

## **MAY 11 2020 3:30PM APES PAC Meeting Minutes**

### **In (VIRTUAL) attendance:**

**Bob Wilson**  
**Nancy Jensen**  
**Sandra Beckett**  
**Tatjana Sovio**  
**Laura Shaw**

1. Meeting called to order 3:40
2. Approval of agenda Tat motioned to approve, Laura seconded
3. Approval of minutes Tat motioned to approve, Laura seconded
4. Principal's report

### **-Continuity of Learning**

-trying to keep kids engaged in learning during this time, and connected to their teachers. Special focus on maintaining or moving forward in math/reading

-packages with activities have been going home (we are sending paper home because we have lots of paper/ink)

-some kids are coming in 1 hr a week who need extra support (emotional or academic)

**-Supporting student learning** -Learning services teachers have been working with students at a targeted level

**-Learners at school** - these are kids with unique circumstances and children of essential services workers

-3-9 kids are in the school on any given day. We have over 30 students (child care) coming into the school (following all the social distancing protocols)

**-working towards June 1 planned re-start of in-class instruction** -premier announced last week that we can start to socialize a little bit more (following the golden

rules) - if after 2 weeks we don't see any major changes, face to face instruction could start June 1. This will be voluntary. We don't know what this will look like yet.

-overall the school team has been doing really well, we have received a lot of good feedback from parents

**Mascot** - this is a great time for families at home to start designing our mascot. Could be an animal, a natural feature, must demonstrate our values and represent our community. Families can submit their ideas - and the winner will be chosen (and we will get our local artist Nick Laferriere to help design it.

-Tatjana's idea to have a memory book/collage. 'Even though we may be apart, we are always together in our heart.' Idea here is to use a fun and simple template and insert school photos (already taken) and have it printed by DJ's

-we are working on our 'welcome to kindergarten' plan. Looking for a different and unique way to welcome kids to school even with what is going on

5. Teacher's report - amazed at the support of the families. So proud of our community, our district, parents are so supportive. We are coming into another time of transition - now with re-opening, there are new fears coming up. Teachers are feeling this anxiety (how do we social distance in our classrooms). Teachers hope parents recognize that even if we are only having kids in for an hour, we are still working all day (at least)
  - awareness of the level of trauma that is happening in many families - we will need to keep mental health support a priority
  - we parents see how much teachers are doing and we support them 100%
  - more calling in sick will have to happen in the future (teachers, staff, children) there may even be screening
6. Treasurer's report - we pledged \$100.00 to the plant ID project (Meg Langley)

-we pledged to buy the roots of empathy ROE wall charts (4) (\$75.00)

-town hasn't billed us for skating yet

7. Hotlunches report

8. Fundraising report - We decided to move the pick-up location for the hanging baskets from APES to mountainside gardens for the hanging baskets. Parents drove up to pick up their orders. It was a success (from mountainside's perspective). We may do it this way again next year (parents order through sign-up genius and then go pick up their orders), It makes it easier for everyone. Will reduce the variety next time. \$949.05 profit. We may do our WestCoast seeds order through mountainside next year as well.

-Kicking Horse coffee is American

-Purcell is local - Holly could include espresso, decaf (ground or whole bean) and bigger quantities. Let's support our local coffee - price sheet attached. We could run this coffee fundraiser twice next year (September, Feb) and maybe look at an ongoing membership through Purcell.

9. President's report

-Nancy talked to John Wilsgard about a children's community garden - local food matters (Joyce Deboer) is working on pairing those with unused garden space with those in apartments who would like to garden. We could do this next year. Maybe have a vegetable growing initiative - children show their favourite vegetable in the fall

-Local food matters has provided the food bank with beginner gardens with everything families need if they are interested. I believe that we can also get free seeds from [kootenayfood.com](http://kootenayfood.com). The PAC could also buy seeds, however they are in short supply right now.

-got in touch with food bank to see if there were families that need support (Bob responded that we haven't delivered food for a couple weeks now and he is watching families that might need support and we have support structures in place if/when needed)

10. AOB

11. Meeting adjourned - 4:30