



**Thursday September 7th @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
PAT's Agenda/Minutes**

**1. Welcome & introductions/attendance –**

We were excited to have a lot of new members and old present for our first meeting of the year. Existing members included Meghann Dykstra, Courtney Beamish, Sarah Saunders, Samantha Beamish, and Jen Vandepas. New members included Morgan Scheltema, Rebeca Hostrawser, Sylva Beckett, Wendy Peterson, and Brittany Murray.

**2. Land Acknowledgement – Laura**

**3. Principal's Report – Laura**

Our school has had some major growth this year and we now have 96 students, 18 more than last year. At the current moment there are 28 students in the grade 1/2 class and the provincial cap is 23. A new class will need to be added but we are unsure of what that will be like as it is up to the board how the class will be restructured. This will need to be done by the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

This year's focus will be on wellness and equity. Sept.'s focus is on Welcome and Connection and Indigenous Education.

We will also be working on the board's multiyear plan with a focus on Foundational Education and Student Achievement. 4 areas of focus will be Identifying Learning gaps, intervening to address learning gaps, monitor attendance, and interventions to address attendance concerns.

**4. Nominations/voting for the council positions for 2023/2024 school year**

Chair: Meghann Dykstra

Co-Chair: Brittany Murray

Secretary: Courtney Beamish

Treasurer/Fundraising: Michelle Valance

Playground Fundraising Lead: Jen Vandepas

**5. Treasurer's Report – Michelle**

Fundraising Balance: 0 General Balance: 118.67

Playground Balance: 12 190.55 (+4618.40 LF+12500 from Township+5000 Lion's Club) =34308.95

Playground Maintenance: 292.84

Resources/Activities: 0

**6. Old Business**

\$500 PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) money for this year – ideas

This is money that is to go towards assisting Parent Council into recruiting more members, we are going to continue to think of ideas. Childcare was a suggestion, but this poses other issues in insurance and number of children per babysitter and that it would need to be volunteer,

Outdoor balls/toys for recess – Samantha

As discussed last year PATS (Parents Assisting Teachers and Students) had asked if it would be possible for teachers to make a list of things that could be donated by parents (such as recess equipment or classroom supplies). Laura says that teachers are not allowed to ask for classroom supplies, however donations of outdoor balls can be encouraged. At

this time new balls have been purchased for each class and students should soon be having access to those. We will look at donations later in the year once equipment is lost or worn out.

## Playground

We briefly talked about this but will talk more at the next meeting. Jen has been requesting quotes between 50-60 thousand. We will need to have 10% saved on top of the costs for repairs. Laura will investigate the board removing the current playground by the board.

No mandatory repairs on the creative are needed this year! The area around our smaller swings needs to be widened and we should be having a person come to look at that soon, if they are able to do it despite the location of the septic then they will cover the costs, if not that they will need to be removed.

## 7. Fund Raising

Establish goals for our fundraising this year. How many? Which ones? What will money go towards? (Do we keep playground fundraising to large donations and in school fundraising goes back to students for trips, scientists in the classroom etc.)

It was mentioned that a couple of insurance companies offer fundraising for things such as playgrounds, so Jen is going to follow through looking more into these options.

Plans for fundraising currently are food trucks during parent teacher interviews on September 28<sup>th</sup> and chocolate bar sales. For the food trucks we currently have 2 trucks are looking into getting more. The chocolate bars sales will start September 29<sup>th</sup> and will be due October 11<sup>th</sup>. They will arrive October 26<sup>th</sup> for distribution. Parents will be able to request the number of boxes of their choosing on cash online but will only be able to return unopened boxes.

## 8. New Business

Update website blurb about PATS committee – mentions old functions we no longer do.

Meghann going to discuss this later with Laura.

## 9. Next PATS meeting-

- Quotes and discussion about playground options.

## Meeting adjourned