



CHIEF TOMAT ELEMENTARY
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chief Tomat Elementary PAC Meeting Tuesday February 11, 2025 @ 6:00 pm | CTE Library

Meeting Attendees:

Principal: Jennifer Adamson

Executive:

PAC President: Sarah Lebeter, **PAC Vice President:** Stacey Fyvie,

PAC Treasurer: Kelly Hopkins, **PAC Secretary:** Kathi Kelly,

Communication Secretary: Lucy Stables **COPAC Representative:** Shannon

Tartaglia **Members at Large:** Izabela De Paz, Claire Lyonhart, Megan Hatcher,

Exec Regrets: Margarita Montoya

General PAC Members: Courtney Mehl, Denise Martin

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

VOTE: THAT the February 2025 agenda and November 2024 meeting minutes are approved as circulated. APPROVED

Principal Report (Jennifer Adamson)

See Attached

Learning Priority

1) Literacy

2) Social Emotional Learning

-Learn skills to take care of ourselves and others

-Middle Years Development Index (MDI) taken by Grade 5 students; 46% of our students are thriving compared to district of 39%

-Looked at learning surveys done by Grade 4 students; 92% students feel that 2 or more CTE adults care about them; worked on building relationships; felt safe in classrooms but not always outside of classrooms which brought on the development of family groups at Wolverine Assemblies

-Work on how be a friend, worked on being a “good loser”, being honest and telling the truth, and behavior expectations; the Wolverine family groups all a sense of belongings in multi-grades;

-New CTE logo being developed -students will possibly be able to vote on new logo when artist comes back with a couple of options that were designed by the children

-SEL meetings in the morning in the classroom meetings

3) Writing

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- students will see themselves as a writer and grow in their ability to communicate
- Student learning from Grade 4's students feel they are getting better at reading and math but not at writing ; very few students set a goal when learning something new, so will work on setting goals that are done by the child; 43% don't see themselves as as writer and 57% see themselves as writers;
- our school as 41% school wide overall, and the district has 43%
- District learning and innovation teachers will come and help
- next year will focus on student seeing themselves as writers, and stress the importance that writing is part of any job

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Hopkins)

- Wish and win was a huge success and raised \$15,682, with a total of \$6917.65 profit and a \$181 in donations added in.
Compost Program payment of \$313.83
Best seat in the house raised \$195; will look into adding one for the afternoon concert next year
Purdy's cheque came in \$880.82profit
Photography \$480 profit from the fall
Bottle depot \$215.70 currently sitting in the account.
Can pull from other events to help with Carnival budget

Follow Up on Last Meeting

Hot Chocolate Day (Mug & Read)

- Will start earlier in future due to time needed for pouring
- Lots of positive feedback from the kids
- Keep on radar for future events
- Had to be postponed from original date due to bridge closure

School Compost Program

- Classrooms have posters and bins
- Some classes are participating and some are not
- Mrs. Sikora will have a play performed by her class of what can be added and cannot be added to the bins
- Currently still many pizza boxes being thrown in
- Cannot be stored in doorways due to fire inspector regulations

PAC Fundraisers

Mable's Labels

- On going through the year
- Jennifer will consistently run in the WAG

Bottle Depot

- On going through the year; Parents can use school phone number when printing sticker and dropping off bottles for CTE PAC.
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- Funds deposited into PAC account at the end of each fiscal year (Aug 31st)

Hot Dog Day

- Next hot dog days are February 21 and March 14
- Will to add to WAG week prior to promote more sales
- Many parents purchased the whole year

New Discussion Items:

Teacher Funding Requests

- 15 teachers have submitted their wishlists
- **VOTE:** PAC to provide budget of up \$150 for each teacher who submitted a wishlist. Teachers will submit receipts prior to reimbursement.
- Can pick the most important from their own wishlist
- PAC will reach out to communicate to the teacher's
- Cannot donate any unspent money to other teacher's
- *Motion to approve-approved by all*

Year End Carnival

- Set for June 19
- **VOTE:** Reached out to Epic Party Rentals and quoted back \$4,266.00, which is within the event budget
- All stations will be ran by Epic staff and is insured by the company
- This will allow families to participate in the carnival, and reduces the amount of volunteers that are needed and allows parents to enjoy with their kids.
- School district is encouraging schools to spend money as no major extra enhancement construction projects will happen in the near future
- Will be looking into to see if Adults can participate on some of the inflatables
- Will look into ensuring that parents are aware that the PAC is not liable for any injuries and that parents/caregivers are responsible for their children.
- Will figure out smaller details within a sub-committee
- *Motion to approve Epic Party Rental quote - approved by all*

Alien Inline

- **VOTE:** Motion to cost share with CTE for 2025/2026 school year
- Cost share with CTE: \$5,200 total - \$2600 to the PAC and \$2600 to the school
- *Motion to approve by all*

CTE Classroom Library

- **VOTE:** Motion to award \$200 book allowance per classroom
- Will purchase and submit receipts
- 14 classrooms plus the library teacher
- Can only be spent on classroom books and can be used for home reading books
- *Motion approved by all*

PAC Constitution and Bylaws

- Notice of changes coming; bring in March and adopt in April

- Updating language and structures before elections
- Will be giving each section of roles and feedback of roles
- Call for subcommittee members: Shannon, Kathi, Kelly

COPAC Rep Report (Shannon Tartaglia):

- PAC's looking at way to spend money as no major enhancement projects ie playgrounds, gaga pits, will likely be approved in the next couple years by SD23.
- Budget survey emails that will be sent out by SD23 as nothing to do with buildings and is more specific to classrooms and people who work in the school.
- BCCPAC has elections occurring and anyone interested can be nominated
- Lower Mainland parents tend to make most decisions for the province as they hold the most seats in the BCCPAC.
- Each PAC has the ability to make a vote through proxy at BCCPAC Meeting
- There is room in the COPAC budget for SD23 wide PAC presentations and/or speakers, so are open to suggestions from PACs or parents.

Open to the floor:

- **VOTE:** Motion to Purchase 4 cambro's as they can be difficult to get through various companies and will be shared with the school for events; can be stored in messanine; approximately \$150 dollars each on Amazon; full purchase price around \$800
-Motion approved by all
- Classroom Library Follow-up Discussion: Have teacher wishlist on one receipt and books on another receipt. PAC will reach out to the teacher's; will include Jennifer in the emails to help purchase within Canadian groups and receive points for future purchases. Write a letter and attach it with a wishlist and place it in mailboxes. The book list will be communicated through email.
- PAC may look into doing a book swap one day in the gym. Allowing both teachers and students to pick books to take home or within the classroom. Any books left over will be donated possibly to the Public Library. Jennifer will bring up to the teacher's to see if this event can be run in the future and logistics.
- March meeting is targeted for bylaw changes and nomination of vote committee, more info to follow.
- Lunch and Recess ball handouts have been down due no teacher available to always collect at the end when not returned. Also always the same students who sign up to hand out and are being encouraged to participate in play.
- Motion to look into a thank you gift and shout out on Social Media to our cross guards volunteers. Approved by all.
- Back passage will hopefully be opened in September when construction ends. Construction company is working hard on completion, but being held up by permit requirements.
- Grade 5 will have another week of celebrations which will be planned in the future.

Next meeting will be held March 11 , 2025 at 6:00 pm in the CTE Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm and voted unanimously.

All CTE Parents and Caregivers are Encouraged to Attend the PAC Meeting and/or Join an Event Planning Subcommittee.

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Principal's Report

February 11, 2025

CTE – Caring Together Everyday

CTE Wolverines take care of themselves, others and the land

Gratitude – Thank you to...

- Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Lane, Ms. Neal and Ms. Serge – coaching basketball; Mr. Maxwell coaching volleyball
- Mr. Lewis, Mr. Maxwell and Miss Goodmanson – chess club
- Mrs. Brew – Battle of the Books (gr. 3-5 reading competition) • Mrs. Mustard for running STEM bins; Mrs. Bush for supervising crossing guard; Mrs. Adams for organizing grade 5 leaders and running Intramurals • Mrs. Griffin for organizing pizza sales (and Mrs. Fitzgerlad for helping to deliver) and completing new student registrations
- Mrs. Joslin, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Hay – Morning Breakfast Club • PAC for the chips in December and the hot chocolate in February (thank you for the flexibility in date change!) – the students were so happy and excited. • Parents, caregivers and guests who attended our Winter Concert. Thank you to Lisa Legree, our music teacher!
- Parents and caregivers who attended Parent Teacher Conferences • The PAC and many volunteers who helped on Hot Dog Day – thank you! The kids loved it!
- Alien In-Line Skating - a huge success!

Updates/Recent Events

- Family Groups – Coralee Miller, CTE alumni and Okanagan Syilx artist, helping to redesign our logo
- Wolverine Assemblies – telling the truth, review expectations • Andrea Locke (Healthy Promoting Schools teacher) – Physical Literacy Lessons with 7 classes and implementing The Wellness Pathway Allison Zumbo (Inclusion Teacher)
- Anona Kampe – Okanagan Syilx storyteller; sharing captikwłs with each class and teaching Indigenous students in grade 3-5 the Okanagan song

CTE Information and Conversations

- CTE Learning Priorities (slide show to be presented):
 - All students will improve their reading skills and be able to read at grade level
 - All students will learn the skills to take care of themselves, others and the land
 - All students will see themselves as learners and grow in their ability to communicate clearly
- School district teacher consultants working with some CTE teachers
- 3 new UBCO student teachers (Robertson, Lane, Lwowski)
- Building community and belonging in the school:
 - Andrew Allen will be co-writing a song with students (March)
 - New logo being designed

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Pro-D Day (staff only; no students) – Fri. Feb. 14
- Family Day – Mon. Feb. 17 (no school)
- Kelowna FC Soccer – Tues. and Wed. Feb. 18 and 19 – all classes get one lesson
- Pink Shirt Day – Wed. Feb. 26
- Learning Updates go home – March 13
- Spring Break March 17-28

Thank you so much,
Jennifer Adamson
Principal, Chief Tomat Elementary

It is with gratitude that I respectfully acknowledge that I live, love, work, play and learn on the beautiful, unceded, Traditional territory of the Okanagan Syilx peoples.