

Sept 20 2021-IN PERSON (yay!) meeting began at 6:33 pm and ended at 8:31 pm Next meeting scheduled for: October 18 2021 7pm-8pm

Principal:	Burt B	P	PAC President:	Maddie H	P	Guest:	Christina Pehr	p
Vice President:			Secretary:	Virginia A	P	Guest:	Leah Mobbs	p
Treasurer:	Jenn P	p	Trustee:	Everett H	p	Member:	Jana Emmerick	p
Guest Speaker:	Justin Jepsen	p	Member:	Meghan Reimer	P	Member:	Brandi Porada	p
Member:	Lara Condello	P	Member:	Wendy Pehr	P	Member:	Brandi O'Flynn	p
Member:	Michelle Shaw	P	Member:	Jess Schindler	P	Member:	JJ Holmes	p

Agenda attached – Motion to accept May’s minutes: Virginia (only Burt, Maddie and Virginia present at May’s meeting)

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
Principal’s report	Burt	<p>-Students working in the garden, many thanks to Mrs Nelson-Smith and Mrs Van Rossum for that, usually our vegetables contribute to a welcome dinner but that was not an option this year due to COVID</p> <p>-The Kindergarten car mat is a success, we did not end up getting MSS students to paint it but the kids are loving it- PAC fundraised 😊</p> <p>-Student vote happened and will be comparing student vote results to real world results-super cool!</p> <p>-Kece? Tea harvesting on the land</p> <p>-Orange T-Shirt day will be celebrated on Sept 29th because of the new stat holiday recognizing Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30th (school will not be in session). A blanket exercise is planned for the intermediates it is a ceremony that helps educate about indigenous peoples from pre-contact to modern day, very enlightening, will be the 4th time its practiced at NCES.</p> <p>-Terry Fox run scheduled for Oct 5th, we used to use the field and run towards the subdivision, now with the construction there the running will go up Marshall Rd with teachers stationed to help cross the highway.</p>	None

		-We've said Goodbye to a couple teachers this year and hello to a couple new ones- excited to welcome them to our school 😊	
Treasurer's report	Jenn	-We have \$23,800 in our main account -\$972 in our gaming account -Question about how much to expect from gaming fund this year- Jenn said probably about \$2500-\$3000 depending on # of students, will find out in 6-8 weeks -Discussion around what the gaming funds can be used toward- can be used for things that directly go to the students-like sporting equipment, can be used between k-12 (unfortunately excludes strong-start however they have their own funds)	-Jenn to apply for gaming grant
Trustee's report	Everett	-Had the 1 st board meeting last Wednesday (is live on SD58 fb page for everyone to watch) -Trying to prepare for any unexpected changes/challenges with COVID that might pop up this school year -Strategic plan is on the GO! Every school has an 8ft strategic plan layout posted in the hallway, the strategic plan had about 450 contributors over the last couple years in the making which was comprised of educational professionals, board members, staff, students, parents and community members. With our new strategic plan comes our brand new SD58 Website which is a great upgrade. It is mobile friendly, user friendly, district wide and is a good "one-stop-shop" for all district school information. -New calming space was built at MSS which was largely inspired by our NCES calming space	
Old business	Group with guest speaker Justin Jepsen	1. Very prominent concern from all parents about the safety of children walking to/from school now that the field behind the school is owned and actively under construction. The children are now forced to walk down Aberdeen Rd and along a stretch of HWY 8. Neither Aberdeen Rd nor HWY 8 have adequate/clear shoulders,	1. Write a letter to MOT about our concerns- outlining our short term goals and requests vs our long term goals and requests

	<p>neither Aberdeen Rd nor HWY 8 have school zones, neither one have adequate signage and there is a large concern over the amount of speeding, lack of policing, various commercial (over-sized) vehicles that travel on both Aberdeen and HWY 8. We had invited Justin a couple years ago to address this concern and his direction from MOT was to put boots on the ground to assess the traffic and at that time they had made the decision that it was safe enough. We as the PAC group have come to the agreement that over the last two years the traffic situation has changed drastically and have expressed this to Justin. He will be taking this to his lead and we have asked that when they come to assess our traffic that they come at 2:30 at the end of our school day to see first hand the dangers the children face. Justin has noted to come at end of school day. JJ has asked how far up the chain was this taken two years ago, Justin said to his lead only.</p> <p>Ideas and suggestions shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -we would love to see a paved walkway/crosswalk/shoulder along Aberdeen- Justin says that simply will not happen for our area due to maintenance and different contract holders, would have to rely on volunteers and that is not feasible. He did say a (unpaved) walkway on the backside of the ditch is more likely to happen -Brought up two years ago and again tonight that a multi-use pathway from Rocky Pines all the way to HWY 8 would be of great benefit to the entire community and would eliminate many dangers the children face to get to school. Originally David Laird was very much on board with this. -We want crosswalks at Smith Park and Turner Ave (the bus stops at both places). We would like to have the flashing Bluetooth crosswalks on Aberdeen (we have been told by Justin that the Bluetooth crosswalks are not hwy grade and we would not be approved to have them put on hwy 8). -We would like to see the speed limit reduced on Aberdeen on school days- Justin was quick to brush that off and say it likely won't happen- we as the PAC will be including that in our requests- the school does own land on Aberdeen Rd and due to the unique 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Obtain support from local organizations, namely: School board (Everett), Newspaper, Jackie Tegart, LNIB, Shackan, Nooaitch, TNRD, Lower Nicola Association. 3. See what kind of police presence we can get out here
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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Group</p>	<p>-we have also addressed the need to amend how our traffic flows within the school parking lot. We've agreed to separate the bus lane from the pick-up/drop-off lane (stopping traffic from going ALL the way around the parking lot passed the playground and having them loop through the middle in front of any parked busses so we avoid having cars trying to go around the bus.) this also means having to possibly move staff parking to the two far lanes beside the playground. We need to repaint the parking lot and put arrows to direct traffic, call for volunteers to enforce new parking lot rules, need to address pot holes at the entrance of Postell St. NO IDLING.</p> <p>-We shared concerns about Central school offering school supplies for \$30 while we are paying anywhere between 50-90 per kid, how are they doing that?</p> <p>-shared concerns about sharing supplies at school, in K and Gr1 there are shared bins however if a child has a need (like colour deficiency) he depends on being able to read labels whereas other kids tend to rip the labels off things like crayons- we discussed that this mainly only happens in K and Gr1 and would be better to address with teacher first but can be addressed to Burt/PAC if problem persists.</p> <p>-Parents have not been prepared for Gr 7 properly and some are facing last minute expensive decisions when it comes to band- how can we address this gap in knowledge preparedness? Two years ago we talked about the Kindergarten and Grade 7 brochures as a way to prepare parents on what to expect on their first and last year- would this be sufficient? (For clarity- renting an instrument is optional however the student may not get to choose their instrument if they choose not to rent (some rentals were as high as \$400 non-refundable)).</p> <p>-Concerns about injury reporting at school- question of IF a policy was in place (yes there is)- how can we improve upon it?(Burt will find the physical policy form for us to look over and is open to improvements) – where is the gap in the system that causes these to go unnoticed/unreported/not informing the parents(seems to be stopping at the break supervisors). How can we better asses "how</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burt to find out how Central was able to offer low cost supplies 2. Making k and 7 brochures? 3. Burt to find out injury reporting policy
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