



MEETING MINUTES

Journey Middle School PAC Meeting

Date | time November 7, 2023 – JMS | 7:00 pm | *Meeting called by* Journey Middle School PAC

Executive Members

Meghan Rownd, President | Shannon Green-McInnes, Vice President | Emma Shehan, Treasurer | Evangelia Koutsodimos, SPEAC Rep | Marisa Herron, Emergency Coordinator | Julie Salter & Kristy Green, Co-Fundraising Coordinators

In attendance: Jennifer Gibson, Meghan Rownd, Shannon Green-McInnes, Kristy Green, Michelle Richard, Emma Shehan, Evangelia Koutsodimos, Julie Salter

Opening Motions:

- **Motion to adjourn by 8:20pm** Shannon 1st, Emma 2nd - APPROVED
 - o **Motion to approve agenda** Lia 1st, Shannon 2nd – APPROVED
 - Additions to agenda: Michelle – Friends of Sooke Parks Society (Parent)
- **Motion to approve October 2023 meeting minutes** Lia 1st, Shannon 2nd - APPROVED

Partner Groups:

- Jennifer Gibson
 - o Bullying Townhall date?
 - School is working with the district to bring this to parents – lining up speakers, etc.
 - Reminder that for students if they see something, they need to say something
 - Also, if the school doesn't know about the problem they can't do anything
 - If it happens off school grounds the school can't do anything
 - Definitions in the pamphlet – what is bullying exactly
 - Concerns that words and phrases are being used that might not reflect what is actually happening with students
 - Concerns that issues that occurred in previous years are clouding what the parents think is happening at the school
 - Parent Question: Is the school seeing a difference between issues with grade 8s and grade 6s?
 - Yes and no. There is a clear gap in the social connections that some of the younger grades have possibly a result of being forced to separate and not be around each other during COVID restrictions.
 - Question is how do we bridge that gap and bring the students together?
 - Idea of having school together events in conjunction with presentations for students
 - o Ski Trip
 - Not sure at the moment – traditionally teacher organized
 - Grades 8s in the past attended
 - Will look into it
 - District needs to use the busses so we might have to use a coach busses – expensive
 - o Volleyball starts on November 27th

- Michelle – Friends of Sooke Parks Society
 - o Society works to build awareness of the parks in Sooke – there’s 86
 - o Solstice event – return of light to world – non-denominational
 - December 21st
 - They don’t have a location yet
 - Make lanterns up to the event
 - There is an artist that might be available to help teach how to make them
 - Whatever lantern works for you
 - Something for the school to get involved with
 - PAC reminded Michelle that as a PAC member she is welcome to take on initiatives herself and if she needs supplies she can ask the PAC to vote on a budget

Treasurer Report:

- Scoreboard funding
 - o Discussion at SPEAC meeting – October – about uses for the Gaming Grant
 - o Concern that the scoreboard/screen might not fall into that
 - o Meghan will contact the Gaming branch to get a clear answer
 - o Want to avoid them not allowing the expense and PAC having to repay
- Fundraising is going well – we have increased the account by about \$3200
- Gaming account has \$1200 available from last year – not budgeted this year

Old Business:

- Bottle Drive Update
 - o \$1004 raised
- Halloween Fundraiser Update
 - o \$396 raised
- Canadian Safety Supplies Update/Order Arrival
 - o \$1253 raised
 - o It’s paid for – 3 to 4 weeks to arrive
 - o Good to know that we’re a rural address to them so extra shipping
 - o Need volunteers to sort out orders
- Community Values Fundraiser Update
 - o Sale is not going well at this point
 - o A lot of books were not sent home by teachers which limits sales
 - o Hoping that things will pick up as the deadline nears on November 10th
 - o Consider doing again next year but make sure that we get teachers more information

New Business:

- Hot Lunch Update – November date
 - o Our lunch coordinator has stepped down
 - o For ease we have closed the account opened with HotLunch.net and have started an account with Munchalunch
 - o December tentative - subway
 - Feedback from Jenn that Fridays are better
 - o ACTION: Meghan and Emma will get the Munchalunch system up and running
 - o In the meantime, both Meghan and Emma will work to get our first hot lunch going
- Game Night Bookings
 - o Booked two games nights with the Board Game café
 - o Jan 11 and May 9th 6-8pm in the multipurpose room and front foyer of the school
 - o Free event – though we will require tickets so that we can manage attendance

- PAC will run a concession
- Funding Request – Library Lego Wall
 - \$350 from rotary funds
 - \$150 from gaming funds from last year
 - **MOTION:** to approve the request of \$500 for the learning commons Lego wall Shannon 1st, Julie 2nd – VOTED and APPROVED
- Funding Request – Div 1&2 Writing/Artist Writing Workshop
 - Curricular
 - \$400 from their class fund (combined \$200 each class)
 - Got \$150 each class from the school class fund
 - Vote not required - \$200 from the PAC Classroom Enrichment fund was already budgeted
- Funding Request – Frederici Maker and Class Pet
 - Class Pet – approved to come from the PAC Classroom Enrichment fund – no vote required
 - Make Do Invent Kit
 - Will be used by a number of classes in the Narnia pod
 - Can come from Gaming funds
 - Request is \$250
 - **MOTION:** to provide \$250 from Gaming for the purchase of a Make Do Invent Kit Emma 1st, Kristy 2nd, VOTED and APPROVED
- Funding Request – Seat Equipment – Need more information
 - Check last year chairs purchased??
 - PAC wants to know what they are wanting to purchase
 - We don't have funding available in the Gaming for the full amount requested \$2000
 - Can it be bought in stages so we have time to fundraise?
 - Is there any funding from the school for some of these?
 - ACTION: Meghan will go through the budget to see if some of the funds allocated elsewhere can be moved (rumour that there won't be a band trip this year...)
- November fundraiser – Purdy's
 - November 15th start
 - Will send pamphlets to teachers and email Jenn to send the link home
 - Orders due by November 30th and submitted to Purdy's December 4th
 - Orders will arrive by December 14/15th so plenty of time to get home before winter break
 - Consider doing an order pickup time/date or sending home with students – will ask parents preference
- November Event for Students Ideas
 - Snack Day for November
 - VIP Candy in Sooke – does fundraising
 - Lollipops are \$1.25 each and we sell for \$2
 - Will do popcorn as well for \$1
 - **MOTION:** to purchase 150 lollipops from VIP Hard Candy for snack sale Shannon 1st, Julie 2nd – VOTED and APPROVED
 - Note that Shannon and Meghan are willing to try to do a snack day every month depending on their availability
- Vacant Positions
 - Event Coordinator – no nominations
 - Food Coordinator – no nominations
 - Emergency Coordinator – Julie nominated – no other nominations – VOTED into position by acclamation
 - SeaCan in the back that has supplies that need to be sorted
 - School has a list of what should be in there
 - ACTION: Julie will follow up with Jenn about getting access to the SeaCan

- Christmas Event Ideas – Tabled – PAC will discuss ideas online

Announcements and adjournment

- Next Meeting December 5th, 7pm in the Library
- Adjournment
 - o **MOTION to adjourn meeting at 826 pm** Shannon 1st, Emma 2nd APPROVED