

ECOLE ROSS ROAD SCHOOL
2015/2016

PAC AGM MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2016 - Library

Attending	Tamrah Corben	Mike Pretorius	Caroline Leonard
	Caroline Clarke	Scott Munro	Bettina Harris
	Christy Lutz	Colette Anderson	

Regrets	Greg Thorpe	Janice Sardari	Joulia May
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Administration: Present: Carla Orr (Principal)
Present: Susan Owen (Vice-principal)

7:08pm. meeting called to order

Please note that these minutes are unapproved due to the length of time between meetings. Therefore the minutes are subject to change prior to the next GM.

AGENDA

1. Principal's Report
2. Approval of Minutes from GM February 24 , 2016
3. IT update
4. Teachers' Wish List
5. Treasurer's report
6. Motions for approval
7. Elections for the PAC executive
8. Other business

Item	Notes
Informal congratulations for Ross Road pupils	Tamrah offered the PAC's congratulations to three grade 6 Ross Road girls who have created an app for hikers, and have been receiving extensive media attention recently.

Principal's
Report

Introducing Lise Smith as new Vice-Principal.

Carla Orr is moving to Westview School.

Susan Owen will become principal.

Transfers are in effect from July 1st.

Staffing:

Norman Ponton is retiring.

Mme Black will be on maternity leave next year.

Mme Dowling in on maternity leave until January.

Play First

There was a trial from Feb-May.

Parents were slightly in favour but largely
parents and staff are divided.

Students in grades 2, 4 & 6 were surveyed and
said they wanted to continue.

Additional grades were then surveyed at teachers'
request, results pending.

The bell schedule will remain the same whatever
the outcome.

Ideally we will build consensus.

No feedback about whether the kids behave better
in the classroom but supervision aids have
noticed a difference in behaviour in the
playground.

Track and Field

The qualifying events have now happened.

Swanguard is on June 7

Carla Orr thanked parents for their support.

Talent Shows May 26, June

Fun Day, Friday May 27.

Approval of General Meeting minutes from February 24, 2016	Approved by Scott Munro Seconded by Caroline Leonard.
IT Update	<p>Presented by Mike Pretorius</p> <p>Update on IT purchases made by the PAC.</p> <p>The PAC sets aside money each year for IT purchases.</p> <p>There is a teacher IT committee (Mr Lam, Ms Esterer. Mme Bellanger). They created an IT wish list with the teachers.</p> <p>Teachers have requested:</p> <p>An extra set of speakers for each classroom (projectors have speaker mode option, no additional speakers are required)</p> <p>2 x desktops per intermediate classroom</p> <p>1 x ipad for each intermediate class</p> <p>5 new computers for the library</p> <p>1 x new ipad for each primary classroom</p> <p>\$34,500 approximate cost.</p> <p>Costs will be met as follows:</p> <p>PAC \$17,000 from IT funds PAC discretionary fund \$11,200 School block budget \$6,300</p> <p>NB. Tamrah will be circulating spending updates more regularly in the future.</p>

<p>Teachers' Wish List</p>	<p>The IT requests listed above formed a key element of the teachers' whole wish list.</p> <p>The following are non-IT items.</p> <p>PE equipment (Basket balls, some more miscellaneous indoor balls, tennis set, disc golf set and top up off some equipment (hula hoops)- \$3300</p> <p>Guitar capos (class set of 30) for music program - \$450</p> <p>12 Wobble stools - LAC \$1200</p> <p>Locked sandboxes for kids' exploration outside and garden benches \$1000</p> <p>NB. Suggestion made to introduce friendship or buddy benches as a means to introduce an empathetic approach to inclusion.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Presented by Bettina Harris</p> <p>Bettina discussed the expenses to date.</p> <p>(See Profit and Loss Budget Statement for details.)</p> <p>Food days contributed the most money.</p> <p>At the end of May we will have approximately \$15,000, that includes an allowance for PAC spending for next year. PAC always retains one year of operating expenses, approximately \$20,000.</p> <p>Tamrah confirmed that the PAC will be changing the PAC fiscal year from June - May to July to June. This year coming will therefore be a 13 month fiscal year, June 2015 - June 2016.</p> <p>Question raised about whether we have funds to replenish older IT items.</p> <p>Suggestion that we create an IT replenishment fund.</p>

Motions for
Approval

PAC can only approve spending up to \$300,
otherwise spending must be voted on.

Science

We need to cover the shortfall.

MOTION to spend \$320.59

Motion approved by Caroline Leonard

Seconded Mike Pretorius

Approved by 16, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Staff Wish List

MOTION to spend up to \$6,000

Motion approved by Scott Munro

Seconded Francis Carmichael

Approved by 16, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

IT Wish List

MOTION to spend \$20,000

Approved by Mike Pretorius

Seconded by Scott Munro

Approved by 16, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Arts Program

MOTION to spend \$5,500

Approved by Scott Munro

Seconded by Collette Anderson

Approved by 16, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

2016-2017 PAC Budget

MOTION to approve:

Amending food days from 20,000 to \$15,000

Approved by Scott Munro

Seconded by Caroline Leonard

There will be some new fundraisers which will
change the projected budget.

Special purchases will also change slightly from
\$350 to 200.

NB. The PAC is working on emergency supplies and
resources. Next Friday Jun 3rd the school will be
doing a partial release practice with the
Kindergarten and grade 1 student. There will be a
twoonie drive in the future for funds.

MOTION to approve \$500 for capital items for the
emergency bins

Approved by Scott Munro

<p>New PAC Executive Members</p>	<p>The following PAC members are stepping down:</p> <p>Janice Sardari Bettina Harris Greg Thorpe Caroline Clarke</p> <p>MOTION to elect Scott Munro as Treasurer Approved by Caroline Leonard Seconded by Christy Lutz Approved by 16, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.</p> <p>We need a new PAC Secretary and Co Chair for by September 2016 in order to continue running a PAC Executive. Please consider joining our committee. Email Tamrah Corben corbenst@telus.net.</p>
<p>Assignment of PAC Events to Specific Grades</p>	<p>The PAC is suggesting we try to assign events to particular grades or possibly divisions on a trial basis.</p> <p>This is being suggested to: Encourage the integration of French and English and share volunteering.</p> <p>Class reps will facilitate the initial communication but will not be responsible for organising the event.</p> <p>One suggestion is as follows:</p> <p>K Staff Appreciation Lunch 1 Welcome Back coffee 2 Spring Carnival 3 Environment Club 4 Christmas Fair 5 Valet Service 6 Grade 7 farewell 7 Grade 7 celebrations</p> <p>The PAC need to address how this will impact split classes.</p> <p>See Tamrah for further details.</p> <p>The PAC executive welcomes feedback and suggestions!</p> <p>Susan Owen suggested dividing by divisions rather than grades.</p>

Greening Committee	The PAC would like to spend \$400 to hire someone to help with keeping spooky island clear. Must discuss with administration.
Food Days	<p>Kim and Wendy will be gradually stepping down from Food Days but will stay another term to train people.</p> <p>It would help to have more people so that it is a smaller commitment for each person.</p>
Social Media	<p>Scott Munro has created a Facebook page and twitter account for the PAC. This will help circulate PAC reminders and upcoming events.</p> <p>Ecole Ross Road School</p> <p>Twitter handle: Ross Road PAC</p>
Thank you to Kim Berg and Wendy Ross	The PAC presented Kim and Wendy with flowers and wine in thanks for all their hard work organising the Munchalunch program, which has raised significant funds for the PAC.

Motion to adjourn : 8:55

Meeting adjourned 8:59