

Okanagan Falls PAC

Meeting Minutes

OKFES April 11, 2024 6:03 PM

1. Welcome and Call to Order –

- **Introductions**-In attendance: Laura, Robyn, Alisha, Ivey, Ang, Sholeh, Chantelle, Erin, Angela, Catherine, Nikki, Katie, Jillian, Kris, Iris
- **Adoption of agenda** – Erin 1st, 2nd Robyn. All in favour
- **Approval of minutes from March 2024** – Erin 1st, Catherine 2nd.
- **Bouquets**-Everyone for their continued efforts. Thanks to Steph for organizing the plant fundraiser, Erin for Treasurer work and completing Gaming Grant surveys, Angela for getting the gift and card together for Melanie, Alisha for doing a bunch of research and organizing for Loco Landing and for Yearbook.

2. Reports

- **Nikki Hutchinson-District Mental Health and Counsellor OK Falls**
 - Nikki is in our school on Wednesdays to provide counselling sessions and do in class learning.
 - She is currently learning what the needs of the whole district are vs the individual needs of each school. Nikki is also interested in getting in touch with the parent community.
 - **Strategic Mental Health Plan:** She is tasked with creating a strategic mental health plan for the entire district. Since arriving, Nikki has noticed a number of concerns around the following areas - high level of anxiety (amongst staff and students), healthy eating concerns, and sleep hygiene
 - **Parental input would be greatly appreciate.**
 - Please email Nikki with any comments/concerns you are facing with your child/noticing amongst classmate that you would like address (ex. Anxiety, emotional regulation, healthy eating)
 - **2024/2025 Monthly Mental Health Themes** – Nikki and her team are currently working on a road map for next year. They will be providing focused learning on different theme. Ex. Who am I as a learner, healthy eating, etc.
 - **May** will have child mental health week. Students will be bringing home assignments to work on as a family
 - 2022/23 – 64% of high school kids didn't know where to go to get help
 - **Email: nhutchis@sd53.bc.ca**
- **School Trustee- Sholeh Pickell-Board report**
 - Budget consultation currently happening. Public engagement meeting will be April 22nd. The board would appreciate more parents voices on how money should be spent to support our kids.
 - Online survey can be found **[HERE](#)**
 - The current School Board Administration report is available online, or by clicking **[HERE](#)**
 - Staff parking lot concerns – The district board members thank you for our letter and would like to talk to PAC further. However, the decision will ultimately be made by the Super Intendent.
 - This month the board goes to AGM in Vancouver

- **Administrator- Katie Poole**
 - **New Secretary:** Julia Fernandes
 - jfernand@sd53.bc.ca
 - **Ukulele** – Staff and students are really enjoying their learning with Yanti
 - **Okanagan Song** – the students are currently learning this song, to be sung at future assemblies.
 - Working on getting art/words up in the gym, as well as updating the O'Canada song words/art
 - **Swimming Lessons**– week of June 17th . 1 instructional lesson, 1 free time class in Oliver
 - **Grade 6 immunization** – May 21st
 - Body Science/ Sexual health talk – happening this month. Jenny and Nikki are facilitating the talk.
 - **Earth Day clean up** – April 22. The school will be partnering with the RDOS. Each class gets a street next to the school to clean up.
 - **Powow** - April 19th/20th/ Grade 3 class going with their teacher.
 - **Teachers Cross Walk** – teachers have requested a rainbow cross walk. They have contacted AIMS. Would like something similar to Queens Park.
 - Some parents not happy with that idea – they don't want feathers and rainbow.. takes away from both groups.
 - Teachers message: Diversity/kindness/inclusivity is the teachers message and why they want it. Sign this is a welcoming place.
- **Treasurer-Erin Lang**
 - Chq - \$3826.15
 - just paid 80% deposit on yearbooks: \$2816
 - Gaming - \$1036.92
 - *Still to pay*, yanti, robert, year end party
 - *Still to come in* – plant sale, bar night, movie night, meat draw, etc.

3. Business

- **Plant fundraiser**-online sales are looking good. Order Due Date: April 22.
 - We need helpers for drop off date: Thursday, May 9 (likely afternoon) and May 10 (distribution day).
- **April Movie Night** - April 26th
 - 6pm, in the gym
 - Planning – Laura to pick movie and let us know. Alisha to make poster
 - Summer movies discussion
 - PAC has agreed to a 1 movie commitment
 - Further discussion to be had: Re – funding, date, movie, further planning.
- Meat Draw:
 - Future dates: May 25 & June 8. Be there at 3:30. Starts at 4. Volunteers needed.
 - May 25 – Erin, Angela, Jillian/Kris, Catherine
 - June 8th – Angela, Jillian/Kris

- **Frisbee Rob** - May 1 8:45-12.
 - Assembly + breakout sessions.
 - Oliver Ultimate frisbee team/ Frisbee golf team to come and participate
- **Year End Party by PAC** - Loco Landing- June 14th
 - Administrative organized year end:
 - School Fun Day on June 26th,
 - Beach day on June 27th,
- **Fundraiser at OK Falls Hotel** – Beer & Burger
 - DATE: Saturday June 22nd
 - TIME: 4-7pm
 - THEME – TBD
 - Ideas: schools out for summer, beach party
 - Price - \$25/ticket cash.
 - Extras: 50/50 draw, prizes.
 - Darcy to bring speakers for our own music. (playlist??)
- **SOEC Concession Fundraiser 2024/25** – Angela will look into getting us on their list
- **Community Foundation Grant-**
 - Motion to apply for community Foundation Grant – 1st Robyn, 2nd Catherine. All in Favour.
 - Thoughts about what we would like to spend grant on if received?
 - Idea: Community food safe certification day. Laura offered to run this, as she is a certified instructor, for parents and community members wishing to get certified and would then volunteer with hot breakfast/lunch programs. Program usually runs \$30-\$40/person
- **Spaces** – Parental Input
 - It appears that many parents are quite frustrated with Spaces. Many are experiences glitches or unable to open notifications, or simply want a paper report card in their hands. Teachers need to express their concerns with administration for district to hear.
 - If parents have any comments/concerns, please reach out to a PAC board member with something in writing and they pass this on to a district board member.

4. Wrap-Up

- Skaha matters communication for May
 - Meat draws, thanks for plant sales + pick up date, Rob update,

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th @ 6pm

- *Angela is not available that week. Erin will be note taker*

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:57pm