

## Fernwood PAC

Minutes January 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 (Zoom meeting) 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

### Attendance:

Kelda Logan, Principal, Samantha Chamberlin, Exec; Heather Kazakoff, Exec; Erin Lee, Exec; Jennifer King, Exec; Nancy Deas, Mary Beth and Alan Watt

Review and approve Agenda – 5 mins

### 2. Approval of October minutes draft

\* Approve minutes in February

### 4. Reports -

a. Chair's report (Including 2019/2020 Annual Report) - Sam: not much to report. Review bylaws.

b. Treasurer's report-Approve budget :Erin: To discuss below

c. DPAC report – Reading and writing in the district is strong. Mathematics is in need of extra support.

d. Principal's report (including parent Q & A) -

\* EPIC GRANT: Extra money came from savings during COVID in the spring. Math facilitator supporting teachers for 'A day of Learning'. Breaking down the curriculum to ensure students are achieving expectations. Teachers have spent more money on math games/manipulatives.

\* Teachers are regularly meeting with one another for collaboration time.

\* Kelda will be doing pre and post interviews with students and teachers to document growth and record journey.

\* OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: Teachers would like to have wood floors lower the distraction rate of students and also allow for multipurpose such as Dance and yoga. Heather suggested concrete as wood can be slippery. Kelda is finding quotes for both.

\* Ascertaining wood for large benches. Hope is to get Quentin Harris, District Artist & Educator to help with an indigenous Artistic carving.

\* Looking into solar panel and lighting for outdoor space.

\* GRADE 6/GRADE 7:

\* Board voted to close SIMS. Fernwood to be K-7 school.

\* Grade 6/7 will have explorations; robotics, yoga, outdoor leadership. Grade 4/5 will be firebirds in training. Grade 6/7 office duty during lunch, reading to younger children etc.

\* School is sourcing strong French language instruction, a strong athletics program, and a music program with instruments.

\* CRD: proposed a baseball field at Fernwood with bleachers and lights. They are currently seeking funding.

McPhee: applied for grants to improve garden bed; rain capture. Seeds and supplies are coming.

FISH ON FENCES: \$700 extra bill. Asked PAC to pay \$350.

e. Trustee's report: Rob Pringle is the new school trustee for Fernwood Elementary.

### 5. Discuss:

-Fundraising: Mary Beth Zoom auction suggestion.

-CLASSROOM FUNDS:

Erin: limited fundraising this year due to Covid.

-PAC approves \$100 for art supplies per classroom.

-The \$250 per classroom and \$300 for field trips is not approved. Covid climate has reduced fundraising capabilities.

BC gaming grant~ \$3840 to be used to benefit the entire school.

-Back Playground- PAC \$31,500 (short \$6500): Project is approved and planning is initiated by Erin.

-Learning services reading license has been approved

-Tech funding for Andrew M. is being tabled until Playground is complete.

-Seed sale: looking for volunteers to run this.

-CLOTHING DRIVE: Nancy: clothing swap. Nancy is moving forward with a by donation clothing boutique to be held on weekends at the outdoor space at Fernwood. The parent body will be informed of Days and will have to register for a time to come by. This project will likely start after March Break. Nancy would greatly appreciate non stained or ripped clothing donations. Please hang on to your donations until further notice.

**7. Set next meeting date and time:** February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

\*Discuss sending out a letter out to parents for donations. We have held off asking this month as we are waiting to see if Lions will donate first.

\*Discuss funding for Andrew McPhee. \$2500

\*Fish on the Fence \$350

**8. Adjournment**