

Dallas Elementary School PAC Minutes

Monday, Jan 13th, 7pm in the Library

Attendance: Andrea Todd, Amanda Russett, Naomi Tweedy, Amanda Robinson, Megan Provencher, Jana Hegyi, Andrea Mangell, Bonnie Clarke

Agenda: Unanimously approved.

Adoption of Nov, 2019 minutes: Unanimously approved.

Additions to the Agenda:

Track Ribbons: In previous years it has cost about \$250 for a years worth of ribbons. Going to look at buying them in bulk to see if we can save money and will readdress this topic at the next PAC meeting.

Principal's Report:

Playground Planning Update:

Grant connected with Tim Dempster in Dec. There is lots of room on the primary side to build (open space). Can build on the intermediate side, but is more complicated due to old septic field that was filled in with rocks. First step would be to determine what we want and then connect with Tim. Community members are allowed to install playground equipment but must be supervised by the playground company. Unfortunately, any new installs on the existing playground would require the pea gravel to be replaced by wood fiber and the barriers would need to be replaced with cement. The cost of this would be approx \$20,000 for the primary playground and about \$5,000 for the intermediate playground.

Discussion:

What kind of lifespan do the wood chips have? It was stated that wood fiber is actually less expensive to take care of in the long run because it naturally breaks down allowing more to be added without having to dig out the base first. Idea was put forth to create an outdoor classroom and may be able to pair up with the city to use some of their property to possibly have a structure with a roof. Doing small updates instead of purchasing a large structure seems more reasonable and possible to create sooner rather than later. A large structure would take a longer approval, set-up and fund raising process. Small updates would include adding more swings, adding benches and picnic tables to the intermediate side, and adding another saucer swing to where the old tire swing was. Claire will look into how much picnic tables and tire swings and swing sets will cost for the next PAC meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Currently \$41,078.41 in the Main account. With giving around \$7-10,000 a year for classrooms, there is not a lot left at the end of the year to increase the funds for playground equipment. May seem like the PAC fund raises a lot but this is to just cover the amount of money spent on classrooms and bussing in a year.

Currently \$10,022.62 in the Gaming account that covers bussing, youth authors, track and field, etc.

Therefore, the amount of money fundraised for the playground improvement increases by a minimal amount every year.

Committee Reports:

Hot lunch - First session of the hot lunch made about \$3852.00. This is the longest session of the year, so estimated to make about \$8,000 this year. Will look at installing the round up option on the Munch a Lunch at check out.

Year book - not present

Unfinished Business:

Fundraisers:

Purdy's -\$1,800.00 made from Purdy's this year.

Christmas Store - The kids seemed to really love the store. Most kids seemed to be quite excited to buy Christmas presents for their family and friends. The fund raiser made \$1,700. Next year we would NOT do a walk through as it sets the kids up for disappointment when the items were no longer available when they got the chance to purchase. We would also order more items. Overall it was a successful event and we look forward to doing it again.

New Business:

Can PAC minutes be put under the PAC tab on the school website? Andrea will look into getting it done.

New basketball jerseys will be discussed at the next PAC meeting once it is known how many are needed. Andrea will look into getting them done locally and PAC will consider contributing to the cost at the next meeting.

Spring fundraising ideas:

Fresh is Best is being set up by Megan. Will be available for the May Long Weekend.

Flip Give is another option for fundraising. Purchase gift cards online and the PAC gets a percentage.

Mable's Labels is another idea especially for kindergarten parents.

Next Meeting:

Feb 24th, 7pm in the Library.