



**Thursday October 5th @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm
PAT's Agenda/Minutes**

1. Welcome & introductions/attendance –

Meghann Dykstra, Courtney Beamish, Britney Murray, Jen Vandepas, Morgan Scheltema and Michelle Valance.

Absent: Sarah Saunders and Samantha Beamish

2. Land Acknowledgement – Laura

3. Principal's Report – Laura

October Principal Report

We welcomed our new office co-ordinator today. Her name is Whitney DeBoer.

Staff and students participated in the Terry Fox Run as a whole school-It was a great event! Total amount of money raised was \$980.

We participated and learned about Orange Shirt Day and Rowan's Law. Junior students participated in the Soccer tournament and the X-Country meet will be held on Oct 17th in Harriston.

We have had 1 fire drill and 1 lockdown drill. Will complete 2 more fire drills over the month of October and 1 bomb threat.

Stuffie Day is Oct 13

Picture day is tentatively scheduled for Oct 23

There is a PA Day on October 27th. Staff will participate in safety training in the morning and in the afternoon staff will have time to work on Progress Reports

Halloween (October 31) Students will be able to wear their favourite Halloween colours if they wish to participate.

Academics

Staff have been busy assessing students in literacy and numeracy. Over the next 2 weeks staff will be moving to small group instruction based on student needs.

Equity Work

September's focus was on Indigenous Education and October's learning will be about the Birth of Bab- A day of significance in the Bahai Faith on Oct 16th.

4. Treasurer's Report – Michelle

Fundraising Balance: \$1800 General Balance: 118.67

Playground Balance: \$12190.55 Playground Maintenance: 292.84

5. Old Business

The Food Truck fundraiser brought in \$180 with only one truck in attendance. Scientist in the classroom is approx \$249 + HST per class. Current fundraiser for chocolate bars is going well as we have already met 40%+ of our fundraising goal. This should meet the total required fundraising for Scientists in the classroom.

Playground updates from Jennifer regarding fundraising and quotes. Pending funding requests from Trillium Insurance (likely Dec), FCC (likely this fall). Laura will also be submitting a request to UG Learning Foundation once we have a playground/dollar amount determined. We have had quotes given from 3 different companies; Henderson, IMP and ABC. Gentleman from Henderson has come to KPS and done a site visit with Laura and Jen, open lines of communication and small family run business. There have been difficulties with timely communication from the other potential vendors and feel impersonal. Pricing does vary from each company with ABC being the most expensive option. Henderson has been deemed the "right fit" for Kenilworth. Going forward: obtain renderings of playground options, provide large scale pictures for students to see and vote on, once a final decision is made timeline for delivery/installation is approx 8-10 weeks.

6. Fund Raising

"holiday" fundraising: Macmillan's ? will be decided at the November meeting. Rheo's was discussed again and likely will be done in the spring. Our Learning Foundation total is sitting at +\$4000.

8. New Business

Laura has received a donation cheque from 2nd Look for \$2500. Our school yard is having some tree trouble; there are 2 Ash trees that have already been removed (dead), one at the fence and beside the gym that are yet to be removed. There are also trees on the township yard side of the fence that also need to come down (not a UGDSB matter) for safety reasons as well (dead and potential danger). Hopefully we can do some fundraising for some substantial-sized (saplings are high risk mortality 2^o lawnmowers, harsh weather and student traffic) trees for replacement as this is up to the school to do. Current troubleshooting to amend the swings as the old septic system is impeding the augmentation of the bed below it. We have revisited and will continue to brainstorm ways to utilize our PIC money from the board for increased parental involvement and showing what PATS is/does for the student body. Laura also informed us of the upcoming PIC event Oct 25/23. See link below

9. Next PATS meeting-

- Fundraising ideas and confirm the fundraising calendar
- PIC funding ideas

Meeting adjourned

Links:

Upper Grand Learning Foundation

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PIC event

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