**Alexander Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

October 11th, 2022

Welcome: 9:00 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.

**Principal’s Message:**

1. Staffing
   * The Library Learning Commons teacher position is not currently filled at Alexander Elementary. Mrs. Motion, who is currently on an extended maternity leave, is helping to cover until the position is filled.
   * There are currently 13 Education Assistants. This may be subject to change if more funding becomes available from the school district.
2. Active School Travel Grant
   * As parking is starting to become an issue, the Active School Travel Grant is going to be touching base with the city and looking at how to make walking to school safer. This includes looking at walkways.
   * The Active School Travel Grant will also be putting together a map of the best places to park.
   * ICBC might also be coming to Alexander and having an assembly to discuss bike safety.
3. Teacher and Educational Assistant Collaboration Time
   * Both teachers and Educational Assistants will be given an hour of collab time.
   * Mrs. Plantinga will be having school wide assemblies every other Thursday at 11 o’clock for one hour. This gives teachers and Education Assistants time to have their collab time.
   * During these assemblies students will be singing the nation anthem, which the school is required to do once a week.
   * Each week students will learn something new. At the assembly last week students were taught playground safety and then given time to go outside and practice playground safety.
4. Halloween Parade
   * There will be a Halloween Parade this year and parents will be allowed to enter the school to watch. There is not currently a time set for the Halloween Parade.
5. Meet the Teacher
   * Meet the Teacher was a great way to start the school year. It was nice to have people meet in person and it really helped to build the school community.
   * Mrs. Plantinga thanked PAC for providing the pizza.
6. Literacy Webinar
   * Janet Bauer will be hosting a literacy webinar and teachers are invited to join.
7. Parent Teacher Conference
   * Parents can sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences using the School Appointments Online website. Instructions for getting onto the website were in the monthly Newsletter from Mrs. Plantinga.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Gaming Account as of October 11th, 2022: $3, 063.28

General Account as of October 11th, 2022: $15, 237.90

**Revenues and Expenses:**

There was $865.88 taken out of the General Account for Meet the Teacher pizza.

There will be $4, 780.00 going into the Gaming Account from the Gaming Grant.

**General Information:**

* Executive positions were voted.

Megan Steenhuisen and Tammy Harbord are Co-Presidents

Jennifer Antak is Secretary

Stefanie Rodgers is Treasurer

* As the new treasure, Stefanie Rodgers will be added as a signer to the PAC bank account.
* The Bookfair is currently open in the library.
* Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be going to Taves Farm Applebarn on a field trip on October 13th. PAC has approved request for $800 to help pay for the field trip. The money will be taken out of the Gaming Account.
* Neufelds Fundraiser will take place in November. All ordering will now be online.
* There is early dismissal on October 19th at 11:20.
* There is early dismissal on October 20th at 12:20.
* There is a Non-Instruction Day on October 21st.

End: 9:35 am.