



CHIEF TOMAT ELEMENTARY
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chief Tomat Elementary PAC Meeting Tuesday November 26, 2024 @ 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

Exec Regrets: Margarita Montoya, Claire Lyonhart, Megan Hatcher

General PAC Members: Jillian Baldwin, Jessica Hoben, Hoa Vua Baerg, Courtney Mehl, Dustin Chang, and a bunch of cute kiddos.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

Principal Report (Jennifer Adamson)

See Attached

- The Remembrance Day Assembly was enjoyed by all students and many parents were able to make it.
- Traffic control all cones that have been donated have remained in place, 3 parents have been helping out in the morning with crossing guard. Still looking to cover Wednesday and Thursday coverage. REcommend labeling the cones.
- Hockey team Visits and wheelchair basketball have been great experiences.
- 4 classes have participated in Alien Inline Skating and have loved it, and the company would like to come back next year. Will be here for 4 days this week and 3 days next week. Each class gets two one hour sessions, teachers will advise. Bike helmets are okay. .
- Fire drills have been successful within the school and emails have gone home to parents to help explain to students.

We acknowledge that we are learning on the unceded traditional territory of the Sylix, Okangan People.



- *Courage of Youth- Voices* ran last week in Grade 5. A second program will happen in the Spring called *Scream*. *Courage of youth* is a Social and Emotional Program, building communication skills; how to handle bullying; how to stand up for oneself.
- Gaga ball pit (temporary) will hopefully be up for next week until can be placed back in permanently next year.
- School Calendar - the dates are created by the school district community two years in advance; based on natural dates and what needs to occur within the year. Each school has a say on Parent Teacher Conferences, otherwise out of principals control. Concerns raised about spring break and easter being so close on the calendar - tough for working parents.
- Family groups should be starting before Winter vacation at Wolverine assemblies.
- Learning priorities for Chief Tomat Elementary are reading, social and emotional learning, and writing. Input from students on how to best help each area. The School Learning Plan is available on the Chief Tomat Website.
 - All students will grow in their reading skills and read at grade level.
 - All students will learn the skills to take care of themselves, others and the land.
 - In the fall of 2024, students were surveyed to narrow our focus to support our students in writing.
- Discussion on whether the PAC/Parents would like more information on the data and monitoring results related to the Tomat Learning Plan. Mixed feedback on whether to use a PAC Meeting or separate meeting or zoom. To be discussed further.
- Winter concert is Thursday December 12 with an afternoon (12:30pm) and evening (6pm). Wednesday afternoon will be a dress rehearsal so all students and teachers can watch (no parents at rehearsal due to space). For the Dec 12th shows - Limit of 2 tickets per family per show. Parents can hand in tickets that will not be used..First come and first serve for these times.
- The Teacher Spirit Day Committee would like to do an event every day for the last week of school before Winter break. Principal asked if this was okay, PAC agreed with this strategy, as it's easier for parents to know they have one week to focus on rather than random days in December.
- Singer songwriter (Andrew Allen) will come in March to help write a school song.
- Logo will be redesigned by an Indigenous artist who graduated from Chief Tomat, and will have student input. Logo needs to be redesigned as there is a university in the US with the same logo.
- Sledding - a new sledding location in being strategized. Sledding will likely be done on the side of the hill where the backyards back onto the field. With a common walk up area and walk down to two or three lanes. Principal asked that the students not



be told until she's finalized the decision. She promises she'll have it organized by the time there is enough snow.

- Discussed the new school photography. Principal advised that Artona was easier to communicate with from a school perspective than Life Touch. Staff pictures were better than previous years. PAC advised that many parents have not been happy with their student image, seemed rushed, food on face, not centres.. Artona is willing to come to PAC meetings and listen to feedback.

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Hopkins)

Halloween Dance:

- Expenses: \$1606.79
Brought in: \$1255.42 (Door Entry and Concession)
- Presales: \$133.00
- Halloween Chip giveback at Halloween Parade was a huge success and loved by children and students.

Follow Up on Last Meeting

School Compost Program (PAC Funded)

- Posters and bins are in the classrooms - starting small to have the teacher's start explanation.
- Will go school wide in the new year with further explanation of composting
- Right now is only pizza boxes

With Love Photography (PAC Fundraiser)

- Final Numbers have not been sent in yet
- Lots of positive feedback from families who participated
- Will continue to chase for funds to be deposited.

PAC Fundraisers

Mable's Labels

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



Bottle Depot

- On going through the year; use school phone number when printing sticker
- Jennifer will consistently run in the WAG
- Funds deposited into PAC account at the end of each fiscal year (Aug 31st)

Wish and Win

- Running from Nov 18 until Nov 30
- Started strong, though participation is starting to slow down, but overall it's been a huge success
- Many surprises on what is drawing in big crowds, and what has not been of interest
- Multiple updates of prizes within the day
- Right now a profit of \$3,000 with only being half way through
- Open to ideas of how to get new members into the wish and win
- May shorten down to one week in the future as many people are slowing down in purchase of tickets; poll out to see what time of window frames work for families; going live at certain times to let participants know what prizes are coming out that night
- More of the smaller denominations may be more successful then the higher denominations as budget fatigue is starting to set in.

Purdy's Chocolates

- All orders submitted this morning
- Product sold: \$3,386, PAC Profit: \$888.83
- Stacey, Megan and Kelly will organise when delivered the week of Dec 5-9; they will check in with Taniel to set up an after school time

Winter Concert VIP Seat Raffle

- Two front seat couches will be raffled (4 winners total)
- Waiting on gaming license to market (Dec 6-10 sales target tentatively)
- Will have paper and online (Munchalunch) order available
- Social media and through school flyers
- Debating on having both an afternoon winner and an evening winner, the subcommittee will discuss more.



Upcoming Events

Alien Inline (PAC cost share)

- One week remaining - happening Nov 26-Dec 4
- Cost share with CTE PAC
- 2 session of rollerblading for all the kids with one hour sessions

Hot Dog Day (PAC Fundraiser)

- Next hot dogs days: December 20 and January 17

Classroom Holiday Food Collection Competition (PAC Led)

- Food drive to help build community and will donate back to Boys and Girls Club within the West Kelowna community; will get a information package to talk about programs; non perishable and will ask for a list of ideas;
- Will be called "kids helping kids"
- Planned to start Nov 28 until December 16; after principal feedback, PAC will wait until December 1 to give teachers a chance to communicate and organize within the classroom
- One primary (K-3) and one intermediate (Grade 4-5) class will win a prize

Winter Tree Decorating (PAC Led)

- Will set up Christmas trees by December 9 prior to Christmas concert
- PAC has purchased 320 wooden ornaments to decorate and will organize into divisions and classrooms
- PAC will help to collect at the end of December and return to classrooms and take down Christmas trees. Ornaments to go home with kids at the end.

Holiday Movie Snack (PAC led)

- Holiday Movie will be on December 20; this will also be PJ Day
- Chips provided for a treat from the PAC

CTE Staff Appreciation (PAC Led)

- You got Elfed which will provide items/treats within the classroom
- Restock the staff room with treats

School Wide Hot Chocolate Day (PAC Led)

- Will be held in January 2025; date to by determined
- Free for all the students
- Crockpot of dairy free hot chocolate will be provided as well for students



New Discussion Items:

Teacher Funding Requests

- Will be reviewed in the New Year with Jennifer and PAC
- Meeting date to be set

Monthly Hot lunch

- Add one new PAC hot lunch a month starting in February; allows us January to plan and enquire. Goal: another PAC fundraiser, but also food variety, not just hot dogs and pizza.
- Will still be a Friday each month.

COPAC Rep Report (Shannon Tartaglia):

- Family and community engagement presentation during the PAC Meeting: great ideas, but feedback is that parents are not feeling heard by school districts and individual schools; tools are available to help make this successful. Focus was on meaningly engagement. The Administration has also been talking about how to engage communication with the school.
- George Pringle School is on schedule at the moment - foundation is being poured.
- School learning goals were a focus, Superintendent recommended that PACs ask the Principal to discuss the Tomat Learning Goals at each meeting and provide result and monitoring updates. How can the PAC help with these goals?
- PAC Bylaws need to be updated this year and will start the process in January as they need to be adapted at AGM in June. Subcommittee to be struck.

Open to the floor:

- New addition building construction is still on hold waiting on building permits from the City. SD23 advised that no PAC presentation will happen until building permits have been given. Parking has been difficult for both before and after school as there is only one entrance. Hoping for a January presentation from SD23 on plans, fingers crossed.
- Discussed stop signs and cross walk across the driveway of the CTE parking lot to help make parents aware of students crossing. Will bring forward now as permits are needed.
- Still building the schedule for reading volunteers that were requested.
- Battle of the Books; school library will have books available for students that join. Public library does not have many now as many schools start earlier in September.



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District chooses 8 books per grade, competition from a team of 3 to answer questions about the books. Bring awareness to parents as many are not aware for next year.

- Suggested that an “Important upcoming dates” section be added at the start of WAG instead of at the end so it’s right at top. WAG is very long when read on mobile devices and consists of scrolling; with encouragement to scroll down for more information. Helps with social media reminders.
- Bingo Night fundraiser held in March coordinated by Hoa Vuu Baerg.
 - Shannon will email an event information form to Hoa and Kelly will look into licensing.

Next meeting will be held January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the CTE Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm and voted unanimously.

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