

Ray Shepherd PAC Meeting
September 24, 2020

PAC President Update – Christy Weepers

- Welcome to all returning and new volunteers!
- Introductions: Christy Weepers – President, Alison Whittome – Secretary, Jen Mathieson & Jilly Wondga - Hot Lunch Coordinators, Sharon Baxter - Fundraising Coordinator, Cheryl Worden - Treasurer
- Zoom Etiquette reminders
- Jun will be retiring this year as Treasurer; Sheryl Ward has volunteered to take over.
1st – Jen, 2nd – Ginger. All in favour. Approved.

Principal Update – Linda Chau

- Welcome to all!
- Start of this unique school year has gone very smoothly. It's great to have the kids back in school. Staff and students have adjusted well to the new normal.
- Surrey Blended Transition Program: Grade 7 (Ms Horn), 3 (Ms Chuback), K/1 (Mr. Wall) are all at Ray Shepherd. All other grades are attending at Ocean Cliff, Semi Trail & Crescent Park.
- Friday Flash – Sent out every week and have and will continue to contain updated procedures and policies.
- New staff this year:
 - o Teachers: Mrs. L. Chuback, Mrs. L. Scott, Mr. D. Alcock, Mr. J. Wall
 - o EA's: Ms. A. Gallant, Ms. T. Lamarre, Ms. L. Gao, Ms. A. Mehta, Ms. J. Lammoglia
 - o Ms. M. Christensen - Head Secretary, Ms. N. Gust - Childcare Worker and Ms. S. Penner - Band Teacher
- Question regarding band for blended program – will connect with Ms Penner and Ms Horn to get information to families.
- Meet the teacher will not be happening this year in the traditional way. Teachers will be sending out a newsletter to their class before the end of the month. If you would like to have a meeting with the teacher, please pre-arrange this with the teacher and ensure you sign in at the office.
- Fri. Sept 25 – Terry Fox Run (on school grounds with cohorts, donations online, details in newsletter)
- Mon. Sept 28 - Pro-D
- Wed. Sept 30 - Orange Shirt Day
- Budgets at the school level will be slimmer this year, and so will PAC fundraising. Would appreciate any discretionary funds that the PAC can provide.
- Yearbook – looking for a volunteer to coordinate this for the year. Mia will take the lead on this and Kristin and Megan will help.
- Cross Country and other school sports are on hold for now.

Financial Update – Jun Xue & Cheryl Worden

- Chequing Account = \$33,482, Gaming Fund – \$1,833
- Gaming fund – will apply again this year. Must be used for school wide extracurricular events.
- Discretionary Funds last year: Teacher's - \$250 per class. LST, IST = \$400 each, RR (\$200) and Music and French (\$200); Library = \$1,200. (\$6,400) – 1st – Sharon, 2nd Alison – All in favour. Approved.

- Bursaries for Grade 12 students (2 x \$250) again this year – 1st – Sharon, 2nd Jen – All in favour. Approved.
- Earthquake container – Danny will take this on this year.
- Clothing Drive – Priscilla will take this on this year.

Fundraising Update – Sharon Baxter

- Hawkwear – can do online this year using the hot lunch platform and PayPal. Megan and Danny will run it this year.
- Cobbs Bread and Express Return-It fundraisers – both are ongoing. Info will be in next newsletter.
- Bookfair is cancelled this year. Online scholastic book orders are available through the teachers.
- Poinsettias (Ali, Alia, Nicole) and Purdy's (Ginger) – Drive through pick up (Dec 4)
- Fundscript (Jen)
- Hot Lunch, Eagles Game, Bingo Night, Parents Night Out, Donut/Popcorn/Freezie sales – all cancelled this year.
- Big Brothers clothing drive – on hold for now.
- Pre-purchased juice and pudding – set up a buy-back program for these or donate to food bank.
- New options this year:
 - o Neufeld Farms (Alia, Kristy-Lynn, Megan Baker)
 - o Cheque Drive – may need a target activity to focus on
 - o First Aid/Babysitting/Stay Home courses (training provided by Danny) – Danny, Linda and Sharon will work on the details.
- Technology hardware and software – just maintenance needed at this time. Chrome books for intermediate would be appreciated but all funding would have to be through PAC.
 - o This could be an idea for cheque drive. Kristin Spina will connect with Ms Chau and Ms Baker and start sourcing out options.

Other Updates

- Ray Shepherd Elementary PAC Facebook Page - run by parents only (no school involvement), private page. Provides updates and reminders for parents.
- Student planners are on back order.
- Deposit for Mayfair ride rentals – originally postponed until this May, refund has been requested.
- Grade 7 Grad events – no events on the horizon at this time. Ginger, Aimee, Christy, Ali, Jun to start a sub-committee.

The next PAC meeting is planned for October 22 @ 9am

Link will be sent out in the Friday Flash prior to the next meeting