

Saseenos Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2015

In Attendance: Tara K., Rebecca B., Amanda D., Gina G., Sara V., Karina J., Susan L., Lisa L., James L.

Guests: Ruchi McArthur

Approval of Agenda: approved

President's Message:

- Welcome every one! My name is Tara K., and I am the PAC President for Saseenos Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year. I am also the Fundraiser Representative, and part of the Foods team. This is my 4th year as PAC president. I was also Vice President for 3 years and an active member for 1 year before that, putting my total years of PAC service at 8 years. This is also the amount of time that I have been at this school! I have 3 children in 3 schools. My oldest is in grade 8 at Journey, my middle child is in grade 5 here, and my youngest is in grade 2 at John Muir. I am also a Beaver Scout Leader and sit on the Board of a local non profit society in Sooke. I would also like to introduce Rebecca B., who is our long time and very hard working Treasurer, Nanci W. (not present) who is our Foods Representative and Amanda D., who is our SPEAC Representative.
- Our first meeting of the year is a bit different from most of our meetings. During this time we will be going over the different positions that the PAC has, as well as different committees that run during the year.

Principal's Message: see attached

Treasurer's Message:

- We've made our budget for last year and are off to a good start for this year. We are still waiting for the cheque for the Scrap Metal Fundraiser to come in. There is roughly \$20,000 in our PAC account at this time. Our budget will be available for the next PAC meeting as we are still waiting for the Teachers' wish lists so we can crunch the numbers.

Food and Fun:

- The fundraising for this school year actually started in August with our Scrap Metal Drive that was held in the school parking lot! Our total for this was \$!!!
- I am aiming to have a fundraiser roughly every 6 weeks, BUT some months will have more and some months will have less.

- Our first foods day will be on September 25th, and our students will have a choice of either Sushi from ML Sushi, or a sandwich meal from Cathy's Corner. As always we are looking for new ideas for lunches and fundraisers. Volunteers are always needed and always welcome.
- Something new to us this year will be our Christmas market which is being headed up by Suzi L. and will be taking place either the last week of November or the first week of December.
- ***Gina G. has volunteered to help out during Hot Lunch days, thank you Gina!***
- ***October 29th has been chosen for the upcoming Halloween Dance. Tara will let everyone know when the first Committee meeting will be.***

Safe Arrival:

- This very important feature of our PAC is being headed up by Ellen H. this year. We are currently looking for one more volunteer for safe arrival at this time. ***Sara V. has volunteered to fill in the empty shift for Safe Arrival, thank you Sara!***

Emergency Preparedness:

- Emergency Preparedness is a priority at Saseenos. Every year for new students we dbudget for F.A.S.T. – 3 day supply emergency kidts in case there is ever a time that disaster strikes. These kits are good for 5 years. We do ask for a donation of \$10 to help covre the cost of these kits. We are in need of an Emergency Prep Coordinator at this time. ***This year we will be purchasing 30 new kits for the children in Kindergarten and new students to Saseenos. The letter asking for donations for these kits will be out by the first week of October. Lisa L. has volunteered to head up our Emergency Preparedness Committee. Thank you Lisa! Lisa L. will be meeting with Ruchi soon.***

S.P.E.A.C.:

- The Sooke Parents Education Advisory Council is our District PAC (DPAC). They meet at a different school in the Sooke School District each month. ***Thank you Amanda for taking this position on!***

Business arising from the floor:

- Parking issues: There have been concerns about people parking their cars and trucks by the top field and creating a hazard for parents and children of Saseenos during pick up and drop off times. Unfortunately we have NO control over this area as it doesn't belong to SD62. Gwen P. (a parent at Saseenos) has agreed to contact the sellers of these vehicles and make them aware of the dangers and ask them to move. ***As of this meeting, all of the cars had been relocated! Thank you Gwen!***
- Over/under-crowding of Sooke Schools – How can we show support? Tara K., PAC President, has reached out to the PAC President of Sooke Elementary School is is waiting to hear back from them before moving forward with this.
- PAC Executive Open Positions:

- Nanci W. has self-nominated for the Position of PAC Vice President. ***The entire PAC present at this meeting has voted yes for Nanci becoming PAC Vice President for the 2015-2016 school year.***
- The 2015-2016 Saseenos Elementary School PAC executive list is:
 - President: Tara K.
 - Vice President: Nanci W.
 - Secretary: OPEN
 - Treasurer: Rebecca B.
 - SPEAC Rep: Amanda D.