**Alexander Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

September 13th, 2022

Welcome: 8:50 am.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional, ancestral and shared territory of the Sumas First Nation and Matsqui First Nation. These two First Nations are part of the Sto:lo Nation. The Sto:lo people have lived in the Fraser Valley for 10,000 years. We believe that acknowledging the Traditional Territory is a way to honour and show respect to the original inhabitants of this land.

**Principals Message:**

1. Classes and Staffing:
   * There has been a smooth and organized start to the school year and students and staff are feeling settled.
   * There are some Education Assistant positions that are still being filled.
   * Currently there will be 11 Education Assistants for the 12 Divisions at the school. Mrs. Plantinga plans to use part of the school budget and hire another designated FTE Education Assistant. The school would then have 12 Education Assistants for 12 Divisions.
   * There are 12 Divisions and 254 students at Alexander Elementary. There are 3 Kindergarten classes, 2 Grade 1 classes, 1 Grade 2 class, 3 Grade 2/3 classes, and 3 Grade 4/5 classes.
2. Dibbles Training
   * On September 13th some staff will be attending a Dibbles training program.
   * Dibbles is a program that helps teachers evaluate why students are not reading and is more specific than PM Benchmarks.
   * There might not be TOC’s to go classes, so Mrs. Plantinga and the gym teacher will be putting activities together and watching the students.
3. School Supplies
   * School supplies were delivered to the school in boxes. They will be handed out to the students soon.
4. Assistance/Financial Support
   * Abbotsford School District 34 will be given 1.9 million from the one-time Provincial Government Grant. Kevin Godden is working to figure out how to disperse the money to help families who may be struggling with the rising cost of inflation.
   * Breakfast and Lunch program will still be provided again this year, as well as the Starfish Backpack program.
   * If you need assistance or know someone who does, please contact the administration and let them know.
5. Portable
   * There is not a class in the portable this year.
   * Mrs. Plantinga hopes to use it as a multipurpose room. This could include music/ rhythm.
6. Meet the Teacher
   * Meet the Teacher is on September 22 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.
   * PAC was asked to provide pizza.
7. Terry Fox Run
   * Terry Fox run is on September 27th at 1:15pm.
   * Volunteers are needed to help direct students and keep them safe.
8. Cops for Cancer
   * Cops for Cancer will be riding the bicycles by Alexander Elementary on September 22 at 11:56am.
9. Active School Grant
   * Last year Alexander Elementary was given $10, 000 for an Active School Grant.
   * Mrs. Plantinga will be contacting the Fraser Health’s liaison and working on how to encourage more people to walk to school.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

Gaming Account as of September 13th, 2022:

General Account as of September 13th, 2022:

**Revenues and Expenses:**

There was no Revenues or Expenses for August 2022.

**General Information:**

There will be a vote for next month for PAC positions. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are positions that need to be filled.

To encourage more people to come to PAC meetings, a notice will be on the front door informing where the meeting will take place.

PAC will also be given a bulletin board close to the office to post dates for meetings, events, and volunteer information.

PAC voted and agreed to pay for pizza for Meet the Teacher.

Neufeld’s Fundraiser will take place in November.

Bookfair will be from October 11-14 and will be in person.

There will not be a pumpkin patch at Alexander Elementary this year as teachers have decided to do a field trip.

Christmas Store will be the week of December 12th.

If there is a Fun Fair this year, bookings need to be started relatively soon.

One fundraiser that would be beneficial would be a Facebook Online Auction. Items would be donated and people could bid on them. Having the auction on Facebook would allow for fundraising to go to a larger audience and not just the school community.

End Time: 9:55 am