



Chute Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Agenda

Date: November 18, 2021 at 7:00pm

Location: Via Zoom

Email CLE.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca with questions or comments.

The Chute Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the Traditional, unceded Territory of the Okanagan People.

PAC Meeting

All CLE Parents are members of the PAC and encouraged to attend meetings.

Members present:

Brenda Kirsch -CLE Principal	Nicola Baker – PAC President
Lisa Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary	Jack Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary
Asha Gray – PAC Member	Susan French– PAC Member
Peggy Herd– PAC Member	Patty Glover– PAC Member
Alanna Chambers– PAC Member	

- 1) Call to Order 8:10pm Nicola
- 2) Approval of Agenda – November 18, 2021
 - a. Motion to approve agenda Jack Gordon
 - b. Second Susan French
- 3) Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2021
 - a. Motion to approve minutes Jack Gordon
 - b. Second Susan French
- 4) Volunteer Chairs – update
 - a. No chair is present at meeting
- 5) Treasurer's Report (Kelly absent)
 - a. See attachment
- 6) Updates to Budget 2021/22
 - a. See attachment
 - b. Add \$1000 for outdoor toys
 - c. Winter market cancelled
 - d. Voices program increased
 - e. Ipads
 - i. Ask for 30 ipads, budgeted for 10
 - ii. Doubled to 20, may add to this in the new year
 1. need to raise \$11,680

- iii. Trying to meet needs for teachers
- iv. 20 purchased by the school
- v. 5 ipads given to Tina Hoek
- vi. Older kids use chromebooks
- f. Paypal issues, PAC will be changing to a new online payment system soon.

7) COPAC Update

- a. Welcome PAC delegations
 - i. Concerns specific to school or a group of children
- b. Still looking for district PAC Rep

8) Adjournment 8:22 pm

<p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <p>CLE PAC: January 13, 2022 7:00pm</p>

Informal Parent Meeting Notes (7:00-7:45)

Members present:

Brenda Kirsch -CLE Principal
 Nicola Baker – PAC President
 Lisa Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary
 Jack Gordon – PAC Co-Secretary
 Asha Gray – PAC Member
 Susan French– PAC Member
 Peggy and Trevor– PAC Member
 Patty Glover– PAC Member
 Alanna Chambers– PAC Member

1. Welcome & Acknowledgements Call to order Nicola 7:02PM
 - a. First nations
 - b. Flooding
2. Enter your name in the chat for a chance to win a CLE shirt or hoodie for your child.
3. PAC – Interactions with volunteers (draft community communication guidelines)
 - a. To ensure everyone feels accepted and acknowledged
 - b. Providing feedback in respectful manner
 - c. Need to hear from individuals, rather than one person speaking for a group
4. CLE Admin Update – Principal Brenda Kirsch & Vice Principal Steven Labrie
 - a. Outdoor learning space enhancements – discussion, call for participation
 - i. Indigenous integration of the land
 - ii. Learning space with seating for all the kids, maybe benches and a table
 - iii. Shelter space as well from rain and sun so it can be used all year
 - iv. Indigenous play structure or garden
 - v. Outdoor whiteboard

- vi. School is at capacity so it would be helpful to have another space that we can use
- vii. Benefits:
 - 1. Kids love learning outdoors
 - 2. Help kids with health, achievement and cognition
 - 3. Promotes learning through movement and play
 - 4. Away from technology
 - 5. Promotes leadership
 - 6. Conservationism, sustainability, increasing environmental knowledge
 - 7. Not have to wear a mask
- viii. Need parents to join committee
 - 1. Community support
 - 2. Fundraising
 - 3. Rose L elder who is willing to help provide guidance
 - 4. Rotary club Kelowna, supporting with peace initiative
 - 5. Hoping to involve students
 - 6. CUPE involvement
 - 7. Need local landscape architect to help with design
 - 8. Nov 24 meeting with Elder Rose to discuss
- ix. Parent question regarding integrating other cultures into the outdoor classroom as well
 - 1. Open to discussion
 - 2. Important to promote inclusivity, beliefs and values
- b. November/December Updates
 - i. Gathering gift for families in need with Salvation army, spearheaded by grade 4s
 - 1. Tags with needs of kids and ages
 - 2. Students can take tags home and bring donations
 - 3. Santa Bus coming on Dec 10 to collect donations
 - 4. This has been done annually
 - ii. Christmas concert
 - 1. Surprise to be emailed out soon!
 - 2. Performances will be sent out
 - 3. Unable to have in person concert due to covid
 - iii. Covid
 - 1. Appreciate families contacting school
 - 2. Will remain anonymous
 - 3. School is doing their best to keep school safe and happy
 - 4. School is not allowed to notify families directly if there are cases in the classrooms
 - a. Waiting for direction from Interior Health(IH)
 - b. Two cases this week that didn't require any actions
 - iv. Parent question: Told through community networks that students in classroom had covid, but why do the classrooms not need to isolate for 2 weeks.
 - 1. IH does follow up with families and decides who needs to isolate
 - 2. School has been pulled out of the process, it is done outside of the school
 - 3. Families feeling frustrated with the lack of communication
 - v. Parent comment: Rumours circulating in the community and no one really knows what's going on or if it's safe to send kids to school.

1. Staff is also frustrated that they can't inform families
 2. IH is behind at notifying the school
 3. Staff feels loved and appreciated by the parents, they are doing their best
 - vi. Parent question: Where should we be voicing our concerns that this system isn't working and we don't feel like our kids are being kept safe?
 1. Liaison between school board and IH
 2. Parents writing letters? Nicola will look into this.
 3. Not alone at CLE in our frustration with the system
 - vii. Parent comment: Should students be acting as lunch monitors right now given the current covid situation and the fact that the kids aren't wearing masks while they are eating?
 1. Not many activities available for leadership currently
 2. Something that may need to change in the future, but right now it's not going to change. They are distanced from the other kids.
 3. Safety vs Engagement
 - viii. Parent comment: When the school knows there are cases, maybe these activities should be paused, until the cases are over.
5. Community Discussions – Questions & Comments from CLE parents and caregivers.
- a. District PAC has secured Dr Katharine Smart
 - i. Presentation to parents on covid Nov 23 7pm
 - ii. Open to questions, anything covid related. Submit your questions!
 - b. Format of informal and then formal PAC meetings
 - i. No comments
 - c. Waste Connections, Saturday 11-3 Toys R US
 - i. Bottle donations
 - ii. Info sent out in email
 - d. Parent teacher interviews (via Zoom)
 - i. Lots of positive feedback from parents and teachers
 - ii. Helpful doing later in the year because the teachers know the kids better
 - iii. Parent comment: Would it be possible to do a meet and greet earlier on in the year for parents who don't drop their kids off at school and can't meet the teachers otherwise?
 1. Parent drop in was planned but cancelled due to Covid
 2. Some teachers did have meetings in gym or virtual
 3. Next year hopefully things will be different
 - e. Hot lunch
 - i. Supply chain issues due to flooding
 - ii. Cancelled this week
 - iii. Next week should be ok, with Milk and Boston Pizza but may need to play it by ear
 - iv. Refunds?
 1. Parents should have credit in account for cancelled Hot lunches
 2. Can request refund from CLE PAC if you don't want to order further
 - v. Running with fewer volunteers due to covid
 - vi. Smoothies and cookies and milk were very popular
 - vii. Parent question: Can there be more options for allergy friendly foods, gluten free, vegetarian etc.?
 1. Only one email received with parent looking for other options

- a. Special treats, non-dairy milks
 - b. Vendors are less flexible this year with options
 - c. Need to hear directly from more parents.
 - viii. Parent comment: thanks for all the time and effort, menu is fantastic and kids are happy with it
 - ix. Parent comment: Canyon Falls has list of vendors who can provide lots more options.
 - 1. Can look into this. Trying to restart the program and keep it simple with minimal volunteers
 - 2. Trying to offer simple hot lunch in a safe manner
 - 3. Seems like most parents are happy with how things are
 - 4. Possible issue with credits for cancelled hot lunch last week
6. Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers
- a. Purdy's Nov 22 \$900 profit so far
 - b. Basil Cooper waiting for cheque, can take a couple months
 - c. Spirit wear
 - i. Numbers lower than anticipated
 - ii. Costs reflect lower numbers so less profit
 - d. No formal fundraisers for the new year
 - i. Raffle?
 - ii. Need a budget for the outdoor classroom
7. Upcoming Parent Events
- a. Carla Daws workshop on Tapping
 - i. Positive feedback, well attended, about 25 people
 - b. Parent morning coffee in Dec
 - c. Virtual bingo night?
 - d. Canyon Falls has workshop on Money and Youth, Kayla Karuna
 - i. Nov 29 7pm via Zoom
 - ii. May be open to feeder schools as well
 - e. Family skate Family day
 - i. Cost \$650 including insurance
 - ii. 2 hour skate, 2 cohorts
 - iii. Looking for sponsor
 - f. BCCPAC/ COPAC Nov 30
 - i. Understanding Parents Key role in Public Education Presentation
 - ii. 6:30-7:45PM
 - g. Report Cards
 - i. Standardized provincial reporting format
 - ii. Prototype idea, not finalized yet
 - iii. Will be communicating with parents via Zoom or in the gym
8. Resource websites for parents:
- a. www.sd23ltd.com/subscribe
 - b. www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness