letter then he can contact Lisa and she will follow up with him if he has any question or information. The fundraiser letter was also put in the February newsletter incase anyone would like to donate.

6. Fund Raising

- Students request to do chocolate bar fundraiser (Laura) Also, Rheo chocolate update? Did something not pan out?
Children asked if they can do the chocolate bar sales as this is something they enjoyed doing in the past. We are not likely able to do them this year as we already have other fundraisers planned but this will be taken into consideration for next school year.
Not sure where we are on Rheo chocolates?
- Meat fundraiser forms should be sent out before Easter. Delivery before May 2-4 weekend. Everything still okay with dates and timeline?
As far as we know these times are still good if they are good with Michelle. Volunteers are needed to help sort the meat when it arrives. We would like to make sure that our times aren't at the same time as other local schools. Victoria cross is also doing a meat fundraiser, but it is unknown when it will be. Would we be interested in putting this money into a fundraiser for the end of year school trip? Not enough members to vote on this in attendance so we will have to vote on this by email.
- Seed packet fundraiser update (Michelle)

- Do we want to plan the rest of the year out for the fundraisers? One a month or one every other month?
Going to stick with what we have for planned for now (meat and possibly chocolate) due to time remaining. Unsure if Michelle has anything else planned now.
Another possible future idea might be Crispy Crème donuts, Arthur did them and sold out fast. Crispy Crème allows a certain amount to be sold and it is first come until they are all gone. Victoria Cross is also considering doing these, possibly this year.

7. New Business

- Class trips funding:
Since many of us were under the impression that the reason for classes not getting to do class trips is due to an increase in bussing costs we asked if this information (the quotes) could be made available to parents or counsel to help with transparency so we can better understand this issue. Laura said that she would not be making this information available to us as it isn't something she feels she doesn't need to share with us. However, it was pointed out that quotes could be requested online for anyone who would be interested in getting their own quote from the bus company.
Since the school has funding to help children who cant afford stuff like this, Laura said it more comes down to if the classes/school as a whole are allowed to go on the trips since it is board policies that all kids must be able to go on the trips or they aren't allowed to have them and some students would pose a safety risk and teachers aren't comfortable taking their classes.
The school also received outdoor education funding.
- PATS storage cupboard update – inventory update (Meghann)
Pats has a cupboard at school where we can keep supplies, this cupboard hadn't been organized in a while, so we were unsure what all it contained. Meghann organized it and made an inventory list that was emailed to the PATS members. This way if anything is needed, we know what's there. If something is used, please inform Meghann so the inventory list can be updated.
- School Council input – Principal Leadership (Meghann)
This part got skipped during the meeting by accident. Meghann would just like the council to know that we will be receiving an email from her requesting input from us for the super intendent that needs to be in before April.
- New PATS members, would you like to be added to emails and PATS message thread?
New member was Jen Vandepas and she would like to be added to the emails and PATS message thread.
- Secretary position vote to potentially replace Sam.
Not enough people at meeting to vote. Samantha will continue as year is almost over anyways.
- Bus costs, can we see quotes when trips are being considered? And school trips – do we (PATs) want to consider doing fundraisers specifically to help, so our kids can have trips without ALL money going to a playground that likely our kids won't get to see/use (Sarah)
Yes, this is possible, and no one was opposed to this. We just need to make sure when we do fundraisers, we just need to state in the fundraiser information that the money is to go to supporting school trips.
- Talk about Pancake Tuesday – Tuesday Feb 21st this year (Michelle)
Laura has no issues or concerns with going ahead with the pancake Tuesday.
Authorized to purchase forms need to be filled out before purchasing on anything needed such as pancake mix and syrup. Other items that might be need would be forks and plates (not enough in inventory). Plastic ones can be used but it was also suggested that kids could bring in their own plate and fork that day to help teach and encourage them to use reusable items to lower their environmental footprint.
We can use funds for this out of the Resource/Activity and General account, the money available in this account is 268 dollars. A budget must be approved at the meeting for it to go ahead. Since Michelle was not at the meeting to discuss a budget, it was decided that we would approve \$250 with the understanding that this should be way more than needed.
Samantha has offered for her family to donate the maple syrup if needed.
We will be sending out an email to discuss this since Michelle has most of the information. This way everything included in the budget can be approved. Email replies are needed for this to work.

Do we have volunteers? More are needed. This will also need to be discussed in the emails.

Other unknowns is any equipment needed?

There might be a concern for gluten intolerances in the school. When Laura sends out the email informing parents of what we are doing she will request that parents inform her of any dietary concerns regarding gluten and if needed we can get gluten free pancake mix.

Laura confirmed she will be at school that day as we need someone with their food handling certificate.

- Funds for families who cannot afford “special food days” or trips (Sam)
School has money allotted for this already.
- Our snail's pace race to a playground, can we talk and find someone to specifically look into funding research. Like different grants, people to ask to donate, fundraising tips and ideas to make this happen within our kids' time at KPS. Jen Vandepas has offered to look into this. She is going to look more into the FCC grants and fill out any necessary forms. She is also going to lead looking into any other grants (municipal?) or donations (Lions Club)? Samantha has offered to help her if needed.

8. Next PATS meeting-

- Thursday April 13th, 2023 @ 6:30pm (No meeting in March. Any needed discussions can happen through email).
Don't need one in April, as we can ask for volunteers in an email to help with the meat order. Next meeting to be determined, we will need another meeting to go over the end of year information and to discuss if there's anything to prepare for the following year.
- **Meeting adjourned**